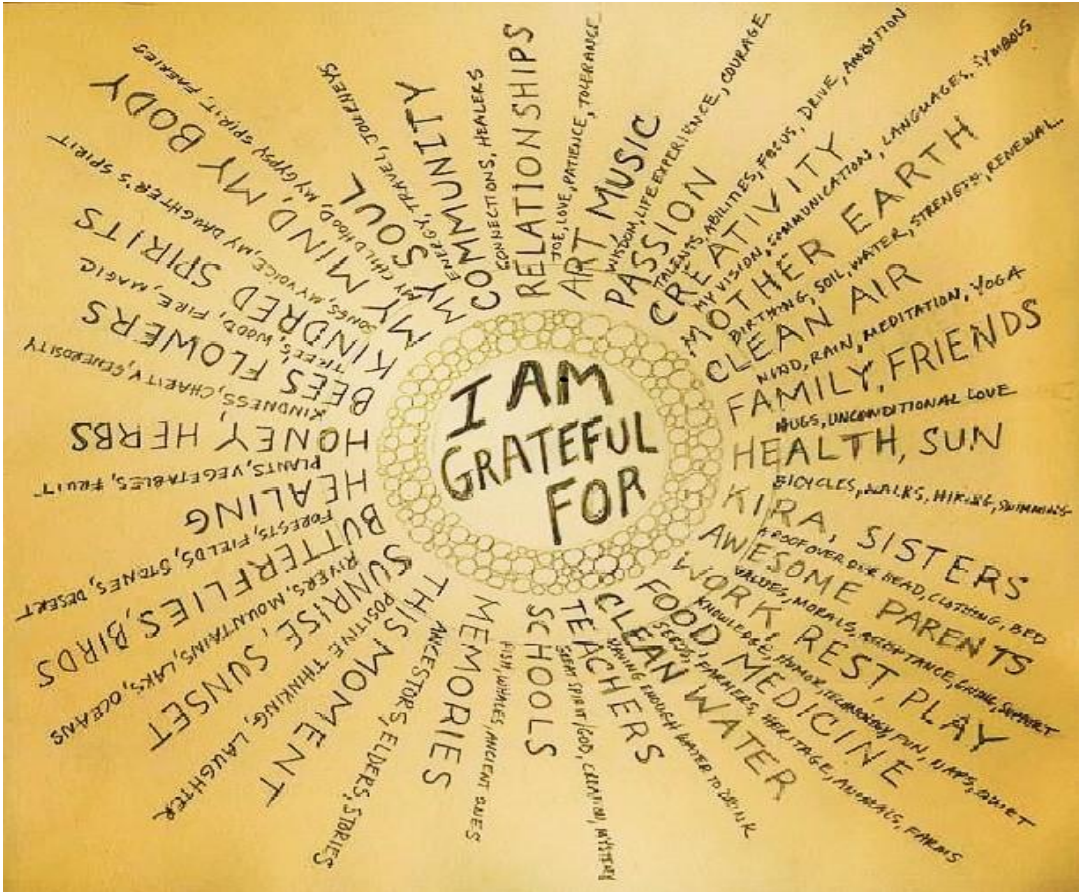


# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



## “Attitude of Gratitude”

Order of Worship November 26, 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:** The Bible reminds us not to be anxious about anything, but always be grateful to 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 29 at 11 am **OR** Thursday evening "Knowing the Bible" bible study, November 30 at 5:30 pm with Daniel and Katie Beth Carlson

# Last Sunday of the Church Year

**AS WE GATHER:** Magnify the Lord and lift up his name high! Today as we worship, let us reflect on all that the Lord has done for us as individuals, as a family, as a congregation and let's bless His holy name.

*+ CONNECT +*

## WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING SOLO

**"Goodness of God"**

**Lisa Kleinwolterink**

**Accompanied by John Kleinwolterink**

## 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 our heavenly Father who is faithful to forgive.

**C:** **We confess that we are easily influenced by temptations, and we fall prey to all kinds of sins. We are broken people who constantly lose focus on the cross of Christ. Forgive us for taking for granted the gift of the sacrifice of Your Son on our behalf. Thank you for being the Good Shepherd who always brings us back. Amen**

## FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

*+ NURTURE +*

## SONG OF PRAISE

**"To God be the Glory"**

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To God be the glory, great things He has done;  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

**Refrain:** Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

**Refrain**

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

**Refrain**

### **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**

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, 24**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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**

### **"Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

**LSB 809**

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Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not; Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain:** Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

**Refrain**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

**Refrain**

**MESSAGE**

**"Attitude of Gratitude"**

**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.**

## CLOSING HYMN

## "How Great Thou Art"

LSB 801

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O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

**Refrain:** Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

**Refrain**

But when I think that God, His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in –  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin

**Refrain**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim: "My God how great Thou art!"

**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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## **OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**11/26 Sun**

### **Last Sunday of the Church Year**

**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

6:00 pm    NA

**11/27 Mon**

5:30 pm    Beginners AIAnon

7:00 pm    AIAnon

**11/29 Wed**

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

6:00 pm    Royal Family Bible Study

**11/30 Thurs**

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

**12/01 Fri**

5:00 pm    Living Word Music Rehearsal

**12/02 Sat**

10:00 am    Living Word Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm    Living Word Prayer Night

**12/03 Sun**

### **First Sunday in Advent**

**10:00 am**    **Worship w/Holy Communion,  
w/Vacancy Pastor Matthew Cephus of Royal Family**

**11:00 am**    **Yearly Congregational Meeting, following service**

10:30 am    Royal Family Sunday School

11:45 am    Royal Family Worship Service

6:00 pm    NA

## **SERVING TODAY**

**Elder: Karmon Christopherson**

**Reading: Mary Piper**

**Ushers: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer**

**Counters: Pat Scott and Shirley Slagle**

**Altar Care: OPEN**

**Attendance: 11/19/2023: 28**

## **TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR**

**November 26**

**"Loving Mercy"**

**(Matthew 25:34-40)**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy

Will those who do good things be saved? Or, will those who are saved...do good things? Dr. Dean Nadasdy says those who love Christ also love showing mercy to others.

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

**December 3**

**"Before They Call"**

**(Isaiah 64:4)**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

SOS and Mayday are distress signals that cry out for rescue. So is "Lord, have mercy!"

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 29***

Matthew 25:44 – "Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?'" With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So first things first: if we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts and ask Him to increase our faith!

### **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:**

"Being For Life is right in line with God's plan of creation! YOU are the missing element that is needed! Don't be satisfied to sit back and wait because now is the time! Don't stop praying as you ponder your next step. Ask God for His guidance and be ready for more than you asked for, as we have a loving and merciful God who loves life. Please consider being a part of a life-affirming ministry in your congregation. Help protect lives and serve God in this special calling." *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – 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 "The Gift." A daughter struggles with what to do with birthday gift money. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Jeffrey Williams from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, MN, presenting a message titled, "Standing Before the Judge" based Matthew 25:31-46. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) select the "Twin Cities" tab.

**BIRTHDAYS:** December 2<sup>nd</sup> Shirley Slagle

**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

**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

**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!**

### **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.* ☺

### **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 through **December 10<sup>th</sup>**. 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.**

### ***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.