

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)

THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.



10 - Saul **"Standing Tall, Falling Heard"**

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Welcome to God's House!

The Mission of Gloria Dei is Caring. Sharing. Serving. Reaching.

We strive to be the local church in the community of Northeast Minneapolis, who are here to help people come to KNOW Jesus, GROW in their faith and GO into the world equipped to SERVE others. GLORY TO GOD!

A special welcome to visitors and guests; we are pleased that you have joined us today! If you have no church family, and if we can be of any help to you, please speak with Vicar Martin after the service or via email or the church office. We pray you will feel God's love for you and be empowered to live as God's child this week. We look forward to seeing you again.

Today's Topic: God uses willing hearts to serve him.

Is there something you'd like us to pray for today? Prayer requests can be made by contacting the church office.

Children are welcome in worship!

The Lord's Supper is celebrated.

When we receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ,

- we express the belief that Jesus is the Son of God and Son of Man;
- that Jesus is our Savior and only way for salvation;
- that Jesus offers us His Body and Blood in a mysterious yet real way;
- that Christ's sacrificial death grants the forgiveness of our sins;
- and that God is strengthening us in this Sacrament to live a more godly; life and to amend with the help of the Holy Spirit, those areas not in conformity with God's will.

We declare these statements because it is our concern for people to not be hypocritical between their faith and celebrate the blessings of God's Table at the Altar. Persons unable to approach the Altar may be communed in the pew, please notify the Pastor or Elder if you wish this service.

THE STORY:

KNOW God's story:

LIVE our place in His story:

Be equipped to SHARE His Story

Starting September 13, our Worship Service, Sermon and Bible Study themes will be "The Story."



THE STORY:

Chapter 10 / Giving an Undistorted View of God

Ever since Peter Stuyvesant visited the Palace of Versailles the world has had a distorted view of itself.

Peter was the governor of New Amsterdam—later to be renamed New York City—beginning in 1647. He was visiting France to discuss colonial land agreements. While at Versailles he was awed by the Hall of Mirrors.

Peter was determined to bring a similarly amazing showcase to his city. In 1651 he founded the Peter Stuyvesant's House of Mirrors. He charged one [Dutch gulden](#) for admission.

This house of mirrors eventually morphed into what we know as a Fun House of Mirrors seen at many carnivals. For a few tickets the fun begins by walking into a maze of mirrors, both convex and concave. We amuse ourselves by looking at distorted images of our figure.

Today you don't even have to go to the carnival for this experience. A laptop with a webcam and a silly photo feature will allow you to take a picture of yourself that you can manipulate to look odd.

It's all fun. But sometimes distorted pictures can cause trouble. It did in Israel during the time of the prophet Samuel. One of the major distortions was found at the Tabernacle, that portable place of praise for God's people.

It was parked at Shiloh and was meant to be a clear picture of God's holiness and grace. A system of sacrifices had been established that foreshadowed the coming sacrifice of the Messiah. Yet anything but holiness was found there.

Eli the priest had two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, who dishonored God in their treatment of the sacrifices and also engaged in immoral sexual activity with women at the Tabernacle (1 Samuel 2:16, 22). Because the picture of God they were giving was distorted, these two were killed in battle against the Philistines. When news of their death reached Eli, he fell over in his chair, broke his neck, and also died.

Just like Eli and his sons we are representatives of God. We represent Jesus to others. You may have heard it said that you may be the only Bible those around you will ever 'read.' The question is, "Are you giving a clear or distorted picture of the One True God?"

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

11/22 Sun	Last Sunday of the Church Year	
	10:00 am	DIVINE Worship w/Holy Communion
	6:00 pm	NA
11/23 Mon	6:30 pm	AIAnon 1
	8:00 pm	AA/AIAnon 2
11/25 Wed	2:00 pm	Mid-week Service & Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Mid-week Service & Bible Study
11/26 Thurs	10:00 am	Thanksgiving Service w/Holy Communion
11/27 Fri	5:00 pm	TLWCC Music Practice
	8:00 pm	AA/AIAnon
11/28 Sat	10:00 am	TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
11/29 Sun	First Sunday in Advent	
	10:00 am	DIVINE Worship w/Holy Communion
	6:00 pm	NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Readers: Sandy Westling

Ushers: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer

Counters: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer

Altar Care: Shirley Holzinger

Attendance: 11/15/2020: 19

Offerings – Loose \$20; Regular \$1,255; Boiler Fund \$200; Rent \$125;

Thrivent Choice Dollars \$8

Total: \$1,608

Needed each week for 2020: \$ \$2,312.12



The Social Ministry Committee will be collecting new gift items for children ages 0-14 for the Salvation Army. You may purchase anything that is appropriate. There is a greater need for gifts for 0-3 and 12-14 year olds, and boys ages 6-9. We will be collecting the gifts from **November 22nd through December 13th**. You may bring them to church and place them under the Christmas tree. The "Salvation Army Christmas Tree" was set up on Thursday, November 19 and is ready to start receiving your donations. As in the previous years, the Salvation Army has requested the monetary value of the gifts. Please put an estimated dollar amount on the gifts you give. Thank you so much.

Last Sunday of the Church Year

AS WE GATHER : God uses willing hearts to serve him.

+ *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG SOLO

"Here Am I Lord"

Karmon Christopherson

INVOCATION

L: Our worship begins the way our lives in Christ begin in baptism: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF OUR SINS

L: King Jesus, even as you invite us to be in your presence in worship today, we confess that our sin makes us unworthy, guilty and doomed to an eternity apart from you.

C: **Lord Jesus, you are King of kings. You are our King, and yet we have led our lives as if we have no one to answer to but ourselves. We have set ourselves upon the throne of our lives. We have robbed you of your place. Forgive us, King Jesus. Renew us and lead us, that we serve only you as King. Amen.**

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

SONG OF PRAISE

Spirit of the Living God (sing through 2x)

Words and Music by Daniel Iverson

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

+ *NURTURE* +

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Samuel 12:20-25

And Samuel said to the people, "Do not be afraid; you have done all this evil. Yet do not turn aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart. And do not turn aside after empty things that cannot profit or deliver, for they are empty. For the LORD will not forsake his people, for his great name's sake, because it has pleased the LORD to make you a people for himself. Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you, and I will instruct you in the good and the right way. Only fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you. But if you still do wickedly, you shall be swept away, both you and your king."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God! Our King rules forever!

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:41-46

L: The Holy Gospel according Matthew

C: Glory to You, O Lord! Our King rules forever!

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, "'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'?"

If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?" And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ! Our King rules forever!

SONG OF THE DAY

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Songwriters: Katherine Hankey / William G. Fischer; © Kobalt Music Publishing Ltd.

I love to tell the story Of unseen things above
Of Jesus and his glory Of Jesus and his love
I love to tell the story Because I know 'tis true
It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do

I love to tell the story 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love
I love to tell the story For those who know it best

Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song
'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long

I love to tell the story 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love

SERMON

“Standing Tall, Falling Heard”

10 - Saul

CONFESSION OF FAITH: Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

+ EMPOWER +

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(Prayer response – P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.)

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION SOLO

Angie Huizel

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING SONG

“To God be the Glory”

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To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

***Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.***

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain:

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain:

BENEDICTION

P: But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. Be merciful to those who doubt; save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh. To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

POSTLUDE

+ *Silent Prayer* +

+ *WE DEPART TO SERVE* +

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TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

November 22

"Politics in Perspective"

(Daniel 7:1-14)

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Political turmoil is nothing new and political security is only temporary. We can't escape politics. However, Dr. Michael Zeigler offers good news of a kingdom that cannot be overthrown and will never pass away.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

November 29

"Magnum Opus"

(Daniel 8:27)

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

How is God like a band director? Learn how God enables us to play our part in His "Magnum Opus."

On Sunday mornings, listen on 830 AM WCCO AM at 6:05 am, or 1110 AM, Omaha, at 6:30 am, or XM 170 Satellite Radio on Sundays at noon or listen anytime at www.lutheranhour.org

STEWARDSHIP: November 22 – Proper 29

Matthew 25:44 – "Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' " With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So, first things first. If we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts, and ask him to increase our faith.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: "This Thanksgiving, let's remember exactly what God has bought for us with the blood of His Son—not just anything, but everything that matters: Pardon from sin and release from guilt. Peace with God and a home in heaven. We come empty-handed to this banquet of blessings. No marshmallow-topped side dish of good works can earn us a place at this buffet. We have nothing to offer God in exchange, yet [t]he LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy" (Psalm 126:3)." *Sarah Habban, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9 a.m. on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's episode, "**Flames of Hate**," features Betty Blackwood (Angie Dickenson), who is stuck between the man she loves, Art (Ed Kemmer), and her obsessive father, Nate (Edger Dearing), who disapproves of Art. When they elope, her father cuts them off completely.

The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford, president of the Minnesota South District. His message, "**You Who Are Blessed**," will be based on **Matthew 25:31-46**. For more information or to watch the program, go to mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

BIRTHDAYS: None
ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: Sandy Westling – Thankful for Blessings!
FLOWERS: OPEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Jean Brede, Granice Cloutier, Walter Cutter, Millie Eckhardt, Mille House, Angela Huizel, Robert & Delores Kluwe, Lorriane Niemela, Aaron Peterson, Bev Svac, Lillian Troiden, Bill Woll and all our Shut-Ins

IN OUR EXTENDED PRAYERS

Paul Cantwell (Pam & Al's nephew) Complications after a recent surgery
Jerry Carlson (Bill Woll's Son-in-Law) Kidney failure, dialysis, hearth problems – fell; hospitalized w/head injury
Gwen Johnson's sister-in-law and niece who both are suffering with serious health issues
For all the First Responders and Health Care Workers, including James Norman, who is an ICU nurse
Ty (Wade Billmeyer's Friend) continued prayers
Rudy Holzinger Home – On oxygen w/congested heart issues
Nanc Rixe (daughter and family) – Family concerns
John Gillund (P & M's brother) Recovery - Kidney replacement
Roxie Johnson (Morelli's niece) heart issues
Julie (Tom's sister) Moved to Long-term acute care

NOTE: Those listed under "Keep in your prayers" are removed from the list after 8 weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another 8 weeks, please contact the church office.

THOSE BATTLING CANCER

Dale (friend of Patty's brother, Dick) Stage 4 kidney/lung cancer
Amy Price (Morelli's niece) – treatments for stage 4 cancer
Charles Conklin (Joanne Randall's bnl) just diagnosed w/cancer

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN DANGEROUS AREAS

"IN OUR PRAYERS" AND "REQUESTED PRAYERS"

If you have family members or friends who require our prayers, prayer requests can be made by calling the office or speak with Vicar Martin and they will be added to the above Prayer list. Any updates to the current list?

Do you know someone who will be struggling to have a Thanksgiving meal this year? Please contact the office - we would love to help with purchasing a thanksgiving meal for those families in need.

Tune in to "All is Calm" on November 27 @ 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Tune in to TPT2 at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, to watch Theater Latte Da's production, "**All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914.**" The award-winning "docu-musical" was filmed at Theater Latte Da, 314 13th Avenue NE, last year. It recreates a moment in history when Allied and German soldiers laid down their arms to celebrate Christmas by trading carols, sharing food and drink, playing soccer and burying the dead.

Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly Seeks Holiday Helpers and Calling Carolers

Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly (LBFE) seeks volunteers to support its COVID-safe holiday programs aimed at reaching socially isolated older adults in Minnesota this holiday season.

Holiday Helpers: LBFE is looking for volunteer help in purchasing and sending special packages to more than 350 older adults across Minnesota during Thanksgiving and again for the December holidays. Volunteers can sign up to be paired with an older adult, then create a special holiday package containing treats, small thoughtful gifts, and a card with a personal and heartfelt message. After sign-up, each volunteer will receive an email with the name, address, and phone number of their assigned holiday friend.

Calling Carolers: LBFE's post-Thanksgiving program will also involve volunteers singing favorite secular holiday tunes over the phone to older adults. Volunteers will be encouraged to invite their family and friends to join them in the telephone caroling. LBFE has a rich 48-year tradition in the community of honoring the spirit of the season through fellowship, food, and fun. This year COVID-19 radically altered the way the organization can celebrate with older adult members, requiring COVID-safe alternatives. Volunteers for all programs can sign up online: littlebrothersmn.org.

American Craft Council virtual Craft Bash | November 16 - December 6

This year's annual event will be held virtual and is scheduled for **Monday, Nov. 16-Sunday, Dec. 6** and will feature the handmade goods of 70-100 diverse artists from across the country. Visitors can purchase craft offerings ranging from ceramics, jewelry, fashion, and home goods, to apothecary, and candles, via an online marketplace platform. Participants can also connect to workshops and studio tours being held by the artists. Info: craftcouncil.org/show/season/craft-bash-2020.

Pierogi sales and raffles at St. Constantine

St. Constantine's upcoming Pyrohy (Pierogi) sale dates are: Fridays, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, 11, and 18 from 11 am-1 pm. Pyrohy sales are for take-out only. Pyrohy are filled with either potato or sauerkraut and priced at \$10/dozen. Phone ahead orders can be placed each week by noon Tuesday, via e-mail at stconstantineucc@gmail.com or by leaving a message at 612-378-9833. Pick up on Friday using the parking lot entrance of the Parish Hall, 314 6th Ave. NE.

Fall raffle tickets are available for \$2/each or a book of 12 for \$20 through Dec. 11. Prizes include \$50-\$250 cash, wine baskets, gift cards, and Pyrohy. On sale during pyrohy hours Fridays, after 8 am/10 am Sunday Liturgies, or by calling the parish office at 612-379-2394. Drawing Sunday, Dec. 13 via Facebook.

Info: facebook.com/StConstantineUkrainianCatholicChurchMinneapolisMN/

The New Freedom Store – Part II

The Freedom Store began years ago as a rack of used clothes. In time it became a room in the basement of Jehovah Lutheran. It was soon realized there were others who struggled too, people from all walks of life. The Freedom Store adapted, it included everyone in need. After all, how could the store serve just one group of people while ignoring others? The mission had expanded. **The New Freedom Store was born.**

The New Freedom Store is still a room, but now it has become an idea too. It still serves the needs of those returning from prison but also includes everyone mentioned in Matthew 25:35-40. The new uniting principle is that no one who knocks on a church door should ever be sent away empty handed.

What the New Freedom Store Gives: Welcome Kits.

The Welcome Kit is actually a number of smaller kits – **Snack Kit:** 8 granola bars inside a zip lock bag, avoiding peanuts, due to allergies. **Sock Kit:** soap, shampoo, a razor, a toothbrush, toothpaste, a comb and a couple of extras and roll them all up in a new pair of socks. **Worship Kit:** pocket Bible, Portals of Prayer, a business card for The New Freedom Store, an LCMS pen, a business card sized 23rd psalm, an LCMS pocket calendar and a cross. **Gift Cards:** Most will need more than a snack to sustain them until they can find a food shelf or achieve a steady income stream. Both private individuals and Lutheran Women's Missionary Leagues have graciously provided the New Freedom Store with nonperishable foods, but Covid has changed that. The new plan is to distribute Cub Foods Cards in smaller denominations such as \$10. **Covid Kit:** a fabric mask and PPE supplies, extra large vinyl gloves, alcohol wipes, and a disposable mask or two.