

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



"Called to Serve"

Exodus 3-4

Order of Worship | September 18, 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!

Today's Topic: God is present for us and speaks to us through His Word.

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.

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 Wednesdays at 2 pm or 5:30 pm, now through December for mid-week Service and Bible Study, where we will explore the life of Moses through the Book of Exodus.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: What begins as another sheep tending day for Moses changes dramatically when God confronts Moses at the burning bush on the holy mountain.

+ CONNECT +

WELCOME

OPENING SOLO

Bruce Cross

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.**

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

L: Out of the depths we cry to you O Lord, O Lord hear our prayer. Let your ears be attentive to our cries for mercy! (silence)

From the depths God speaks: I hear your cries and I come with gifts of repentance and faith, forgiveness and hope through the blood of my Son. So let us pray with one another.

L: Holy God, hear our prayer:

C: **For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by unkindness;**

L: For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us;

C: **For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;**

L: For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us;

C: **For the courage to come before you with contrition and repentance,**

L: For the strength to amend our actions,

C: **And for the confidence that your grace awaits us. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION IS PRONOUNCED

L: God of grace, your Son redeemed this fallen world through His life, death and resurrection. You promise at the end of time to bring everything in heaven and on earth together under the authority of Christ. In this 'in-between' time have your church share your peace, so that those without Christ will hear and receive the peace that keeps hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. For you live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: **God of abundant grace, may your Holy Spirit be with us now as we seek to discover and celebrate our choosiness in you. Open our eyes to truly see one another, that we might discover your presence in the need of a neighbor. Open our ears to the needs of the world, that we might hear your wisdom in the words spoken around us. And open our hearts to your grace and love, that we might find guidance and strength for the journey, and find in you who we are chosen to be. Amen.**

+ NURTURE +

SONG OF PRAISE

"I Love You, Lord"

Laurie Klein

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I love You, Lord... And I lift my voice,
To worship You, Oh, my soul rejoice!
Take joy my King, In what You hear,
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

Children of God...Confess your sins,
Your weight of sin. Yes, He bears the weight
Rejoice in Him, He has paid the price,
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

Each day anew... Let Your life be His,
Jesus is Lord... And He reigns above
Draw us to You... Every voice will praise,
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

We exalt You, Lord... As we lift our praise,
To worship You, From our hearts we raise!
Take joy my King, In what You hear
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 3:1-12

The Burning Bush

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 3:14-21

Prayer for Spiritual Strength

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: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:25-34

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

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

Do Not Be Anxious

“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to You**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

LSB 783

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Take my life, and let it be, Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;
Take my intellect, and use, Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

MESSAGE

"Called to Serve"

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 our duty and delight at all times and everywhere to give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for You have enlightened us by the working of the Holy Spirit. Grant that the Spirit, who has called and gathered us, would guide us in all things, that we be enabled to speak the Gospel to others and rejoice in sharing the gift of salvation that is our treasure. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, with You and the Holy Spirit, is one God, through whom with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name.

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

"Here I Am, Lord"

Source: Musixmatch / Songwriters: Daniel L Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, If You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My People's pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide 'Til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

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: Jim Kautz

Ushers: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Altar Care: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Counters: Sandy Westling and Tom Harris

Attendance: 9/11/2022: 21

Offerings – Loose Plate \$30; Regular \$1,215; Rent \$1,235, Lutheran

Witness \$20; Online \$200; Lawn Care \$25

Total \$2,725

Needed each week for 2022: \$2,488.85

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

9/18 Sun

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

Worship Service w/HC

11:45 am

Royal Family Worship Service

6:00 pm

NA

9/19 Mon

7:00 pm

AA

8:00 pm

A1Anon

9/20 Tues

6:30 pm

Council Meeting

9/21 Wed

2:00 pm

Mid-week Service & Bible Study/Book of Exodus

5:30 pm

Mid-week Service & Bible Study/Book of Exodus

9/22 Thurs

6:00 pm

Royal Family Bible Study

9/23 Fri

5:00 pm

TLWCC Music set-up and practice

8:00 pm

AA/A1Anon

9/24 Sat

9:00 am

TLWCC Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm

TLWCC Prayer Night

9/25 Sun

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

Worship Service w/HC

11:45 am

Royal Family Worship Service

6:00 pm

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TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

September 18

"Fresh Start"

(Luke 16:9)

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

What does the canning of a corrupt and incompetent accountant teach us about the undeserved mercy of God? Hear Jesus' Parable of the Shrewd Manager, this week on The Lutheran Hour.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

September 25

"Take This Personally"

(Luke 16:19-31)

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus wants us to take His Word seriously, not as a personal attack but as a word of warning—and promise.

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:

Luke 16:8b – “For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.” The sons of this world know that they should use their wealth wisely to provide for their future. Shouldn't we, as “sons of light,” know that the wealth God has allowed us to manage should be managed for God's purposes in roles He has given us to play in Church, home, and society?

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

“To be authentic is to be vulnerable with others—and that may make us fearful. It might be messy, and that makes us uncomfortable. It takes time. Our reminder as we [the Church] seek to become a place of belonging is 1 Corinthians 12:18: ‘But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.’” *Mona Fuerstenau– 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 **“But Not for Lunch”** features a man who has difficulty adjusting to retirement until he turns his time over to the Lord. The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the Rev. Keith Grimm from Family of Christ Lutheran Church in Ham Lake, MN, who will present a message titled **“Shrewd Christianity”** based on **Luke 16:1- 13**. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the “Twin Cities” tab.

BIRTHDAYS: 19th Layne Betterman
ANNIVERSARIES: 21st Kevin and Kim Morelli

ETERNAL CANDLE: Sandy Westling – Birthdays: Tricia and Grace
FLOWERS: Open

PRAYER CONCERNS

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Jean Brede, Eleanor Grunnes, Robert & Delores Kluwe, Mary Lenzen, Dorothy Norback, Larry Schlais, Bev Svac, Lillian Troiden and all our shut-ins

Rest in Peace Aaron. You and your faith were an inspiration to many. You are now with your Lord and Savior Jesus. We love you and will miss you. We know you have gone to be with the Lord where there is no more pain and suffering, only joy and love and peace. Until we meet again. Memorial Service details to be announced.

IN OUR EXTENDED PRAYERS

Eleanor Grunnes is now in hospice care at Saint Theresa, 3500 Vivian Ave, Shoreview, MN. Phone: (651) 842-6781

Roselyn Norman recovering from a recent car accident

Patty & Meridel's brother John, his finance Patty's sister Pam, passed away on Sunday, August 28

Bev Svac having injections in her knee and hip (8/22), prayers for a good outcome

Nanc Rixe dealing with family issues

Doris Rixe (Nanc's mom) recovering from a recent fall, continued health issues

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

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

John (Karmon/Meridel SnL) has been diagnosed with chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML), prayers for good results on continued cancer treatments

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

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

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.