

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



How To Make Bricks *Without Straw . . .*

“Difficulty, Discouragement & God’s Hope” **Exodus 5-10**

Order of Worship | September 25, 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: The Lord sends Moses to deliver the people, but Pharaoh only makes their burdens heavier

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.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: Lord, give me faith and confidence in your way and purpose for my life.

+ CONNECT +

WELCOME

OPENING SOLO

"Rain Down"

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: Let confess our need for God's mercy and grace.

C: **Holy God, we recognize that we are not a lot different than the people of Moses' day. We find ourselves complacent. We are secure for all the wrong reasons.**

L: We complain about what we don't have, rather than being thankful for what you have blessed us with.

C: **Absorbed by our wants and desires, we are blind to those around us who need our care. Forgive us, O God. Forgive our lack of trust in you, and our despair, our bitterness, and our fear. Turn our hearts to you, that we may taste fullness of life and trust your promised salvation. In the Name of Jesus, Amen.**

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: **Almighty God, you create, redeem and sustain us, every moment of our lives. In you we place our trust. When we face illness, conflict, and fear, you are our steadfast protector. When we suffer setback and**

loss, you restore us through your love. When our lives prosper and we are comfortable, you move us to share our blessings with others. In times of hardship and plenty, you alone are the source of the life that really is life. Holy God, in love and trust, we live the power of your resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 5:1-9, 15:6-5

Making Bricks Without Straw

Afterward Moses and Aaron went and said to Pharaoh, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness.'" But Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and moreover, I will not let Israel go." Then they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God, lest he fall upon us with

pestilence or with the sword." But the king of Egypt said to them, "Moses and Aaron, why do you take the people away from their work? Get back to your burdens." And Pharaoh said, "Behold, the people of the land are now many, and you make them rest from their burdens!" The same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people and their foremen, "You shall no longer give the people straw to make bricks, as in the past; let them go and gather straw for themselves. But the number of bricks that they made in the past you shall impose on them, you shall by no means reduce it, for they are idle. Therefore they cry, 'Let us go and offer sacrifice to our God.' Let heavier work be laid on the men that they may labor at it and pay no regard to lying words."

The Song of Moses

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,

"I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name.

"Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy. In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble. At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.' You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

"Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them.

"You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode. The peoples have heard; they tremble; pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia. Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed; trembling seizes the leaders of Moab; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away. Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone, till your people, O LORD, pass by, till the people pass by whom you have purchased. You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established. The LORD will reign forever and ever."

For when the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his horsemen went into the sea, the LORD brought back the waters of the sea upon them, but the people of Israel walked on dry ground in the midst of the sea. Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

“Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.”

Bitter Water Made Sweet

Then Moses made Israel set out from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur. They went three days in the wilderness and found no water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah. And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What shall we drink?” And he cried to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a log, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.

There the LORD made for them a statute and a rule, and there he tested them, saying, “If you will diligently listen to the voice of the LORD your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, your healer.”

Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees, and they encamped there by the water.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 2:9-10

By Grace Through Faith

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

L: The Word of the Lord.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

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

Come to Me, and I Will Give You Rest

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

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

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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

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

LSB 924

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Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to Your truth may we be found.

Savior, when Your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us, glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with You in endless day.

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: Verlayne Sather

Ushers: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer

Altar Care: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Counters: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer

Attendance: 9/18/2022: 32

Offerings – Loose Plate \$65; Regular \$1,970; Salvation Army Food Shelf \$25
Total \$2,060

Needed each week for 2022: \$2,488.85

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

9/25 Sun

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

Worship Service w/HC

11:45 am

Royal Family Worship Service

6:00 pm

NA

9/26 Mon

7:00 pm

AA

8:00 pm

AIAnon

9/28 Wed

2:00 pm

Mid-week Service & Bible Study/Book of Exodus

5:30 pm

Mid-week Service & Bible Study/Book of Exodus

9/29 Thurs

6:00 pm

Royal Family Bible Study

9/30 Fri

5:00 pm

TLWCC Music set-up and practice

8:00 pm

AA/A1Anon

10/01 Sat

9:00 am

TLWCC Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm

TLWCC Prayer Night

10/02 Sun

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

Worship Service w/HC

10:30 am

Royal Family Sunday School – Fellowship Hall

11:45 am

Royal Family Worship Service

6:00 pm

NA

Got Junk?

Do you have some great items around the house that you would like to get rid of? Gloria Dei can help! May Piper, Gloria Dei's neighbor, is planning a fall garage sale. Sale dates are Thursday, October 6, Friday, October 7 and Saturday, October 8 from 9 am to 5 pm. If you have items you would like to donate, please bring them to Mary's house (2955 Benjamin Street NE, leave them at the side garage door). **All proceeds will benefit Gloria Dei.** IF you have an interest in helping with any aspect of the sale, please let the church office know – many volunteers are needed to make this sale a success. All help is welcome. ☺ All items not sold, will be donated.

TODAY'S 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.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

October 2

"You've Got It in You"

(2 Timothy 1:13-14)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

Faith in Christ is something that's in you, but you didn't put it there.

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:

Amos 6:1a – “Woe to those who are at ease in Zion.” The Book of Amos is a warning to God's people who have been given great material wealth. As Jesus Himself mentions, material blessings can turn into temptations – chiefly the temptation to think of ourselves as self-sufficient and independent. What does Amos suggest as a way to combat this temptation? First, faith in the Lord and dependence upon Him! And if our faith is right, we will want to follow the rest of Amos' instructions – to bless the poor with our alms and to make sure the Lord's House is properly cared for. In other words, we are called to align our actions with God's priorities and put others ahead of ourselves.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

“Every time we speak up for the sanctity of life, whether for the unborn, the disabled, the elderly, or the marginalized, we speak for hope. Every time we drop some coins or a check into a baby bottle, we stand for hope and healing and life. Every time we personally care for someone or hug someone or talk to someone who is in a crisis pregnancy or is disabled or is elderly or is marginalized, we show them Christ. We show them the common ground that transcends all our differences. We show them that all our lives matter because God made us. He chose each of us to be His child, and He will never leave us or forsake us. Let us never give up on baby bottle drives and hugs and smiles. The world needs us!” *Barbara A. Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans For Life regional director of Texas – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*

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 **“Candidate for Father”** features an unwed daughter who is not forgiven by her candidate-for-city council father. The worship service begins at 9:30 a.m. with the Rev. Gregg Coop from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Baxter, MN, who will present a message titled **“Treasure Beyond Measure”** based on **Luke 16:19- 31** for more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the “Twin Cities” tab.

BIRTHDAYS: 23rd Patty Lyrenmann

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: Shirley Holzinger – Nephew, Shane’s Birthday and in Memory of Mother, Arlene’s Birthday – both Sept 25 ☺

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

Please take a moment to pause and pray for the people of Puerto Rico and the surrounding areas and all those who are in the path of Hurricane Fiona. They are now suffering the devastating effects Hurricane Fiona has had on their communities.

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

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.