

# **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

*(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*



## **“EMBRACING YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST”**

**Order of Worship October 15, 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:*** We can go back to the very beginning of creation to see our worth and identity when God created us "in His image."

*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 18 at 11 am

**NO** "Knowing the Bible" bible study Thursday, October 19 at 5:30 pm

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

# Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

**AS WE GATHER:** Having a rock-solid understanding of your identity in Christ is essential to living your life in the way He intended. You don't have to work to fit in or be someone you're not. Jesus has rescued you, redeemed you, and brought you into His family forever. You are a completely new person and perfect in His eyes!

*+ CONNECT +*

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING SOLO**

**"Why Me Lord"**

**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 to our Heavenly Father who is faithful to forgive.

**C:** **Dear Lord, you are the King of the world, the Creator of all things, and the Giver of life. You have made us in Your image and invited us to be Your children—the heirs of Your Kingdom—and we give You our thanks and praise. We confess that we have sinned and fallen short of what You would have us be. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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**

### **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!**

## **EPISTLE LESSON**

### **1 Peter 2:9-10**

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

### **Matthew 10:29-31**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

**SONG OF THE DAY "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" LSB 940 (vs 1,2,4,5)**

*Text & Tune: Public Domain*

Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore Thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain, everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord!

Thou art King of Glory Christ; Son of God, yet born of Mary  
For us sinners sacrificed, as to death a Tributary,  
First to break the bars of death, Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee.  
Though in essence only one, undivided God we claim Thee.  
And adoring, bend the knee, while we own the mystery.

**MESSAGE: Part II**

**Pastor Matthew Cephus**

**"Embracing Your Identity In Christ"**

**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**

### **"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"**

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Lord of glory, you have bought us With your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand  
To th'unthankful and the evil With your own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you Gladly, freely of your own.  
With the sunshine of your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by you, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

Wondrous honor you have given To our humblest charity  
In your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to me."  
Can it be, O gracious Master, That you deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?

Yes, the sorrow and the suff'rings Which on ev'ry hand we view  
Channels are for gifts and off'rings Due by solemn right to you;  
Right of which we may not rob you, Debt we may not choose but pay  
Lest that face of love and pity Turn from us another day.

Lord of glory, you have bought us With your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust you boldly, Hope to stay our souls on you;  
But, oh, best of all your graces, With your love our love renew.

## **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

**10/15 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 (10/15 – 11/12)***

10:30 am Royal Family Sunday School

11:45 am Royal Family Worship Service

2:00 pm Financial Peace University

6:00 pm NA

**10/16 Mon**

**5:00 pm** **GDLC Call Committee Meeting**

7:00 pm AIAnon

**10/17 Tues**

**5:00 pm** **GDLC Council Meeting**

6:00 pm Financial Peace University

**10/18 Wed**

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

6:00 pm Royal Family Bible Study

**10/19 Thurs**

**5:30 pm** **NO "Knowing the Bible" Bible Study**

**10/20 Fri**

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

**10/21 Sat**

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

**10/22 Sun**

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## SERVING TODAY

**Elder: Karmon Christopherson**

**Reading: Julie Cross**

**Ushers: Julie Cross**

**Counters: Shirley Holzinger and Verlayne Sather**

**Altar Care: Julie Cross**

**Attendance: 10/08/2023: 31**

**Offerings – Loose Plate \$112; Regular \$1,305; Garage Sale \$1,290; Rent \$35; Building Fund \$50; Thrivent Choice Dollars \$48** **Total: \$2,840**

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

## **TODAY'S 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.

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

**October 22**

**"Matching Pace"**

**(Psalm 96:13)**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Hear about the Savior Who walks beside us, at our pace, and teaches us to walk with others.

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 23 (Matthew 22:5)*

"But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business." The invitation to join God in His feast and in His work is easily ignored. The rest of life seems so much more pressing, and we always think that there will be another time when we can catch back up with God. But what joys are we missing when we set aside God's invitation to join Him in His plans and purposes? What inheritance are we trading for the world's bowl of pottage?

## **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 "Conspiracy of Silence." A husband and wife come to grips with a terminal illness. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with the Rev. Ryan Eden from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Winona, MN, presenting a message titled, "Spiritual Stability" based Philippians 4:4-13. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) select the "Twin Cities" tab.

**BIRTHDAYS:** 17<sup>th</sup> Britney Betterman

**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

**Butch Morelli** – Blocked carotid artery, pending surgery (within 2 weeks)

**Gene & Helen** (Dan's friends) Gene passed away due to Covid (October 7) and Helen is doing better and will be returning home. Our thoughts and prayers are with their family

**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 neice, 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 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!*

## **Empty Bowls for SACA**

**Wednesday, October 25, 4-7 pm, John Murzyn Hall, 530 Mill Street NE**

Enjoy a meal of soup, bread, and dessert made by local restaurants, live entertainment from local organizations and an art sale (NEW this year) with all proceeds going to SACA Food Shelf. Free will donation.

Every person who donates receives a handmade bowl to take home as a reminder of hunger in the community.

## ***Collection for Operation Christmas Child begins Today!***

The Board of Social Ministries is sponsoring *Operation Christmas Child* again this year. In Christian love and spirit, please consider giving a shoebox to a child overseas who may not otherwise receive a gift this Christmas season.

Here is what you do: **(1)** Find a Shoebox - You can use any empty shoebox or shoebox-sized plastic container. **(2)** Girl or Boy? - Decide whether you will pack for a girl or a boy and the age category: Age groups are 2 - 4, 5 - 9, 10 - 14. **(3)** Fill with Gifts. **(4)** Pray - Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. **(5)** Follow your box - remember to include \$10 (per box) for shipping. **(6)** Drop-Off - Bring your shoebox gift to Church between Sunday, October 15 through Sunday, November 12, 2023.

**Find full details on Operation Christmas Child in the October Newsletter.**