

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



**“You Prepare a Table before Me in
the Presence of My Enemies”**

**Order of Worship August 27, 2023 | 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: David's life was filled with many challenges, including battles both internal and external. Notwithstanding, God kept showing up for him. Even in the presence of his enemies, The LORD, THE GOOD SHEPHERD prepared him a banquet table!

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!

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: Always remember that God gives strength to His people, and He's able to sustain you in a world of trouble. What He did for David He can do for you.

+ *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"How Deep the Fathers Love For Us"

Stuart Townend, 1995 Thankyou Music; admin. EMI Christian Music CCLI #1558110

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son, To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One, Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that left Him there, Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom

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 the Father who is faithful to hear and forgive.

C: Merciful God, your faithfulness endures from generation to generation. Trusting in your mercy, we acknowledge the sin and brokenness in us and around us. Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust your abundance. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

+ NURTURE +

SONG OF PRAISE

"My Jesus I Love Thee"

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

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 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:25-26, 31-33

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? 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.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SONG OF THE DAY

"The Lord is my Shepherd I'll not want"

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The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me, The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again, And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, tho' I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod, And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished, In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy, all my life, Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore, My dwelling place shall be.

PSALMS 23 SERIES #7

Pastor Matthew Cephus

"You Prepare a Table before Me in the Presence of My Enemies"

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

"To God be the Glory"

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To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

***Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.***

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

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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OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

7:00 pm AIAnon

8/28 Mon

5:00 pm Living Word Church Bible Study Groups

8/29 Tues

6:00 pm Royal Family Bible Study

8/30 Thurs

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

9/01 Fri

8:30 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

9/02 Sat

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

9/03 Sun

Fourteenth 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: Karmon Christopherson

Ushers: Morelli's

Counters: Sandy Westling and Dale Raschke

Altar Care: Morelli's

Attendance: 8/20/2023: 26

Offerings – Loose Plate \$125; Regular \$930; Snow Removal \$100 Total: \$1,155

Needed each week for 2023: \$2,733

Fall Garage Sale at Gloria Dei Scheduled for September 28-30

Gloria Dei will hold a fall garage sale Thursday, September 28, Friday, September 29 and Saturday, September 30 from 9 am – 5 pm. If you have items you would like to donate to the garage sale, please bring them to Mary's house any time between now and September 24 (2955 Benjamin Street NE, leave them in the bin by the back door).

All proceeds will be donated to Gloria Dei. If you have an interest in helping with any aspect of the sale, please connect with Mary OR call the church office at 612-781-1989. The more volunteers, the bigger the success! All items not sold, will be donated to a local thrift store and/or charity.

TODAY'S 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.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

September 3

"Entryway"

(Psalm 26:8)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The Psalms are God's words, given to us as an entryway into His presence.

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: Matthew 16:26

"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?" He who dies with the most toys ... is dead. But the one who trusts in the Lord, even though he dies, yet shall he live. We live out our trust in the Lord by faithfully fulfilling the roles God has given us to play in home, church and society as loving, generous people. Those who don't know the Lord are afraid to be generous because they think that what they give away is lost to them. But we who know the Lord know that the things of this world become true blessings when they are used for God's kingdom.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"We are made holy by the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ, ours by faith in His life, death, and resurrection. Yet we are holy in another sense, too. We have been set apart, called out, by a holy God for God's holy purposes—to love God and our neighbor, to serve, to make disciples. We have been set apart to serve as spouses, parents and grandparents, citizens, workers." *Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, 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 **"Stranger at the Door"** — Having given up a baby for adoption 22 years before, a man shows up on her steps saying he is looking for his mother. The worship service begins at 9:30 a.m. with the Rev. Jacob Eichers from Faith Lutheran Church in La Crosse, WI, presenting a message titled **"We Already Know Who You Are!"** based on **Matthew 16:13-20**. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

BIRTHDAYS: None
ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: Shirley Holzinger, In Memory of Dad, Alvin's Birthday (27th)
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

Amy Rich (Morelli's DnL) – diagnosed with breast cancer, ongoing treatment

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 – Recovering from vertebrae fusion back surgery on July 18

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

Mid-Week Service & Bible Study to Resume!

Gloria Dei will be restarting the weekly mid-week service and bible study. However, they are moving to **WEDNESDAY at 11 am** – beginning Wednesday, September 13. We are honored to have Pastor Matthew Cephus lead the services and bible studies and look forward to interesting topics and lively discussions. ☺

The service will include Holy Communion and will be followed by fellowship. Mark your calendars and join us as we discover the good news of the Gospel!

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Gloria Dei is excited to announce the addition of a Thursday evening bible study led by Katie Beth and Daniel Carlson **beginning September 14 at 5:30 pm**. This 12 week study will go through "Knowing the Bible" (the book of Romans). IF you have an interest in attending the Thursday evening sessions, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Lobby bulletin board OR speak with Daniel and/or Katie Beth directly – Daniel can also be reached on his cell at 906-361-9211. Materials will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

Are you interested in joining the newly created *Outreach Team* here at church? Daniel and Katie Beth Carlson will head up the team and are looking for members. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet. Once members are established, an initial meeting will be scheduled. More to come on the projects the team will tackle.

The Great Minnesota Get-Together (Aug 24 - Sept 4)

What began in 1854 as a territorial fair to highlight agriculture and encourage farming in the region became the Minnesota State Fair in 1859, a year after Minnesota was granted statehood.

Did You Know? The Minnesota State Fair employs nearly 80 year-round full-time staff members and approximately 150 seasonal and 1,750 fair-time staff members. Located mid-way between Minneapolis and St. Paul, the 322-acre Minnesota State Fairgrounds is renowned for its beautiful gardens and architecture reflecting the art deco and Works Progress Administration eras.

The Minnesota State Fair is a quasi-state agency that is self-supporting. The fair has not received state government appropriations of any kind since 1949. The fair is governed by the Minnesota State Agricultural Society. In addition, in a typical year, the society will invest between \$6 million and \$20 million in improvements and maintenance to the State Fairgrounds. The state invests nothing. The Minnesota State Agricultural Society is responsible for the production of the annual State Fair and the year-round operations and maintenance of the 322-acre State.