

# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

*(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*

THE STORY

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## **30 - Paul's Final Days** **"Paul's Final Days"**

**Order of Worship May 16, 2021 | 10 AM**  
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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 Pastor 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:** Suffering and perseverance are part of the Christian journey.

**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

Worship Service, Sermon and Bible Study themes will be "The Story."



## **THE STORY**

### **Chapter 30 / When You are Holding on for Dear Life**

One day in the late Spring they came to his cell in the Mamertine Prison in Rome and opened the door. His executioners led him out of the city on the Ostian Road.

As they were walking out, other travelers would have been walking into Rome. They would have paid him little attention. No one would have recognized his face. No one would have known his crime. He was just another prisoner, just another “dead man walking.”

After traveling a few miles out, the executioners would have stopped. A block would be laid down. His head would be placed upon it. A sword would be raised. And in an instant the head of the most influential writer of all times would roll upon the ground.

Paul had known his share of suffering, but he did not shrink back from his calling. If we could look closer, we would see how scars spread across his back like a windshield crack and how wounds stiffened his joints. His own account of his hardships included floggings, lashings, beatings with rods, pelting with stones, shipwrecks, dangers from rivers and bandits and Jews and Gentiles, danger in the city and in the country, danger at sea and from false believers. He knew hard labor, lack of sleep, hunger, thirst, cold and nakedness (2 Cor. 11:23-29).

It's a wonder that he could move at all, but move he did. From Corinth to Ephesus, from Thessalonica to Colossae, he left his footprints all over the known world of his day. His visits to these cities were not for sightseeing. He worked. Long days of preaching and establishing churches.

When he wasn't walking he was writing. He wrote letters to the church in Rome and Corinth and Galatia and Ephesus. He wrote to Titus and he wrote to Timothy. Letters that continue to bless. God's grace turned his world upside down and his life was spent telling others about it. Until that day on the Ostian Road, when he drew his last breath.

When you face struggles because of your faith, remember Paul. He anchored himself to a purpose that was higher and greater than his life. There are many fights you can fight, but Paul trained himself for the “good fight” (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

His fight did not end at death. His writings have encouraged, exhorted, and educated followers of Christ till today and for all the tomorrows to come. He gave himself totally to eternal things.

So can you. Fight the good fight. And like Paul, finish the race well.

# The Seventh Sunday of Easter

**AS WE GATHER:** Suffering and perseverance are part of the Christian journey.

*+ CONNECT +*

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING SOLO      "Go Ye into all the World"      Karmon Christopherson**

## INVOCATION

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

**C:** **Amen.**

**L:** Christ is risen!

## OPENING PRAISE

**Psalm 30**

**L:** I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up

**C:** **And have not let my foes rejoice over me.**

**L:** O LORD my God, I cried to You for help,

**C:** **And You have healed me.**

**L:** O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol;

**C:** **You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

**L:** Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints,

**C:** **And give thanks to His holy name.**

**L:** For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.

**C:** **Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

## CONFESSION OF OUR SINS

**L:** We give thanks, Lord Jesus, for apostles and martyrs who have gone before us.

**C:** **We confess that we have not always made a clear witness to the salvation You won for us in Your death and resurrection. Forgive us, and give us opportunities to witness to You, the way, the truth, and the life.**

- L: We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You graciously call us Your holy nation, Your royal priesthood.
- C: We confess that in our life and conduct we have too often reflected the world around us rather than our membership in the Body of Christ. Forgive us, and strengthen us to walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**
- L: We give thanks, O Holy Spirit, that You have worked faith in our hearts so that we may approach the throne of grace with every petition.
- C: We confess that too often we seek to bend Your will to ours, failing to trust You not only for the place You have prepared for us in eternity, but also for that which is best for us today. Forgive us, and open our hearts to receive Your answers, which are always better than our prayers.**

## **FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED**

### **SONG OF PRAISE**

### **"Precious Lord Take my Hand"**

**LSB 739**

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Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

When the darkness appears And the night draws near  
And the day is past and gone,  
At the river I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,  
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

*+ NURTURE +*

## FIRST LESSON

**Ephesians 3:14-21**

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

## HOLY GOSPEL

**Matthew 19:28-30**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

**C: Glory to You, O Lord!**

Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

## SONG OF THE DAY

**"Amazing Grace"**

**LSB 744**

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Amazing grace – how sweet the sound – That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven's joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

## MESSAGE

## "Paul's Final Days"

## Chapter 30 - Paul's Final Days

### 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 – offerings brought forward

*+ 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**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take this, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

### **CLOSING SONG**

### **"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"**

**LSB 643**

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Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended. O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.  
With Your feast Your feed us, with Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

## **BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

*+ Silent Prayer +*

## **POSTLUDE**

*+ WE DEPART TO SERVE +*

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### **OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR**

<b>5/16 Sun</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter - Ascension of Our Lord</b>
	<b>10:00 am</b> <b>Worship w/Holy Communion</b>
	<b>6:00 pm</b> NA
<b>5/17 Mon</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b> AIAnon 1
	<b>8:00 pm</b> AA/AIAnon 2
<b>5/18 Tues</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b> <b>Council Meeting</b>
<b>5/19 Wed</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b> <b>Mid-week Service w/HC and Bible Study</b>
	<b>5:30 pm</b> <b>Mid-week Service w/HC and Bible Study</b>
<b>5/21 Fri</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b> AA/AIAnon
<b>5/22 Sat</b>	<b>11:00 am</b> TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
<b>5/23 Sun</b>	<b>Eighth Sunday of Easter</b>
	<b>10:00 am</b> <b>Worship w/Holy Communion</b>
	<b>6:00 pm</b> NA

### **SERVING TODAY**

**Elder: Karmon Christopherson**

**Reader: Sandy Westling**

**Ushers: Verlayne Sather**

**Counters: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli**

**Altar Care: Verlayne Sather**

**Attendance: 5/09/2021: 36**

**Offerings – Loose \$85; Regular \$1,085; May/June Mission \$676; Boiler Fund \$200; Memorial \$850\*; Thrivent Choice Dollars \$44                      Total \$2,940**

*\*A special thank you Wenda Schwoch and Larry Schlais for the memorial donated to the sidewalk fund. It was given on behalf and in memory of Wenda's mother, **Faye A. Amo.***

## **TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR**

**May 16**

**"Gain a Heart of Wisdom"**

**(Psalm 90:12)**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Fear, love, and trust in the Lord is the way to Wisdom in person, and we meet God's eternal wisdom in Jesus, the Messiah.

## **NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR**

**May 23**

**"Wisdom Knows When"**

**(Proverbs 15:1)**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Does someone need to hear words of rebuke-or redemption? A message about harsh words, gentle answers, and the wisdom of God.

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](http://www.lutheranhour.org)

## **STEWARDSHIP:**

**1 John 5:12 – "Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life."** Jesus is the foundation, the bedrock, the beginning, and the end. To have Him is to have it all. In Him we have life. We are called to live in Him, to live this new life He has given us, and to grow up into His image. This is a struggle in this sinful world! But His grace is sufficient as He refreshes us through Word and Sacrament.

## **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:**

"Christ Jesus has risen from the dead, my friend, and everything is different. It changes everything: the whole course of human events, the whole meaning of history, the whole present, and the whole future. Christ has risen, and that changes everything." *Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, The Lutheran Hour – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**Main Street Living** airs each Sunday at 9 a.m. on WFTC Channel 29/9-2 with an episode of *This is the Life*. This week's episode of *This is the Life*, **"Home Free,"** features a family who learns the real meaning of love and that it comes free.

The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Pastor Andrew Herzberg from Trinity Lutheran Church in Farmington, MN. His message, **"Following the Footsteps,"** will be based on **Psalm 1:1-6**. For more information or to watch the program, go to [mainstreetliving.com](http://mainstreetliving.com) and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

**BIRTHDAYS:** 18<sup>th</sup> Janelle Tousignant; 19<sup>th</sup> Wade Billmeyer; 20<sup>th</sup> Noah Kruse  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** 18<sup>th</sup> Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** Rudy & Shirley Holzinger – In Memory of Dad (Alvin)

**FLOWERS:** OPEN

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

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

### **IN OUR EXTENDED PRAYERS**

**John** (Karmon/Meridel SnL) has been diagnosed with chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML), thankfully it is treatable

**Luise Cornes** (Pastor Martin's mom) Recovering from a stroke

**Martha** (Jim Kautz' mom) Recovering from Covid-19. Praise for improved health.

**Susan Turner** (Patty & Meridel's niece) Surgery Friday, 3/19, for a large brain tumor

**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

**Cathy Erickson** (Roselyn's friend) has End Stage Pancreatic Cancer

**For First Responders/Health Care Workers**, including James Norman, an ICU nurse

**John Gillund** (P & M's brother) Recovery - Kidney replacement

**Rudy Holzinger** Home – On oxygen w/congested heart issues

**Gwen Johnson's** sister-in-law and niece who both are suffering with serious health issues

**Roxie Johnson** (Morelli's niece) heart issues

**Butch Morelli** hurt his knee/upper leg – surgery, recovering

**Ty** (Wade Billmeyer's Friend of a friend) continued prayers

**Nanc Rixe** (daughter and family) – Family concerns

**Amy Stark** (Verlayne's niece) Has EDS and recently diagnosed with MS. She has a husband and a son who is 10. She is 42. They live in OR.

**Warren** (Karmon's BnL) has been diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma and is beginning chemo and radiation.

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

### **THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN DANGEROUS AREAS**

## May/June Spring Offering

### *Did you Know?*

The Salvation Army Northern Division **annually helps 325,000 people** overcome poverty, addiction and economic hardship through a range of social services, meeting human needs without discrimination. By providing food for the hungry, emergency relief for disaster survivors, rehabilitation for those suffering from drug and alcohol abuse, and clothing and shelter for people in need, The Salvation Army Northern Division has 59 operation centers in Minnesota and North Dakota. For more information about The Salvation Army Northern Division, please visit [SalvationArmyNorth.org](http://SalvationArmyNorth.org).

A monetary donation to The Salvation Army ensures they can continue to service families in need during COVID-19 and long after it's gone. Your contributions allow them to quickly respond to changing needs, as well as support local economies through the purchase of goods. With this year's May/Spring Offering going directly to the Central Avenue Salvation Army food shelf, located at 2727 Central Ave NE. Your donation will help those in our community, who need it most.

## ***THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS***

### **We received \$44 from Thrivent Choice Dollars for May! Thank You!**

If you have Thrivent insurance, you can direct your Choice Dollars to Gloria Dei. By directing your Choice Dollars through Thrivent Choice, eligible members recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars. You can call 1-800-Thrivent (1-800-847-4836). When asked for a subject, say "Choice Dollars," and then press 1, then answer the next question with your birth date. A Thrivent representative will then answer, tell them you want to direct your Choice Dollars to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 3014 McKinley Street NE, Minneapolis.

GDLC will be soliciting bids for new concrete work in the coming months with the hope to have the work done mid-summer. If you would like to contribute, please mark your contribution "**Sidewalk Fund.**" Thank you!

## **Scot Troop 132 Pancake Breakfast**

Scout Troop 132 will hold their 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 23, 8 am – 1 pm at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, 1701 St. Anthony Parkway. The cost is \$7 for a breakfast that includes pancakes, sausage and eggs. All proceeds will benefit local scouting activities. This year's breakfast will be curbside pickup only and tickets will be available the day of the event.