

# **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

*(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*



**“DON’T LET ANYONE STEAL  
YOUR IDENTITY”**

**Order of Worship October 8, 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:** If you look up "identity" in the dictionary it is defined as: the set of qualities and beliefs that make one person or group different from others. Christians are set apart and our purpose is to bring glory to God.

*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 Bible Study with Pastor Matthew on Wednesday, October 11 at 11 am **OR**  
"Knowing the Bible" Thursday, October 12 at 5:30 pm (w/Daniel & Katie Beth)

**Join us for the next four weeks for a four-part series, as we focus on Your Identity!**

# Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**AS WE GATHER:** Knowing your identity in Christ is foundational. God made a point to declare Scriptures over your identity in Christ for a reason! He wants you to know just how special you are to Him. Choose to see yourself through the eyes of God.

*+ CONNECT +*

## WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING SOLO

**"People Get Ready"**

**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 to God our Heavenly Father who is faithful to hear us and to forgive.

**C:** **Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness, and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth. Amen.**

## FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

*+ NURTURE +*

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear-  
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged-- Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness-- Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--- Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING****Genesis 1:26-28**

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.  
And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING****Ephesians 1:3-14*****Spiritual Blessings in Christ***

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed

us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 5:14-16**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **SONG OF THE DAY**

**“In Christ Alone”**

**Keith Getty/Stuart Townend**

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In Christ alone my Hope is found, He is my Light, my Strength, my Song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, What depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, When strivings cease!

My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh. Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied –  
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day. Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory. Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine - Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath. Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

**MESSAGE: Part I**

**Pastor Matthew Cephus**

**"Don't Let Anyone Steal Your Identity"**

**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**

**"Take My Life and Let it Be"**

**LSB 783**

*Text and Tune: Public Domain*

Take my life, and let it be, Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;  
Take my intellect, and use, Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

**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

**10/08 Sun**

### **Nineteenth 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

2:00 pm    Financial Peace University

6:00 pm    NA

**10/09 Mon**

7:00 pm    AlAnon

**10/10 Tues**

6:00 pm    Financial Peace University

**10/11 Wed**

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

6:00 pm    Royal Family Bible Study

**10/12 Thurs**

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

**10/13 Fri**

5:00 pm    Living Word Music Rehearsal

**10/14 Sat**

10:00 am    Living Word Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm    Living Word Prayer Night

**10/15 Sun**

### **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:00 am**    **Worship w/Holy Communion,  
w/Vacancy Pastor Matthew Cephus of Royal Family**

***Operational Christmas Child Shoe Box Drop Off Begins (10/16 – 11/13)***

10:30 am    Royal Family Sunday School

11:45 am    Royal Family Worship Service

2:00 pm    Financial Peace University

6:00 pm    NA

## SERVING TODAY

**Elder: Karmon Christopherson**

**Reading: Sandy Westling**

**Ushers: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann**

**Counters: Sandy Westling and Tom Harris**

**Altar Care: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann**

**Attendance: 10/01/2023: 30**

**Offerings – Loose Plate \$57; Regular \$1,450; Garage Sale \$25; Rent \$2,115;**

**Online \$450**

**Total: \$4,097**

**Needed each week for 2023: \$2,733**



## **TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR**

**October 8**      **"Whatever and Wherever, Thank You, Lord!"**      **(Psalm 23)**

Guest Speaker: Pastor Keith Haberstock

"The Lord is my Shepherd..." That's how the 23rd Psalm begins. It goes on to describe the ways in which our Good Shepherd leads, comforts, and protects the sheep of His flock. Every line gives us a reason to be thankful.

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

**October 15**      **"Help the World Rejoice"**      **(Psalm 80)**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A musical about a choir of nuns led by a lounge singer provides the setting for Dr. Michael Zeigler's message, based on Psalm 80.

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](http://www.lutheranhour.org)

## **STEWARDSHIP:** *Proper 22*

Matthew 21:43 – "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits." The Pharisees were not bearing fruit. Though they were faithful to the letter of the Law in keeping the Sabbath, tithing, and all the rest, they neglected the heart of God's will. The grace of God belongs at the center. Our giving and all our other good works flow forth from receiving God's grace and living in that grace on a daily basis.

## **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:**

"For all who have been damaged by the sin of abortion—and for all who have been complicit by not speaking up in defense of innocent babies—repent, and then hear the sweet and comforting words of Jesus: 'Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest' (Matthew 11:28). God give us courage to engage in the battle For Life!" *Pastor Paul Clark, President of Lutherans For Life of Michigan – 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 **"Families Come First."** A man contends with the demands of his career, promotion, and his vocation as a father.

The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Kurt Klaus from Messiah Lutheran Church in Lakeville, MN, presenting a message titled **"Taking Stock"** based on **Philippians 3:5-8**. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) select the "Twin Cities" tab.

**BIRTHDAYS:** 9<sup>th</sup> Shaina Sather, 10<sup>th</sup> Pastor Matthew Cephus, 11<sup>th</sup> Al Morelli,  
11<sup>th</sup> Pastor Martin Cornes, 11<sup>th</sup> Candy Brevig

**ANNIVERSARIES:** None

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** Open

**FLOWERS:** Open

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

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

**Gene & Helen** (Dan's friends) at St. Joe's with Covid

**Derald Hadrath** – knee replaced on Sept 26, prayers he is back on his feet soon

**Yvonne Pawlowicz** (Wenda's sister) surgery for cancerous brain tumor and benign cyst went well, radiation will be needed, prayers for recovery

**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

**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**

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.

## **Attention! Attention!**

A Congregational Meeting will be held following the 10 am Service on **Sunday, October 22**. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss placing a call to Pastor Matthew Cephus to fill the role of Gloria Dei's pastor (this is a half-time position). Questions are welcome and an open discussion will take place. At the conclusion of the meeting, there will be a vote via paper ballots. All members should plan to attend this important, decision-making meeting.

## **Gloria Dei's Fall Garage Sale a Huge Success!**

The sale was huge success and generated approximately **\$1,320** in sales. All proceeds will be donated to Gloria Dei. A special thank you to everyone who donated goods to be sold, including the neighbors. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard in making signs, setting up and pricing the items to be sold. Thank you to everyone who made and/or brought food over for the working crew. A HUGE thank you to everyone for the hard work it took to run the sale for three days! It truly takes a village to pull this off.

## **Let There Be Light . . . .**

Thank you, thank you to Layne Betterman, Dan Carlson, Bruce Cross, Tom Harris, Dan Moore, and Jason Matasovsky for their help installing the new light bulbs in the main fixtures in the Sanctuary. The old lights were half burnt out and were replaced under warranty. You may notice a new glow, the new lights are the "daylight" color vs. the "soft white" color. ☺



Gloria Dei and Royal Family will be collecting warm clothing items for those in need. Distribution dates will be announced. Please bring in gently used or new coats, jackets, sweatshirts, hats, gloves, mittens and scarfs. Bring in your donations at any time and fill our large boxes found in the Fireside room. *Thank You!*

***Please note the 2022 financial numbers in the October newsletter were listed in error. The actual YTD as of August 31 is gain of \$16,855.37.***