

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



“The Perfect Opportunity” Healing at the Pool

**Order of Worship | May 15, 2022 – 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: Jesus shows mercy and heals an invalid who had been waiting 38 years.

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. You can hand your request to an usher before the service or during the offering. They will be given 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.



Join us on Wednesday, May 18 at 2 pm
OR 5:30 pm for mid-week service and
bible study, we will continue with
The Chosen, Series 2. Bring a Friend!

Fifth Sunday of Easter

AS WE GATHER: The Lord calls us to be patient in our situations, and to trust in Him to lead us through.

+ *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN SOLO

"Just as I Am"

Karmon Christopherson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

L: Our worship begins the way our resurrection 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: Even as we glory in the gift of eternal life through Christ's death and resurrection, we realize the need for daily repentance and forgiveness. Let us confess our sins to God, our gracious Father.

C: **Lord of abiding love and infinite patience, be with us this day. We have come from times of stress, difficulties, as well as times of hope and joy. We bring to you our concerns and our fears, and you offer your healing mercies. We confess that we haven't thought a whole lot about you this week. We have let fears and events and demands crowd you out of our thoughts and our actions; yet when we gather this morning for worship, we again come again in contrition, seeking your forgiveness for our blindness and apathy. Turn our lives around, Lord. Help us look again at the many ways in which you bless and care for us. Help us be people who will reach out to others in loving compassion. For we ask these things in Jesus' name, Amen.**

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

+ *NURTURE* +

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**Psalm 27*****The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation Of David.***

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, Your face, Lord, do I seek." Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 12:9-21

Marks of the True Christian

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 5:1-9

L: The Holy Gospel according to John

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

The Healing at the Pool on the Sabbath

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You

HYMN OF THE DAY

"As the Deer"

Psalm 42

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As the deer pants for the water, So my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship You.

**Refrain: You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship You.**

I want You more than gold or silver, Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real Joy-giver And on You I can rely.

Refrain

You're my friend and You are my brother, Even though You are the King.
I love You more than any other. So much more than any thing. **Refrain**

MESSAGE

"The Perfect Opportunity"

Pastor Martin Cornes

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.

PREFACE TO HOLY COMMUNION

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

L: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And now we bless you that in Jesus Christ you have come among us, displaying your heavenly brightness and sharing your forgiving and limitless love. Grant us grace to hear your words with grateful hearts, remaining steadfast in hope throughout our earthly lives as we await the joys of heaven, where we will join in the eternal chorus of angels and archangels giving you unending praise:

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

P: 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

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

LSB 528

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Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
’Tis music in the sinner’s ear, ’tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow’r of canceled sin; He sets the pris’ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.

Look unto Him, ye nations; own your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace.

See all your sins on Jesus laid; the Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off’ring made for ev’ry soul of man.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv’n
By saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heav’n.

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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NEED TO CATCH UP ON RECENT SERVICES?

If you are unable to make it to our Sunday service on a regular basis, and miss it, our iPad Ministry can help! Gloria Dei has iPads that can be borrowed. The iPads come pre-loaded with our Sunday services, including the sermons for easy viewing while at home. We have had really good responses from the members who are using the devices and it couldn't be easier. Just reach out to Pastor Martin or call the Church Office directly at 612-781-1989, and we will deliver an iPad tablet to your home. The tablet will include easy-to-follow instructions and if possible, Pastor Martin will walk you through the process and get you started. ☺

If you already have access to a computer, you can stay connected via Gloria Dei's Facebook page and you don't have to be on Facebook to access it.

Go to our website and on the home page, "**click here to watch**" will take you to the Sunday morning services via YouTube.

In your search engine, simply type in: www.facebook.com/GloriaDeiLutheranMinneapolis

**** SIDEWALK PROJECT UPDATE ****

The sidewalk repair work will get underway in the next few weeks. New cement will be installed in front of the church and the surrounding walkway areas. Currently we have \$4,235 in the Sidewalk Fund and are still welcoming contributions. The price tag on this project is estimated to be well over \$14,000. If you would like to make a contribution, please mark your envelope "**Sidewalk Fund.**" Thank you for your continuing support.

Garage Sale Alert – Donations Needed!

Do you have a few things you want to get rid of? We can help!

Mary Piper, Gloria Dei's neighbor, is planning a garage sale in conjunction with the Eleventh Annual 2022 NEighbors Garage Sale! Sale dates are Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18, 9 am to 5 pm. Rain Date is Sunday, June 19, 2022. If you have items you would like to donate, please bring them to Mary's house before June 12 (2955 Benjamin Street NE, leave them at the side garage door). **All proceeds will be donated to the Sidewalk Fund.** IF you have an interest in helping with any aspect of the sale, please let the office know. All help is welcome – a little or a lot! All items not sold, will be donated to Hidden Treasures Thrift Store in St. Anthony.

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson
Reader: Karmon Christopherson
Ushers: Morelli's
Counters: Morelli's
Altar Care: Morelli's

Attendance: 5/08/2022: 24

Offerings – Loose Plate \$25; Regular \$1,480; May/June Mission \$25;

Sidewalk Fund \$50

Total \$1,580

Needed each week for 2022: \$2,488.85

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

5/15 Sun	Fifth Sunday of Easter - Armed Forces Sunday	
	10:00 am	Worship Service w/HC
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship Service
	6:00 pm	NA
5/16 Mon	6:30 pm	AIAnon 1
	7:00 pm	AA/AIAnon 2
5/18 Wed	2:00 pm	Mid-week Service and Bible Study ft. <i>The Chosen</i>
	5:30 pm	Mid-week Service and Bible Study ft. <i>The Chosen</i>
5/20 Fri	8:00 pm	AA/A1Anon
5/21 Sat	10:00 am	TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
5/22 Sun	Sixth Sunday of Easter	
	10:00 am	Worship Service w/HC
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship Service
	6:00 pm	NA

May/June Spring Offering

The May/Spring Offering for 2022 will be directed to the food shelf at the Central Avenue Salvation Army, located at 2727 Central Ave NE, Minneapolis. Your donation will help those in our community, who need food. Let's help envision a future where all our neighbors and community members have access to healthy food and no one struggles with food insecurity.

There are two ways to Help? Make a monetary donation OR fill our cart by bringing in food donations! The Salvation Army is always seeking food, hygiene and monetary contributions to help restock their shelves. Donated food items are put to immediate use, helping to feed the hungry in your neighborhood. High demand items include 100% juice, healthy cereal, canned chicken, salmon and pork, and culturally specific items like coconut milk, bamboo shoots, jasmine rice and fish sauce. Personal hygiene items such as toilet paper and toothpaste are also highly requested items.

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

May 15 "What the Bible Is About" (1 Corinthians 15:3-5)

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

To make sense of a 1000-piece jigsaw puzzle, one needs to know "the big picture." The Bible is like that, too.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

May 22 "What the Bible Is For" (1 Timothy 4:13)

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Dr. Michael Zeigler outlines five principles to help us better hear what Scripture is saying.

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: May 15 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Revelation 21:1 – "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more." The things of this world are passing away. We are waiting for a new heaven and a new earth, which have been promised to us in Christ. This knowledge is foundational for our stewardship of what God has put into our hands. What is truly important? What is worthy of our support? How has God called us to use "unrighteous mammon" for the good of our neighbor and His kingdom?

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"Christians are called to proclaim the truth, and that truth is clear: All life is valuable. Each member of the human race is vital. All lives are indispensable because of Christ." *Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life – 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 "**The Main Event**" features a boxer who is hit by a car and becomes embittered until he meets a cheerful 8-year-old girl. The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the Rev. Jeffrey Lee, Minnesota North District Vice President, presenting a message based on **John 16:12-22**. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab

BIRTHDAYS: 19th Wade Billmeyer; 20th Noah Kruse
ANNIVERSARIES: 18th Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

ETERNAL CANDLE: Shirley Holzinger, Great Niece, Thea's birthday
FLOWERS: OPEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Jean Brede, Walter Cutter, Mille House, Robert & Delores Kluwe, Mary Lenzen, Patty Lyrenmann, Dorothy Norback, Aaron Peterson, Larry Schlais, Bev Svac, Lillian Troiden, Bill Woll and all our shut-ins

IN OUR EXTENDED PRAYERS

Patty Lyrenmann tested positive for Covid, starting treatment – prayers for speedy recovery

Bev Svac recent successful eye surgery, recovering and doing well

Brandon Johnson (Verlayne's nephew/Lori's son) scheduled for surgery on 6/17 to remove a tumor on his foot and find out if it is cancer

Mille House recovering from recent surgery

Roselyn Norman's older sister in London had been diagnosed w/early stage Breast Cancer. Prayers for successful treatment

Rod DeKam (Dale's brother in law) has pancreatic cancer

Kole Vogt (Dale's nephew) has an aggressive form of T-cell lymphoma

Bruce (Wenda Schwoch's BIL has stage 4 prostate cancer and **Ashley** (Wenda's niece) continued prayers

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

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

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

Richard (Gwen's brother) recovering from major heart surgery (May 13)

Roxie Johnson (Morelli's niece) heart issues, pacemaker implanted, continued prayers

Warren (Karmon's BnL) Receiving chemo and radiation for Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

Dale (friend of Patty's brother, Dick) Stage 4 kidney/lung cancer, in hospice

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

Amy Price (Morelli's niece) – treatments for stage 4 cancer

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

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN DANGEROUS AREAS

NOTE: Those "in our extend prayers" are removed from the list after eight weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another eight weeks, please contact the church office.