

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



GOOD NEWS



Mark 1: 1-15

“Jesus’ Identity and Mission”

Rally Day Kick-Off

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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: This weekend is an introduction to the series on Mark and a joyous occasion as we have Rally Day!

Is there something you'd like us to pray for today? If you have family members or friends who require our prayers, please use the prayer request cards found in each pew. They will be added to the Prayer list. Please hand your request to an usher before the service or during the offering. They will give them to Pastor Martin to include in the prayers for today and on Wednesday.

Other 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.

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Our Wednesday bible study will feature the Gospel of Mark. We will have "special booklets," available which include all of the passages, they even have space to make notes and highlights. You are encouraged to read through the short passages before the Sunday sermon and again before discussion at Wednesday Bible Study.

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Rally Day Kick-Off

AS WE GATHER: Who do we say Jesus is? What does it mean for us and what impact will it have on our lives that Jesus is the Son of God?

+ *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

OPENING SOLO

"Goodness of God"

Lisa Kleinwolterink

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: Let's confess to God and to each other that when it comes to following Jesus, we need His forgiveness and His power.

C: **We need you, Lord Jesus.**

L: When it comes to walking the path you walk, we fail more than we succeed.

C: **We need your forgiveness, Lord Jesus.**

L: When it comes to doing what you do, we feel so helpless.

C: **We need your power, Lord Jesus.**

L: When it comes to loving what you love, we make excuses and turn our hearts aside.

C: **We need your grace, Lord Jesus. Have mercy on us, forgives us, and make us strong in faith, hope and love. In your powerful name, Jesus. Amen.**

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

SONG OF PRAISE

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

LSB 770

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What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear-
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged-- Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness-- Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--- Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort for God's People

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

The Word of God Stands Forever

A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

The Greatness of God

Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of

Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 6:1-11

Dead to Sin, Alive to God

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-15

L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance

for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Baptism of Jesus

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Temptation of Jesus

The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

Jesus Begins His Ministry

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

SONG OF THE DAY "Jesus Name Above All Names"

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word

Jesus, loving shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God,
Prince of peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of the universe, Light of the World.

Jesus, Way of salvation, King of kings, Lord of lords,
The Way, the Truth, and the Life, Mighty Creator, my Savior and friend.

MESSAGE

"Jesus' Identity and Mission"

Mark 1: 1-15.

CONFESSION OF FAITHApostles' 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

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.

C: And also with you, Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

A: **Let us pray.**

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy, You would strengthen us through the same, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

"Shine Jesus Shine"

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Lord, the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, light of the World, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

**REFRAIN: Shine, Jesus, Shine, Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, Blaze, Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, River, Flow Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word, Lord, And let there be light.**

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, Shine on me.

REFRAIN:

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirror'd here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, Shine on me.

REFRAIN:

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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SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Reader: Karmon Christopherson

Ushers: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Counters: Morelli's

Altar Care: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Attendance: 9/05/2021: 34

Offerings – Loose \$40; Regular \$1,950; Sidewalk Fund \$50; Rent \$1,300

Total \$3,340

Needed each week for 2021: \$2,472.50

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

9/12 Sun		Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
	10:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion
	11:00 am	Rally Day Kick-Off B-B-Q
	6:00 pm	NA
9/13 Mon	6:30 pm	AIAnon 1
	8:00 pm	AA/AIAnon 2
9/14 Tues	6:30 pm	All Boards Meet
9/15 Wed	2:00 pm	Mid-week Service and Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Mid-week Service and Bible Study
9/17 Fri	8:00 pm	AA/AIAnon
9/18 Sat	11:00 am	TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
9/19 Sun		Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
	10:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion
	6:00 pm	NA

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

September 12

"Who is my Neighbor?"

(Luke 10:25-37)

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

We can't build a more hopeful neighborhood if we don't know who our neighbors are and we go out of our way to avoid them.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

September 19

"Scrapped Gifts"

(James 1)

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God saves our scraps and regifts them with Easter possibility.

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: September 12 – Proper 19

Mark 9:24 – "Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, 'I believe; help my unbelief!'" Haven't we often felt like this! And notice that Jesus does not throw the man out because of his weakness of faith. He still has pity, and He still blesses the man as His Lord. But neither does Jesus leave people in weakness of faith. He blesses us and calls us to a deeper faith – as He did to the disciples in the boat on the storm-tossed sea. How does our faith grow? By hearing the Word of God. What does our faith lead to as it grows? It leads to a godly life lived in thanksgiving to our Lord.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"God has taken away your sins. He has changed your heart. He gives you the ability to put yourself last so that you can humbly serve others. That's greatness and a great life in God's eyes. That humble serving attitude values and serves every life whether that life is a few cells old or a gene short of worldly greatness." *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • 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*, "**Tina**," features two lonely people—a woman and a child—who come together through Jesus.

The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Pastor Jeff Williams from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, MN. His message, "**I Believe—Help My Unbelief**," will be based on **Mark 9:14-29**. For more information or to watch the program, go to mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

BIRTHDAYS: 17th Aaron Morelli

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: OPEN

FLOWERS: OPEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

IN OUR EXTENDED PRAYERS

Kaydee O'Brian (Candy Brevig's niece) Bad motorcycle accident

Shirley Slagle bone cancer, upcoming surgery w/hospitalization, radiation to follow

Nanc Rixe Health concerns

Joann (Tom & Patty Lyrenmann's Sister-in-Law) Undergoing cancer treatment

Kevin O'Brien (Julie Cross' Brother-in-Law) Stage 3 Colon Cancer

Gwen Johnson's neighbors and their two children who are autistic

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

Susan Turner (Patty & Meridel's niece) Receiving treatment for a large brain tumor

Paul Cantwell (Pam & Al's nephew) Complications after a recent surgery

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

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.

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

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

RALLY DAY KICK-OFF SEPTEMBER 12

JOIN US TODAY following the 10 am Service for a B-B-Q Pot Luck @ 12 noon

There will be plenty of Brats and Burgers on the grill so bring your family and friends. Everyone is welcome! IF you can, bring your favorite dish to share. Need a ride? Connect with Pastor Martin after the service. ***Please bring a lawn chair.***

School Supply Collection for the Salvation Army!

Gloria Dei is collecting school supplies for the Salvation Army's after school programs. At this time, **they need notebooks, crayons, colored pencils, washable markers, pens and pencils, rulers** and other school supply items along these lines. Their after school program goes through quite a bit of these items throughout the school year, so any donation is greatly appreciated. These supplies will help the kids in this program with the supplies they need throughout the year. It's all to prep youth with what they need to succeed. The collection box is in the Church lobby. Thanks!

INTERESTED IN IMPROVING YOUR FINANCIAL WELLNESS?

Could you benefit from some financial wellness in your current situation?

We will be running a Financial Peace University course beginning in mid-September. This is an in-person course and includes brief readings, workbook questions, video courses (viewed with the group) and discussion.

FPU helps you and your household with budgeting, spending, saving, and eliminating debt. The course is free and previous attendees are welcomed to join. Please contact Pastor Martin for more information.

(Dates, times and location to-be-determined once we hear from YOU!)

FREE Community Dinner at St. Timothy's - September 14 @ 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Join St. Timothy's and the local community on Tuesday, September 14, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm (or until the food is gone) for their drive thru community dinner. They will be serving walking tacos with sweet bread for dessert. **All are Welcome! Please spread the word.** St. Timothy's Lutheran Church is located at 825 51st Ave. NE, in Columbia Heights.

Waite Park Fall Festival | September 18 @ 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

The Waite Park Community Council will host a Fall Festival open to all community members and surrounding areas. Meet your fellow neighbors and support local vendors. There will be food trucks, live music, kid and adult activities, and more.

September 18, 3-7 pm, Waite Park, 1810 34th Avenue NE. If you're interested in having a table at the event, contact ntstroozas@gmail.com. Otherwise, check waiteparkneighborhood.org or Facebook at www.facebook.com/waitepark for updates.