

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



**“AND I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE
OF THE LORD FOREVER”**

**Order of Worship September 17, 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: "And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever." What will that be like? The first thing to say is that it will be very different from life in this world. When you dwell in the house of the Lord, faith will be turned to sight. Old battles will be over, old wounds will be healed. And God will wipe away all tears from your eyes.

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.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: The main takeaway of Psalm 23 is you should always remember that **GOD IS FAITHFUL**. Always. Without fail. Period. That's a promise you can count on no matter what you're going through. His mercy and goodness follow you, and He invites you to dwell in His house, with Him forever.

+ CONNECT +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING DUET

"The Gift of Love"

John & Lisa Kleinwolterink

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: **Lord Jesus, we have sinned times without numbers, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in our daily lives. Our sins and short comings present us with a list of accusations, but we thank you that they will not stand against us, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver us from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in us, and everything that prevents us taking delight in you. Amen**

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

+ NURTURE +

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word, we are gathered all to hear You.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear You.
By Your teachings, sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love You solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till Your Spirit breaks our night with the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us; You must work all good within us.

Gracious Savior, good and kind, Light of Light from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind; help us by Your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry Your Church now raises; hear and bless our prayers and praises.

Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord, praise to You and adoration!
Grant that we may trust Your Word, confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander, till we sing Your praises yonder.

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!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING**Hebrews 11:13-16**

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them
and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and
exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a
homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they

would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10: 25-30

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

LSB 711

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Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.

We are Yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way.
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray
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You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to You.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to You.

Early let us seek Your favor, early let us do Your will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.
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PSALMS 23 SERIES #10

Pastor Matthew Cephus

“And I Will Dwell In the House Of The Lord Forever”

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

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

9/18 Mon

5:00 pm **GDLC Council Meeting**

7:00 pm AIAnon

9/19 Tues

5:00 pm Living Word Church Bible Study Groups

9/20 Wed

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

6:00 pm Royal Family Bible Study

9/21 Thurs

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

9/22 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

9/23 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

9/24 Sun

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am **Super Sunday! Joint Worship w/Royal Family
Guest Pastor Aaron Kuehn, Senior Pastor, Christ
Victorious, preaching and Vacancy Pastor
Matthew Cephus of Royal Family**

10:30 am Royal Family Sunday School

2:00 pm Financial Peace University

6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Reading: Katie Beth Carlson

Ushers: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Counters: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Altar Care: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Attendance: 9/10/2023: 25

Offerings – Loose Plate \$56; Regular \$1,258; Lutheran Witness \$24; Rent \$815;

Other \$9; Online \$200

Total: \$2,462

Needed each week for 2023: \$2,733

TODAY'S 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?

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

September 24 **"High Ground"** **(Psalm 27)**
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
When the waters rise and enemies attack, the high ground is the place of safety and security. But who will take us 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: *Romans 14:7*

"For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself." We just don't belong to ourselves — we belong first of all to God, and through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation: as a Christian you serve others in the church, as a neighbor you serve others in society, and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"No matter what our days bring, God is the answer. His love never ends. His strength is our strength. He cares about each one of us in the most intimate of relationships. Through Jesus, we are His beloved children. We are here, in the land of the living, for His good purpose and at His will. Each day is a day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Main Street Living This week's episode is "**Look to the Mountain.**" A hopeless situation becomes more hopeless when a down-and-out man kidnaps a young girl for ransom money. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with the Rev. Elliott Malm from Grace Lutheran Church in Dodge Center, MN, presenting a message titled, "**Catechized in the True Faith,**" based on **Matthew 6:24–34**. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

BIRTHDAYS: 17th Aaron Morelli, 19th Layne Betterman, 23rd Patty Lyrenmann
ANNIVERSARIES: 21st Kevin & Kim Morelli

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

FLOWERS: Open

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Bev Svac was called home to the Lord on Tuesday, September 12. Funeral services are scheduled for Tuesday, September 19, visitation at 10 am, service at 11 am with a luncheon following. May the light of the Lord bless her entire family and bring them peace and comfort.

Amy Rich (Morelli’s DnL) – successful surgery for recent breast cancer diagnoses, treatment to follow

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 recovery

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

Gloria Dei members filled out cart with 114 pounds of food and personal hygiene items. Items were donated to the Northeast Central Avenue Salvation Army for distribution to our neighbors in need. *Thank You!*

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

A **one-hour, planning session** will be held at Gloria Dei, hosted by Washburn-McReady, on **Wednesday, September 27 (no bible study that day) at 2 pm.**

The **free session** will consist of a 30 minute informational "pre-planning" presentation and options for the future and a 30-minute Q&A.

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.

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.

*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!*

Polka Time at Murzyn Hall - September 24 @ 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

The Midwest Polka Association (MPA) invites the community to enjoy an afternoon of listening and dancing to polkas and waltzes at Murzyn Hall, 530 Mill Street NE, **Sunday, Sept. 24, 1-5 pm.** The Cynor Classics Band from Wisconsin will play for the dance. Bar service is available. Admission: \$12 per person.

Info: <http://www.midwestpolkaassociation.com>