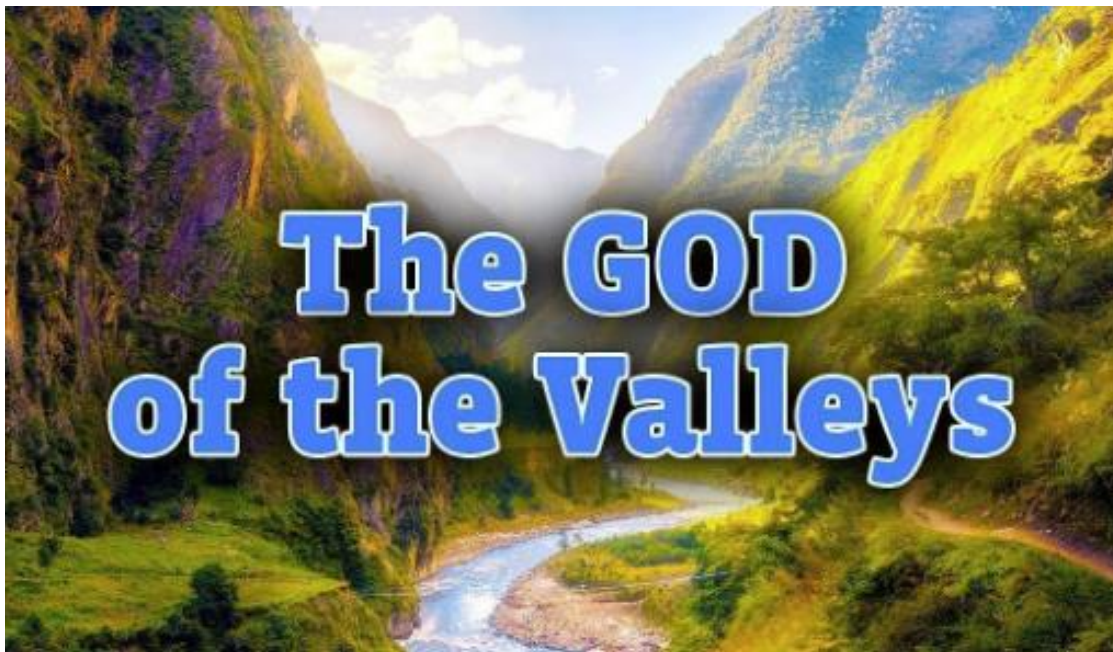


Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



“THE GOD OF THE VALLEYS”

**Order of Worship August 13, 2023 | 10 AM
Vacancy Pastor Matthew Cephus**

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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 valley of the shadow of death conjures thoughts of a dangerous situation where a sheep's life is in jeopardy unless the shepherd is alert and attentive. The fact is the valley isn't good, but the Shepherd is! He knows the way.

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 the Pastor after the service or via 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 the Pastor to be included in the prayers for today. **Other prayer requests can be made by contacting the church office at 612.781.1989.**

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 over the next several Sundays, as our sermons will explore Psalms, specifically, PSALMS 23. Please join us, as this Series will have something for everyone!

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: Be encouraged, knowing that there is no valley, no matter how dark, that you will go through alone. Jesus, "The Good Shepherd" is right there with you.

+ CONNECT +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SOLO **"One Day at a Time"** **Karmon Christopherson**

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 us confess our sins to God our merciful Father

C: **Heavenly Father, we confess that too often we think that we know best. We insist on charting our own course, and we don't feel we can completely trust anyone but ourselves. But we are wrong. You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. You are the hope of nations. You are our King. You are our resurrected Lord. You are the one who forgives our sins. You are the one who loves us more deeply that we can ever imagine. Teach us to live like You. Amen.**

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

+ NURTURE +

SONG OF PRAISE

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

LSB 809

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Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not; Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

OLD TESTAMENT READING

PSALMS 23:1-6

The Lord Is My Shepherd (A Psalm of David)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:1-3

Israel's Only Savior

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 10:9-14

L: The Holy Gospel according to John

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SONG OF THE DAY

"My Faith Looks up to Thee"

LSB 702

Text and Music: Public Domain

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart; my zeal inspire!
As Thou has died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide; Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

PSALMS 23 SERIES #5

"THE GOD OF THE VALLEYS"

Pastor Matthew Cephus

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 HYMN

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

*William James Kirkpatrick / Canzetta Staton / Louisa M. Stead
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'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His Word
Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust Him more!

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend
And I know that He is with me, Will be with me to the end.

Oh, how sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to trust His cleansing blood
And in simple faith to plunge me 'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking Life and rest, and joy and peace.

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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Be kind whenever possible - It is always possible.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

8/13 Sun

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

- 10:00 am** **Worship w/Holy Communion,
w/Vacancy Pastor Matthew Cephus of Royal Family**
- 10:30 am Royal Family Sunday School
- 11:45 am Royal Family Worship Service
- 2:00 pm** **Pastor Martin's Installation at *The Alley Church***
- 6:00 pm NA
- 7:00 pm AIAnon
- 5:00 pm Living Word Church Bible Study Groups
- 6:00 pm Royal Family Bible Study
- 5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal
- 8:30 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship
- 4:00 pm Living Word Board Meeting
- 6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

8/14 Mon

8/15 Tues

8/17 Thurs

8/18 Fri

8/19 Sat

8/20 Sun

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

- 10:00 am** **Worship w/Holy Communion,
w/Vacancy Pastor Matthew Cephus of Royal Family**
- 10:30 am Royal Family Sunday School
- 11:45 am Royal Family Worship Service
- 6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Reading: Sandy Westling

Ushers: Morelli's

Counters: Pat Scott and Shirley Slagle

Altar Care: Morelli's

Attendance: 8/06/2023: 32

Offerings – Loose Plate \$170; Regular \$2,275; Rent \$2,115; Online \$450

Total: \$5,010

Needed each week for 2023: \$2,733



TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

August 13 "How Well Does Jesus Know Me?" (John 1: 48-51)

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

The God who knows everything about you is also the God of grace who forgives on account of Christ.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

August 20 "The Latest Polls" (Matthew 21:8-11 and Luke 23:23-25)

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

What people think about something--that's a poll. What that something actually is--that's the truth.

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: *August 13 – Proper 14*

Matthew 14:30 – "But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, 'Lord, save me.'" The world really is a scary place, with natural disasters, disease, terrorism and a hundred other things. But where do we place our hope, our trust, our vision? Where do we look for aid and comfort? When Peter's eyes were on the Lord, he had confidence. When he turned to look at his problems and took his eyes off the Lord, he fell apart. Sometimes God's call to support the work of His church with our offerings makes us nervous. But put your eyes back on your Lord, trust Him, follow His Word and all really will be well.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"In Jesus there is healing; there is forgiveness. You, dear brother and sister in Christ, need not fear His wrath. For you, the words 'Christ is risen' are good words, they are the best words. They are words so good they should not be contained but shared with the world. They are pure Gospel." *Rev. Dr. Jason Broge, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – 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 is "**My Husband, My Sorrow**" — A man and woman must deal with whether they should consummate an adulterous affair. The worship service begins at 9:30 a.m. with Rev. Jeffrey Williams from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, MN, presenting a message titled "**I Have Compassion**" based on **Matthew 14:22-33**. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

BIRTHDAYS: None

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: OPEN

FLOWERS: OPEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Robert & Delores Kluwe, Larry Schlais, Bev Svac, Lillian Troiden and all our shut-ins

Bev Svac - recent emergency surgery to remove gallbladder and large gallstones, now fighting severe infection, further recovery in transitional care facility (TBD)

Cory – Tom & Patty’s nephew – Open heart surgery, now recovering

Jan Gaddes (Aaron Peterson’s mother) – recent breast cancer surgery went well, no radiation and/or chemo at this time

Roselyn Norman – Vertebrae fusion back surgery on July 18, prayers for recovery and healing

Verlayne Sather – Knee Replacement surgery July 19, exercises and PT going well

Nonie Wakeman (Shirley Slagle’s SnL) diagnosed with Lung Cancer

Greg Henderson (Vicki’s Husband and Shirley Holzinger BnL) Prostate Cancer

Karen (Karmon’s sister) Recently diagnosed with cancer (Warren’s wife)

James Norman, Sr. (James’ dad) Being treated for Stage 4 cancer

Kurt Nowacki (Bruce & Julie Cross’ Brother-in-Law) recently diagnosed with ‘myopathy,’ a degenerative muscle disease

Nanc Rixe continued prayers for safety and good health

Jeremy (Patty and Meridel’s niece, Mandy’s husband) prayers for successful recovery from recent surgery

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

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

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.

TODAY, Sunday, August 13, at 2 pm, Pastor Martin Cornes will be installed at *The Alley Church*. Everyone is invited to attend this festival service of worship celebrating the pastor's arrival and affirming his acceptance of the call to The Alley. The Alley is located at 8944 Indahl Avenue South, Cottage Grove. An English Tea reception will immediately follow. If you need a ride OR can give a ride, connect with Pastor Matthew.

***If you have Thrivent Insurance,
Don't forget about Your Thrivent Choice Dollars!***

Gloria Dei recently received **\$124** in Thrivent Choice Dollars. You can designate your Choice Dollars by calling 1-800-Thrivent (1-800-847-4836). When asked for subject, say "Choice Dollars." When asked for a choice, press 1. Then answer the next question with your birth date. Then a Thrivent representative will come on the line, tell them you want to direct your choice dollars to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 3014 NE McKinley St, Minneapolis. You don't have to wait until year-end!

Thank you so much for your generous giving!

Saint Cyril & Methodius Church Festival

Church Festival at Ss. Cyril & Methodius, 1325 2nd Street NE, Saturday, August 19, 9 am-9 pm. Ecuadorian food, fun and games including soccer and volleyball tournaments, kids' games, beer wagon, ice cream, and much more. Raffle with \$1,400 in prize money; drawing at 5 pm.

Plan for peace of mind.

Make your choices now, so they don't fall to your family later.

Pre-planning is determining the details of your funeral and cemetery services in advance. To some, this may sound like a difficult conversation. But putting a plan in place is actually a smart choice and a caring thing to do. With a plan, you'll reduce stress for grieving loved ones—and simply let them honor and celebrate your life, knowing things are happening just as you wanted. All your wishes. All with ease.

If you are interested in attending FREE one-hour, planning session to be held at Gloria Dei, hosted by Washburn-McReady, please email or call the office. A session will be scheduled for a Wednesday afternoon, if we have enough interest (date and time to be determined). The free session will consist of a 30 minute informational "pre-planning" presentation and options for the future and a 30-minute Q&A.