

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



“The Promises of God about Your Future”

Order of Worship November 5, 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 trust the unfailing promises of 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 8 at 11 am **OR**
Thursday evening "Knowing the Bible" bible study, November 9 at 5:30 pm with
Daniel and Katie Beth Carlson

Thanksgiving Day Service, November 23 will be held at 10 am.
Bring the whole family. We look forward to seeing you!

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: God is faithful to keep all of His promises. Just as He came through on the promises of the Old Covenant, so He will accomplish the same in the New Covenant. Rejoice that we worship a God who is faithful even when we are unfaithful.

+ CONNECT +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SOLO

"You Are Holy"

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 Father who is faithful to hear and to forgive.

C: **Gracious God, you are loving and kind. We confess to You our sins, for they are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change. Open us to your future, in which we will be changed. Grant us Your grace to grow more and more into Your likeness. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

+ NURTURE +

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

OLD TESTAMENT READING**Jeremiah 29:10-12**

"For thus says the LORD: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE READING**Proverbs 3:5-6**

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING

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!**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

LSB 660 vs 1,2,4

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Stand up, stand up for Jesus; ye soldiers of the cross.
Lift high His royal banner; it must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the trumpet call obey;
Stand forth in mighty conflict in this His glorious day.
Let all His faithful serve Him against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the strife will not be long;
This day the din of battle, the next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming, their crown of life shall see
And with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.

MESSAGE

Pastor Matthew Cephus

"The Promises of God about Your Future"

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

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

vs 1,2,4

William James Kirkpatrick / Canzetta Staton / Louisa M. Stead

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'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His Word
Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

Refrain

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him, How I've proved Him o'er and o'er.
Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more.

Oh, how sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to trust His cleansing blood
And in simple faith to plunge me 'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Refrain

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend
And I know that He is with me, Will be with me to the end.

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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Please continue to bring in gently used or new coats, jackets, sweatshirts, hats, gloves, mittens and scarfs **until Sunday, November 12**. Gloria Dei and Royal Family will distribute the collected warm clothing to our community members facing adversity on **Monday, November 13 from 6 – 8 pm**. All items should be clean with no rips or stains. IF you are interested in helping with the distribution (here at Gloria Dei), please connect with Daniel and/or Katie Beth.

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.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

11/05 Sun

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Day Observed

**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

11/06 Mon

5:30 pm Beginners AIAnon

7:00 pm AIAnon

11/07 Tues

6:00 pm Financial Peace University

11/08 Wed

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

6:00 pm Royal Family Bible Study

11/09 Thurs

5:30 pm "Knowing the Bible" Bible Study

11/10 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

11/11 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

11/12 Sun

Twenty-Fourth 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: Verlayne Sather

Ushers: Morellis

Counters: Morellis

Altar Care: Morellis

Attendance: 10/29/2023: 31

TODAY'S 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.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

November 12 "Again and Again and Again" (Matthew 18:1-4)
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Hearing many stories only once is not as good as hearing the same story many times. Hear again God's story of love, grace, and forgiveness.

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: *All Saints' Day*

Matthew 5:7 – "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." This is one of many Bible passages that remind us that we reap what we sow. Likewise, what God puts into us (His own love, mercy, kindness and generosity) — flows back out of us. It all starts with His self-giving.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"Our comfort and motivation do not derive from laws. We neither live only according to the body nor labor for this world alone. No matter who holds office or how they decide and lead, the Lord our God reigns." *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – 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 Deadly Pen.**" A businessman struggles with the guilt of another man's death. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Jeffrey Williams from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, MN, presenting a message titled, "**Eternally Blessed**" based on **Matthew 5:1-12**. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.



BIRTHDAYS: None

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, surgery postponed; continued prayers

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.

Food Shelf Donation Update

Gloria Dei graciously donated **75 pounds** of food to the Northeast Salvation Army Food Shelf for the month of November. *Thank you!*

The local Salvation Army Food Shelf is always in need of your donations – 100% juice drinks; low sugar cereal; canned chicken, salmon or pork; low sugar canned fruit; soups (low sodium); dry or canned beans; granola bars and dried fruit; rice (white, jasmine, or brown); salad dressings; condiments and spices. Hygiene items: toothpaste; toilet tissue; shampoo; bar soap; deodorant.

NON-PERISHABLE FOODS ONLY, please.

Augsburg Centennial Singers

Augsburg Centennial Singers, under the direction of Richard Duncan, will be performing on **Sunday, November 5, 4 pm** at First Lutheran Church, 1555 40th Ave NE, Columbia Heights and again on **Sunday, November 12, 4 pm** at Lutheran Church of the Master, 1200 69th Avenue N, Brooklyn Center. Men of Faith Passing on the Faith through Songs of Praise. Community Welcome! A free-will offering will be received at each concert.

Website: www.centennialsingers.org

Facebook: Augsburg Centennial Singers Group

FREE Community Dinner at St. Timothy's

Join St. Timothy's on Tuesday, November 14, from 5 pm to 6:30 pm (or until the food is gone) for their drive through community dinner. All are welcome! Please spread the word! St. Timothy's Lutheran Church is located at 825 51st Avenue NE, in Columbia Heights.

Calling all Volleyball Players (All Levels)

Circuit volleyball starts on Sunday November 12 for fall 2023.

LCMS church members are invited to play volleyball Sunday afternoons. **Redemption Lutheran Church** (927 E Old Shakopee Rd) in Bloomington will be hosting adult circuit volleyball, **open to men and women 18 and up**. Warmup starts at **1 pm** and then teams are formed for playing. If needed, teams will be adjusted to make them more even. Plan to play until approximately 3:30 pm. If you decide to play after the first couple of weeks, the **fee will be \$10** per person which pays through spring of 2024.

Unfortunately, childcare is not provided. If you are interested or have questions contact: **Lon (Landsortner@comcast.net) or just show up.**