

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



“Your Rod and Your Staff, They Comfort Me”

**Order of Worship August 20, 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 Lord is always faithful to His flock. Knowing more about the shepherd's tools and how they are used should give us great hope and encouragement no matter what our circumstances may be.

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!

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: As children of God, we can take a deep breath knowing He is always with us, always protecting us, always guiding us, and always offering us a place of peace and rest.

+ CONNECT +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SOLO

"Be Not Afraid"

Bruce Cross

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 unto the Lord our God who promises to hear and forgive.

C: **Merciful Father, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

+ NURTURE +

O Savior, precious Savior, whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor, all other names above,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, to Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, our holy Lord and King.

O bringer of salvation, who wondrously hast wrought
Thyself the revelation of love beyond our thought,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, to Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, our gracious Lord and King.

In Thee all fullness dwelleth, all grace and pow'r divine;
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is Thine.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, to Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, our glorious Lord and King.

O grant the consummation of this our song above
In endless adoration and everlasting love
Then shall we praise and bless Thee where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess Thee, our Savior and our King!

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
God Is Our Fortress

Psalms 46:1-11

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

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HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:9-15

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, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SONG OF THE DAY

“Oh How He Loves You and Me”

Oh, how He loves you and me
Oh, how He loves you and me
He gave His life, what more could He give
Oh, how He love you
Oh, how He loves me
Oh, how He loves you and me

Jesus, to Calvary did go
His love for mankind to show
What He did there brought hope from despair
Oh, how He loves you
Oh, how He loves me
Oh, how He loves you and me

PSALMS 23 SERIES #6

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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

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

LSB 940

Text & Tune: Public Domain

Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain, everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord!

Lo, the apostles' holy train join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun through the church the song goes on.

Thou art King of Glory Christ; Son of God, yet born of Mary
For us sinners sacrificed, as to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death, Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee.
Though in essence only one, undivided God we claim Thee.
And adoring, bend the knee, while we own the mystery.

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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OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

8/21 Mon

5:00 pm **Gloria Dei Council Meeting**

7:00 pm AIAnon

8/22 Tues

5:00 pm Living Word Church Bible Study Groups

8/24 Thurs

6:00 pm Royal Family Bible Study

8/25 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

8/26 Sat

8:30 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

4:00 pm Living Word Board Meeting

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

8/27 Sun

Thirteenth 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: Julie Cross

Ushers: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer

Counters: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer

Altar Care: Julie Cross

Attendance: 8/13/2023: 26

Offerings – Loose Plate \$105; Regular \$1,045; Online \$200 Total: \$1,350

Needed each week for 2023: \$2,733

TODAY'S 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.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

August 27 "Raising the Praise" (1 Peter 1:3)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

Every day and everywhere they go, the followers of Jesus bring the "echo" of Easter with them.

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 20 – Proper 15*

Matthew 15:27 – “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” These are the words of faith, for faith means receiving what God gives. And God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table — He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. That’s where our stewardship starts: with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

“Live as a son or daughter of God, for He loves you as only a Father could. One thing you can know about God: He will never say about you, ‘These are not Our kind of people.’ Because of Christ and what He has done for you, the Father will never say that about you.” *Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, 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 **“The Cup”** — The dilemma a trucker must face when a good friend dies trying to protect him. The worship service begins at 9:30 a.m. with the Rev. Jeffrey Williams from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, MN, presenting a message titled **“The View from Under the Table” based on Matthew 15:21-28**. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the “Twin Cities” tab.

BIRTHDAYS: 26th James Norman, Jr.
ANNIVERSARIES: 22nd Tim and Norma Harris

ETERNAL CANDLE: OPEN
FLOWERS: OPEN

Verlayne Sather would like to thank everyone for all the well wishes, calls and cards and to Mary and Shirley for handling Fellowship, to Pastor Matthew for the many times he called. A special thank you to Mary for helping with so many things all this time. She made sure I had everything I needed and helped me so much with so many things. 😊

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, still very weak, further recovery at Mount Olivet Home transitional care facility

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

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

***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 to call!

Thank you so much for your generous giving!

**Free Produce Distributions -- For All Ages and Income Levels
Monday, August 28 5:00 PM-7:00 PM**

Outside at Van Cleve Park, 901 15th Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

For more information call 612-340-9694

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.

Who's Ready for the Minnesota State Fair? (Aug 24 - Sept 4)

Fun facts: Did you know that Sweet Martha's Cookies was originally rejected as a food vendor? In 1978, she and her business partners applied to sell frozen yogurt and were rejected. In 1979, they applied again to sell both frozen yogurt and cookies. They were accepted for cookies only (since there was already a frozen yogurt vendor) and the rest is history! At first, they could only make 200 cookies in 12 minutes, now they bake 44,000 cookies in the same amount of time. They produce more than three millions cookies a day! Sweet Martha's employs nearly 800 cookie slingers, a few out-of-towners who return every year solely to work at the fair. They only hire in-house references, meaning if you know someone who works for them, or have worked for them in the past, you're in. ☺