

# **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

*(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*



## **“When Eyes See Size”**

**Order of Worship September 24, 2023 | 11 AM  
Vacancy Pastor Matthew Cephus  
w/Guest Pastor Aaron Kuehn, Christ Victorious Preaching**

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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:* "God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

*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!*



After today's service, please plan to enjoy a Potluck Luncheon to be held downstairs. Feel free to grab a plate and enjoy the wonderful dishes brought to share. Enjoy!

# Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

**AS WE GATHER:** Remember that God truly cares about you. In His love He always wills what is best for us. In His wisdom He always knows what is best, and in His sovereignty, He has the power to bring it about. Just keep on trusting Him.

*+ CONNECT +*

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING SOLO**

**"All in All"**

**Daniel Carlson**

**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 before our Heavenly Father who's full of compassion and plenteous in mercy.

**C:** **Most merciful God, we confess that 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 heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

**FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED**

*+ NURTURE +*

## SONG OF PRAISE

## "Overcomer"

*Song by Mandisa / Source: Musixmatch*

Staring at a stop sign Watching people drive by  
T. Mac on the radio

Got so much on your mind Nothing's really going right  
Looking for a ray of hope

Whatever it is you may be going through  
I know He's not gonna let it get the best of you

You're an overcomer Stay in the fight 'til the final round  
You're not going under Cause God is holding you right now  
You might be down for a moment Feeling like it's hopeless  
That's when He reminds you  
That you're an overcomer (whoa-oh) You're an overcomer (whoa-oh)

Everybody's been down Hit the bottom, hit the ground  
Ooh, you're not alone  
Just take a breath, don't forget Hang on to His promises  
He wants you to know

You're an overcomer Stay in the fight 'til the final round  
You're not going under (you're not going under)  
Cause God is holding you right now  
You might be down for a moment Feeling like it's hopeless  
That's when He reminds you  
That you're an overcomer (whoa-oh) You're an overcomer (whoa-oh)

The same man, the Great-I-Am The one who overcame death  
Is living inside of you  
So just hold tight, fix your eyes On the one who holds your life  
There's nothing He can't do

He's telling you  
You're an overcomer Stay in the fight 'til the final round  
You're not going under Cause God is holding you right now  
You might be down for a moment Feeling like it's hopeless  
That's when He reminds you

That you're an overcomer (whoa-oh) You're an overcomer (whoa-oh)  
You're an overcomer (whoa-oh) You're an overcomer (whoa-oh)

So don't quit, don't give in You're an overcomer  
Don't quit, don't give in You're an overcomer  
Don't quit, don't give in You're an overcomer  
You're an overcomer

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

## **Judges 6:7-14; 7:2-8**

When the people of Israel cried out to the LORD on account of the Midianites, the LORD sent a prophet to the people of Israel. And he said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I led you up from Egypt and brought you out of the house of slavery. And I delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of all who oppressed you, and drove them out before you and gave you their land. And I said to you, 'I am the LORD your God; you shall not fear the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell.' But you have not obeyed my voice."

### ***The Call of Gideon***

Now the angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites. And the angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "The LORD is with you, O mighty man of valor." And Gideon said to him, "Please, my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian." And the LORD turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send you?"

The LORD said to Gideon, "The people with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand, lest Israel boast over me, saying, 'My own hand has saved me.' Now therefore proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, 'Whoever is fearful and trembling, let him return home and hurry away from Mount Gilead.'" Then 22,000 of the people returned, and 10,000 remained.

And the LORD said to Gideon, "The people are still too many. Take them down to the water, and I will test them for you there, and anyone of whom I say to you, 'This one shall go with you,' shall go with you, and anyone of whom I say to you, 'This one shall not go with you,' shall not go." So he brought the people down to the water. And the LORD said to Gideon, "Everyone who laps the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set by himself. Likewise, everyone who kneels down to drink." And the number of those who lapped, putting their hands to their mouths, was 300 men, but all the rest of the people knelt down to drink water. And the LORD said to Gideon, "With the 300 men who lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hand, and let all the others go every man to his home." So the people took provisions in their hands, and their trumpets. And he sent all the rest of Israel every man to his tent, but retained the 300 men. And the camp of Midian was below him in the valley.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **New Testament (Epistle) Reading**

### **2 Corinthians 4:5-12**

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

#### ***Treasure in Jars of Clay***

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

### **Matthew 13:31-33**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

### ***The Mustard Seed and the Leaven***

He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

### **SONG OF THE DAY**

### **"Jesus (You Are Able)"**

*Song by Ada Ehi / Source: [LyricFind](#)*

What can't you do Jesus

Creator of the universe What can't you do?

What can't you do Jesus

Name above every other name What can't you change

What can't you change Jesus

Creator of the universe

What can't you do What can't you do Jesus

Name above every other name What can't you change

What can't you change Jesus

You are able.

Great and mighty great and mighty God You're able Jesus

There is nothing Nothing you cannot do

Nothing you cannot change Nothing you cannot turn around

You are able Great and mighty God

I put my trust in you You are able Jesus

Creator of the universe what can't you do  
What can't you do what can't you do What can't you do Jesus

Name above every other name every other name  
What can't you change What can't you change Jesus

You're able you are able  
Great and mighty great and mighty God You're able you're able Jesus

There is nothing, nothing you cannot do  
Nothing you cannot change Nothing you cannot turn around  
You are able great and mighty God  
I put my trust in you You are able, Jesus

There is nothing, nothing you cannot do  
Nothing you cannot change Nothing you cannot turn around  
You are able great and mighty God  
I put my trust in you You are able, Jesus

There is nothing, nothing you cannot do  
Nothing you cannot change Nothing you cannot turn around  
You are able great and mighty God  
I put my trust in you You are able, Jesus

You are able Jesus You are able Jesus  
You are able Jesus You are able Jesus

**MESSAGE**

**"When Eyes See Size"**

**Guest Pastor Aaron Kuehn**

**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.**

## CLOSING HYMN

### “How Great Thou Art”

LSB 801

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy Hands hath made;  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

**Refrain** Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

**Refrain**

But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin;

**Refrain**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow with humble adoration  
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

**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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## **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-McReavy, 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.

## **Financial Peace Class**

- **Sundays: 2-4 pm** (Starting September 24<sup>th</sup>)
- **Tuesdays: 6-8 pm** (Starting September 26<sup>th</sup>)

**To sign up:** **Sunday Class:** <https://www.fpu.com/B6EB00>  
**Tuesday Class:** <https://www.fpu.com/387992>

## OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

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**

**12:00 pm Pot Luck Lunch**  
2:00 pm Financial Peace University

6:00 pm NA

7:00 pm AIAnon

9/25 Mon

9/27 Wed

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

6:00 pm Royal Family Bible Study

9/28 Thurs

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

9/29 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

9/30 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

10/01 Sun

### **Eighteenth 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

2:00 pm Financial Peace University

6:00 pm NA

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**NO Bible Study with Pastor Matthew on **Wednesday, Sept 27 at 11 am****

• Instead plan to join Washburn McReavy for Peace of Mind seminar at 2 pm ☺  
Thursday Evening, "Knowing the Bible" Sept 28 at 5:30 pm (w/Daniel & Katie Beth)

### **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.

## **TODAY'S 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?

## **NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR**

**October 1**

**"The Way Through the Maze"**

**(Psalm 25:4-5)**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy

When life becomes a bewildering maze, Jesus is our way through and our way out.

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:** Proper 20

Matthew 20:9 – “And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.” Behold the generosity of God! He gives out of His grace, not what we deserve to receive. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God — and surely one of the foundations of God’s being is His generosity.

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:**

“Every human life meets us as gift and privilege, created and redeemed and called by our Lord as His own precious treasure from fertilization to forever. And our life-affirming witness and service is surrounded and celebrated by a magnificent multitude of like-minded saints gone before, yet to come, and the world over.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**Main Street Living** airs each Sunday at 9 am with an episode of *This Is the Life*. This week’s episode is “Home Free” - A family learns the real meaning of love, and that it comes free. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with the Rev. Terry Grzybowski from Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Elk River, MN, presenting a message titled “Let Your Manner of Life Be Worthy of the Gospel” based on Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the “Twin Cities” tab.

