

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



“How to Manage My Mind”

**Order of Worship November 12, 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: It is important to learn how to manage our mind, because our thoughts control our life. In today's message, you'll learn about three choices you must make for a healthy mind.

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 15 at 11 am **OR** Thursday evening "Knowing the Bible" bible study, November 16 at 5:30 pm with Daniel and Katie Beth Carlson.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: Whatever gets your mind gets you. So, one of the most important things we need to learn is how to guard, strengthen, and renew our minds, because the battle for sin always starts in the mind.

+ CONNECT +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN **"Standing on the Promises of God"**

Refrain (First Refrain, Karmon Only)

Standing, standing, Standing on the promises of God, my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ, my King,
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing, Standing on the promises of God, my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail.
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God. **[Refrain]**

Standing on the promises of Christ, the Lord,
Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God. **[Refrain]**

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God. **[Refrain]**

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 truly loves us.

C: **Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature, and I've sin against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Amen**

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

+ NURTURE +

SONG OF PRAISE

"We Praise You, O God"

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We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o'er-take us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us;
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 4:20-23

My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings.
Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart.
For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh.
Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SONG OF THE DAY

"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.

MESSAGE

"How to Manage My Mind"

Pastor Matthew Cephus

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.

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy pow'ful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee.
I will ever give to 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

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

11/13 Mon

5:30 pm Beginners AIAnon

7:00 pm AIAnon

11/14 Tues

6:00 pm Financial Peace University

11/15 Wed

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

6:00 pm Royal Family Bible Study

11/16 Thurs

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

11/17 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

11/18 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

4:00 pm Living Word Board Meeting

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

11/19 Sun

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am **Worship w/Holy Communion,
w/Vacancy Pastor Matthew Cephus of Royal Family
and Guest Pastor Vue Lee Preaching the Sermon**

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: Karmon Christopherson

Ushers: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer

Counters: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer

Altar Care: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Attendance: 11/05/2023: 31

TODAY'S 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.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

November 19 **"Until that Day"** **(1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook

No one knows when Christ will return. Until that day, we live in certain uncertainty.

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: *Matthew 25:4*

"But the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps." Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the Bridegroom's words and believed what He said. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of stewardship say about what you believe?

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"What could be more joyful and rewarding than to share with everyone the best news they will ever hear: Jesus has saved you from sin and death and won eternal life for you as a free gift of His love. Let's roll up our sleeves and begin today with the prayer, 'Lord, help me be an eager worker in Your kingdom.'" *Daily Devotions, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – 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 "Transition." A young boy reacts to the divorce of his parents and the new reality he now faces. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Keith Grimm from Family of Christ Lutheran Church in Ham Lake, MN, presenting a message titled, "Ready, Prepared, and Oiled Up" based on Matthew 25:1-13. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

BIRTHDAYS: 14th Betty Hietala, 17th Chris Hadrath

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: Sandy Westling, in Loving Memory of Steve

FLOWERS: Open

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Sandy Westling – Pastor Jim Gullickson for bleeding eye, seeing specialists

Butch Morelli – Blocked carotid artery, surgery postponed; continued prayers

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.

Thanksgiving Day Service, November 23 will be held at 10 am.

Bring the whole family. We look forward to seeing you! 😊




Today ends the collection of gently used or new coats, etc. Distribution will be tomorrow, **Monday, November 13, here at Gloria Dei, from 6 – 8 pm.** The collected warm clothing will be distributed to our community members facing adversity. IF you would like to help hand out the clothing items, please connect with Daniel and/or Katie Beth.

Thank You!

Collection for Operation Christmas Child Ends Today!

All Shoeboxes should be dropped off at the church no later than Sunday, November 12. Find full details on Operation Christmas Child in the October/November Newsletter.

CHRISTMAS TREE



The Social Ministry Committee will be collecting **new** gift items for children ages 0-14 years old for the Salvation Army. You may purchase anything that is appropriate. Collection runs **November 19th – December 10th.** Bring your unwrapped gifts to Church and place them under the Christmas tree in the Lobby.

As in the past years, the Salvation Army's auditor has requested we add the monetary value of the gifts donated. Please add an estimated dollar amount to the items you leave under the tree. **Thank you so much.**

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.

It's Not Too Early to Think About 2024

Feel free to grab a 2024 calendar from the Usher's table in back of the church. Calendars were graciously donated by Washburn McReavy Funeral Homes.