

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



“Living Your True Identity in Christ”

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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: Our value and importance come directly from 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, November 1 at 11 am **OR**
Thursday evening "Knowing the Bible" bible study, November 2 at 5:30 pm with
Daniel and Katie Beth Carlson

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: Becoming a new creation in Christ isn't about changing what makes you inherently you. It's about letting go of all you were never created to be so that the real you can flourish.

+ 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 hear us and to forgive.

C: **Heavenly Father, we have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in our daily lives. Our sins and shortcomings 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, everything that prevents us taking delight in you. Amen.**

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

+ NURTURE +

SONG OF PRAISE

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

LSB 783, vs 1,3,5,6

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

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.

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 READING

Romans 8:1-4, 14-16

Life in the Spirit

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:13-16

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SONG OF THE DAY

"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 mankind 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.

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.

“Living Your True 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

"A Mighty Fortress is our God"

LSB 656 vs. 1,2,4

Text & music: Public domain

A mighty fortress is our God, a trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need that hath us now o'er-taken.
The old evil foe now means deadly woe; deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One, whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is, Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God; He holds the field forever.

The Word they still shall let remain nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain with His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, goods, fame, child, and wife, though these all be gone,
Our vict'ry has been won; The Kingdom ours remaineth.

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.

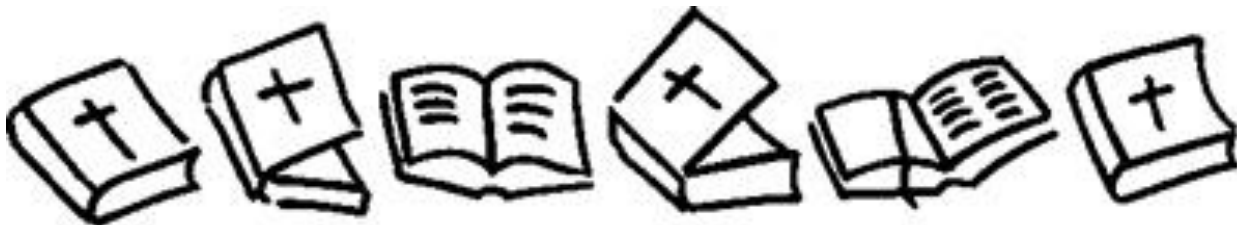
+ Silent Prayer +

POSTLUDE

+ WE DEPART TO SERVE +

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OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

10/29 Sun

Twenty-Second 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

10/30 Mon

5:30 pm Beginners AIAnon

7:00 pm AIAnon

10/31 Tues

6:00 pm Financial Peace University

11/01 Wed

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

6:00 pm Royal Family Bible Study

11/02 Thurs

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

12/03 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

11/04 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

11/05 Sun

Twenty-Third 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

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Reading: Katie Beth Carlson

Ushers: Morellis

Counters: Morellis

Altar Care: Morellis

Attendance: 10/22/2023: 29

Offerings – Loose Plate \$54; Regular \$835; Online \$250

Total: \$1,139

Needed each week for 2023: \$2,733

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

October 29

"What Are People Good For?"

(Psalm 46:1)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Our family and friends are with us in life but they can't shield us from life and all its uncertainty. Where will you find security?

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

November 5

"Times of Mourning, Times of Blessing"

(Matthew 5:4)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

We will all go through times of mourning, but we don't all necessarily face it the same way.

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: *Reformation Day (Observed)*

John 8:36 – "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." Today we celebrate Reformation Day! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel — but he also called himself "the apostle of good works." For only by being set free by the Gospel can we do good works. Jesus has set us free: His blood covers over our sins, and now we stand before God as His beloved children, invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"On this Reformation weekend, let's rekindle our commitment to be faithful to the God who both preserves and redeems this world in His ways. And let's remind ourselves of the blessings that come from following Him in all things, now and forever." *Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Executive Director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9 am with an episode of *This Is the Life*. This week's episode is "**The Sexton**." A pastor and a sexton (church caretaker) with magical powers fight an eerie duel in a church.

The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Arie Bertsch, President of the ND District LCMS, presents a message titled, "**The Son Sets You Free**". This sermon is based on **John 8:31-36**. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

BIRTHDAYS: 11/02 Daniel Harris
ANNIVERSARIES: 11/02 David and Danielle Ohnstad

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

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 niece, Holly, after years of trying to solve complicated health issues, she finally found the help she needed

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.



REMINDER:

***Daylight Saving Time ends
Sunday, November 5th!
Set your clocks **BACK** one hour
Saturday night before bed.***



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!

Collection for Operation Christmas Child has begun!

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 before Sunday, November 12.

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

Fall Street Sweeping | Mid-October to mid-November

Cars must be moved so crews can clear debris and leaves from the Minneapolis city streets - this includes the streets surrounding the church. Signs will be posted at least 24 hours before towing begins. Signs will specify the day of the week that parking is banned and read "No Parking 7 am to 4:30 pm."

Don't get Towed! Find out when your street is scheduled for sweeping: check the schedule at minneapolismn.gov/streetsweeping. If you have questions about street sweeping, call 311.