

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



**“SURELY, GOODNESS AND MERCY
WILL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS
OF MY LIFE”**

**Order of Worship September 10, 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: Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life. Goodness is God giving us what we don't deserve. Mercy is God not giving us what we do deserve. God chases after us with mercy. That is good news, because if God chased after us in justice, we would all be in trouble.

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!

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: Remember the words of David, "Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life." When you belong to the Good Shepherd, this will always be true of you.

+ CONNECT +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SOLO

"My Tribute"

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 unto 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 +

SONG OF PRAISE

"We Praise You, O God"

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We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o'er-take us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us;
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

PSALM 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

Exodus 33:14-19

And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?"

And the LORD said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Please show me your glory." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10: 14-18

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

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. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

LSB 686

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Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee; may I still Thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, how I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry me to realms of endless day.

PSALMS 23 SERIES #9

Pastor Matthew Cephus

"Surely, Goodness and Mercy Will Follow Me all the Days of My Life"

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

"Oh How He Loves You and Me"

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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 loves you; Oh, how He loves me; Oh, how He loves you and me.

Jesus to Calvary did go, His love for sinners 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.

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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Mid-Week Service & Bible Study to Resume!

Beginning **WEDNESDAY, September 13 at 11 am**, Gloria Dei will resume with weekly midweek service and bible study (which will include Holy Communion and will be followed by fellowship). Join us each Wednesday! We are honored to have Pastor Matthew Cephus lead the services and bible studies and look forward to interesting topics and lively discussions.

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.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9/10 Sun

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

9/11 Mon

5:00 pm Living Word Church Bible Study Groups

9/12 Tues

9/13 Wed

11:00 am **Mid-Week Service & Bible Study w/HC & Fellowship**

6:00 pm Royal Family Bible Study

9/14 Thurs

5:30 pm **"Knowing the Bible" Bible Study**

9/15 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

9/16 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

4:00 pm Living Word Board Meeting

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

9/17 Sun

Sixteenth 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: Julie Cross

Counters: Pat Scott and Shirley Slagle

Altar Care: Julie Cross

Attendance: 9/03/2023: 26

Offerings – Loose Plate \$87; Regular \$1,932; Building Fund \$50; Rent \$1,335;

Thrivent Choice Dollars \$27

Total: \$3,431

Needed each week for 2023: \$2,733



TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

September 10

"Not Just a Formality"

(Psalm 32)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

After trust has been broken, forgiveness is more than a mere formality.

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

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

September 17

"Pure Michigan and the Problem of Praise"

(Psalm 103)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

People praise that which they find laudable, valuable, beautiful. But when does praise become a problem?

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 18:4*

"Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is childish — we are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts: with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life. Father knows best, so we'll take His advice!

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"God has taken away your sins. He has changed your heart. He gives you the ability to put yourself last so that you can humbly serve others. That's greatness and a great life in God's eyes. That humble serving attitude values and serves every life whether that life is a few cells old or a gene short of worldly greatness." *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – 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 "Tina" - Two lonely people, a woman and child, come together through Jesus. The worship service begins at 9:30 a.m. with Rev. Brent Klein from Trinity Lutheran Church in Northfield, MN, presenting a message titled "When Your Brother Sins Against You" based on Matthew 18:1-20. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

BIRTHDAYS: None

ANNIVERSARIES: 10th Karmon & Meridel Christopherson

ETERNAL CANDLE: Shirley Holzinger – In Memory of Mom, Arlene

FLOWERS: Happy Anniversary Karmon & Meridel, from the John & Lisa + Family

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 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

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.

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 each day. 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.

FREE Community Dinner at St. Timothy's - September 12@ 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Join St. Timothy's and the local community for their drive thru community dinner on Tuesday, September 12, from 5 pm to 6:30 pm (or until the food is gone). The Columbia Heights Police Department will be joining and serving the dinner. Please spread the word, everyone is Welcome! St. Timothy's Lutheran Church is located at 825 51st Ave. NE, in Columbia Heights.

St. Maron Catholic Church's Annual Lebanese Fall Festival

Annual Lebanese Festival will take place **Saturday, Sept. 16, 12-7 pm, and Sunday, Sept. 17, 11 am-6 pm**, 602 University Ave NE, Minneapolis. Authentic Lebanese cuisine, beer and wine, live music, Cedars Dabke dance group, silent auction, gift shop, and children's games and activities. www.stmaron.com, 612-379-2758.

Ukrainian Heritage Festival

Celebrate the rich Ukrainian culture and unique traditions kept alive by Minnesota's vibrant Ukrainian-American community. Enjoy Ukrainian entertainment, homemade foods like varenyky (pierogi), holubtsi (stuffed cabbage rolls), and borsch (beet soup). Performances by Cheremosh Ukrainian dance ensemble; music by the Ukrainian Village Band; a unique cultural exhibit; Ukrainian Easter egg-making demonstrations and craft vendors; beer garden with local and international beers; children's games. Ukrainian American Community Center, 301 Main St. NE. **Friday, Sept. 15, 6-10 pm**, beer garden and music. **Saturday, Sept. 16, 12-8 pm**, main program. Admission is free; donations are welcome and will support humanitarian aid for Ukraine.

Gloria Dei and Royal Family will hold a Joint Service scheduled for Sunday, September 24 at 11 am (note time difference) followed by a Pot Luck Luncheon. Guest Pastor Aaron Kuehn, Senior Pastor from Christ Victorious, will be preaching. Mark your calendars!