

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



“What Are You Thankful For?”

**Order of Worship November 23, 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: Be thankful to God the Father for all His blessings.

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 29 at 11 am **OR**
"Knowing the Bible" Thursday, November 30 at 5:30 pm (w/Daniel & Katie Beth)

A National Day of Thanksgiving

"What Are You Thankful For?"

AS WE GATHER: God gives us abundantly because it's his nature to be generous. On this Thanksgiving Day, let us to stop, reflect and thank the Lord for all the many blessings He's bestowed upon us.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 unto God our Heavenly Father.

C: **We thank you, oh God for the manifold gifts you have given us. And yet we confess to you that we have often take for granted your grace and your goodness toward us. We have delighted in the gifts rather than the Giver. We have praised ourselves for what we have accomplished rather than acknowledging that all good things come from you. Forgive us in your mercy, Lord, and grant that we might be truly grateful for all that you have given to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

+ NURTURE +

Come, ye thankful people come; Raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in, Ere the winter storms begin.
God our maker, doth provide, For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple come, Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

OLD TESTAMENT READING**Psalms 103:1-5, 20-22**

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!
Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!
Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING**Philippians 4:6-9**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

"For the Fruits of His Creation"

LSB 894

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For the fruits of His creation, Thanks be to God.

For His gifts to ev'ry nation, Thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,

Future needs in earth's safekeeping, Thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.

In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,

In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, Thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, Thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,

Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

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**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

L: 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

"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

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Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He's giv'n Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks.

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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SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson
Reader: Sandy Westling
Ushers: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann
Counters: Shirley Holzinger and Verlayne Sather
Altar Care: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann



BIRTHDAYS: None

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: OPEN

FLOWERS: OPEN

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 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

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.

Thank you to **EVERYONE** who has been instrumental in getting Gloria Dei's outside property ready for the winter months. It is a big job to get the continuously dropping leaves bagged up, cut down the brush and do the other yard trimmings needed before the snow flies! It is people like YOU who truly make Gloria Dei a great place to be a member. It takes a village!

POINSETTIA'S: Help to beautify our Sanctuary for the Christmas season by donating a poinsettia! The poinsettias will be ordered from Bachman's and are **\$16** for an 8" double plant. Colors are **red, white or pink**. If you would like to donate a plant, the **deadline is Sunday, December 10**. You will be billed directly from the church. *You can also bring in your own poinsettias, but please still sign up.*☺ Sign-up sheet are posted on the entryway bulletin board or call the church office directly at 612-781-1989 to order. **Thank you!**



Salvation Army Christmas Tree Gift Collection

The Social Ministry Committee is collecting new gift items for children ages 0-14 for the Salvation Army. **Gifts will be collected NOW through December 10th**. Bring your unwrapped gifts to Church and place them under the Christmas tree in the Lobby. The Salvation Army's auditor has requested we add the monetary value of the gifts donated, so please add an estimated dollar amount to the items you leave under the tree.

GIFT IDEAS:

BOYS 6-14: Legos, Play tent, Tonka Trucks, Walkie Talkies, Hot Wheels, Children's Camera, Remote Control Cars, Star Wars toys, NBA/NFL clothing and gear.

GIRLS 6-14: Barbie Dolls (multi-cultural), Children's Camera, Scooter, Bead/Jewelry Kits, Art Kits/Projects, Make-up kits, Hair Accessories.

Don't Be A Grinch!

Help Decorate the Church for the Holiday season.

Everyone is welcome! The more the Merrier!

Thursday, November 30 starting at 9:30 AM. Coffee will be on. ☺

Holiday Gift Basket Distribution

The Social Ministry Committee will be assembling Holiday Gift baskets, filled with fruit, treats and goodies. These baskets will be delivered to our dear shut-ins. If you know someone who would enjoy a gift basket or simply could use some cheering up during this Holiday season, please leave their name, phone number and address in the Secretary's mailbox. The group will make sure they receive a gift basket.

It's Not Too Early to Think About 2024

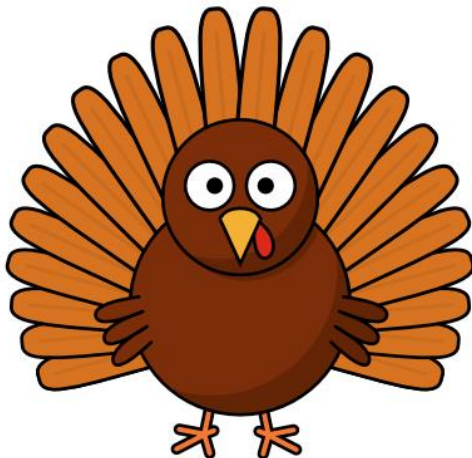
Feel free to grab a 2024 calendar from the Usher's table in back of the church. Calendars were graciously donated by Washburn McReavy Funeral Homes.

2024 Donation Envelopes Available Now!

Distribution of 2024 Donation Envelopes has begun. You can pick up your box of envelopes at the back of the church. Begin using the new envelopes January 1, 2024.

Gloria Dei Collected 21 Shoeboxes!

Gloria Dei collected 21 Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child this year. These simple gifts are all shipped outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease. The mission of Samaritan's Purse and Operations Christmas Child is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Thank you!





The Great Thanksgiving

The first nationally celebrated Day of Thanksgiving in the US was issued by the Continental Congress in 1777. It declared that a day be set aside for the citizens of the new nation to thank God for His many blessings, to dedicate themselves anew to His service, to offer Him their thank offerings, to penitently confess their sins and acknowledge that their sin had forfeited God's favor, and to implore God's grace to forgive their sins solely for the sake of the merits and mercy of the Savior, Jesus Christ. These are familiar aims. They occur not only at Thanksgiving, but also in every Divine Service. There, not only do we confess our sins, implore God's forgiveness and mercy, and thank Him for His manifold blessings, but we also receive the riches of His grace that He lavishly and generously pours out in Christ in Word and Sacrament. By these means, He forgives our sins, strengthens us in faith and love, and feeds us to life eternal. We thank Him for these gifts in the Great Thanksgiving, then joyfully receive them anew in the Holy Eucharist. Thanks be to God!