

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



Part II

“How to Make the New Year “New””

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The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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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 focus today is **letting God take the lead in our lives.**

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 Pastor Martin after the service or via email. 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.

Please take a moment to pray that God will bless your time in His house and that your worship this evening would be in **"Spirit and in Truth!"** May our worship help you experience the peace which comes from knowing that you have been reconciled with your heavenly Father through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ.

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 us on Wednesday, January 17 at 11 am for Bible Study with a short service, followed by Fellowship **OR** on Thursday, January 18 at 5:30 pm "Knowing the Bible" bible study.

Everyone is welcome!

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

AS WE GATHER: Trust God, even if you can't understand what's going on in your life. He's got a better plan than you can ever imagine. Remember that he's with you and will always be there for you.

+ CONNECT +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SOLO **"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"** **Daniel Carlson**

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 loves us.

C: **Merciful Father, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

+ NURTURE +

SONG OF PRAISE

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

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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"

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus Oh, for grace to trust Him more

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

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus Oh, for grace to trust Him more

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 3:5-8

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. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

Acts 16:6-10

And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 21:1-6

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

SONG OF THE DAY "In Christ Alone" Keith Getty/Stuart Townend

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In Christ alone my Hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, What depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, When strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh. Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day. Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory. Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine - Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath. Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

MESSAGE Part II: "How to Make The New Year "New"" Pastor M. 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.

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
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We are Yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way.
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray
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You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to You.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to You.

Early let us seek Your favor, early let us do Your will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

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

1/14 Sun

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

- 10:00 am** **Worship with Holy Communion,**
 w/Vacancy Pastor Matthew Cephus of Royal Family
- 11:45 am Royal Family Worship Service
- 3:00 pm Alpha Session
- 6:00 pm NA

1/15 Mon

Martin Lutheran King, Jr. Day Observed

- 5:30 pm Beginners AIAnon
- 7:00 pm AIAnon

1/16 Tues

5:00 pm **GDLC Council Meeting**

1/17 Wed

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

1/18 Thurs

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

1/19 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

1/20 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

1:00 pm **Visitation for Greg Henderson Memorial Service**

1:30 pm **Memorial Service for Greg Henderson**

4:00 Living Word Board Meeting

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

1/21 Sun

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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

11:45 am Royal Family Worship Service

3:00 pm **Pastor Cephus Installation, followed by reception**

6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Reading: Verlayne Sather

Ushers: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli

Altar Care: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli

Counters: Pat Scott and Shirley Slagle

Attendance 1/07/2024: 33

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

January 14 **"How Could She Ever Forgive Him?"** **(Matthew 18:27)**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Dr. Michael Zeigler explains why it's not a contradiction to offer forgiveness while insisting on justice.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

January 21 **"The Battleground of Forgiveness"** **(Psalm 32:1)**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's forgiveness covers our sins-but it's not a coverup!

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: *Second Sunday after the Epiphany*

1 Corinthians 6:19–20 – “You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.” God owns everything, including our very selves. We were made to serve Him and glorify Him and will never truly be happy or find our fulfillment until we learn that lesson. Jesus has redeemed us and brought us back into the kingdom of the Father, and that has set us free to serve Him in joy, generosity, liberty and faith.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

“Abortion has only ever represented a symptom. The sickness has always consisted of the deeper reality of sin. So, law never embodied the finish line or the prize. Our Savior’s victory invites us to settle for nothing less than sharing life, abundant and everlasting, with each human being and receiving them all as gift and privilege. Let’s press ahead with renewed enthusiasm!” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9 am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2 with an episode of *This Is the Life*. This week’s episode is “The Priceless Book.” Money and health troubles on the farm lead a father to God’s Word for comfort. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. David Petrich from St. James Lutheran Church in Holland, MN, presenting a message titled, “A Happy Invasion of Privacy” based on John 1:43-51. 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: Christmas Poinsettias

PRAYER CONCERNS

Memorial Service for Vicki's husband, Greg Henderson, who passed away December 21, will be held on Saturday, January 20, here at Gloria Dei. Visitation will begin at 1 pm with the service starting at 1:30 pm, lunch will follow.

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

Jerry Mayer (Wenda Schwoch's BF's husband) passed away Jan 2 after a short stay in hospice. May his family/friends feel the light of the Lord's blessing and comfort.

Nick Heille (Sandy Westling's family friend) was called home to the Lord on 12/24/23. May the Lord bless the entire family and bring them peace.

Anna Pederson (Jan Gaddes' friend) was killed in a car accident in FL, while there helping her mother who has cancer. Prayers for her family and friends.

John (Meridel and Patty's brother) transplanted kidney issues, continued prayers

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

Yvonne Pawlowicz (Wenda's sister) surgery for cancerous brain tumor and benign cyst went well, new complications, continued prayers

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

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

Mark Your Calendars! It is with delight and excitement we announce **Pastor Matthew Cephus** will be installed at Gloria Dei on **January 21, 2024** at 3 pm. Please plan to attend this joyful event.

SALVATION ARMY UPDATE

Gloria Dei recently donated **42.3 pounds** of food/hygiene products to the Northeast Salvation Army. GDLC continues to be very generous in donating food to Food Shelf. Thank you for your kindness! 😊

Fill Our Grocery Cart: Our cart is always located in the lobby ready to be filled. High demand items are 100% juice; low sugar cereal; canned chicken, salmon and/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. **PLEASE, NON-PERISHABLE FOODS ONLY.**

Ushers are ALWAYS Needed!

We are always in need of Ushers for our Sunday services. If you can Usher any of the upcoming Sundays, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Church Lobby. It is an import part of the Sunday service. You can do it by yourself OR find a partner. If you have never ushered before and need guidance, please let the office know and training can be arranged. It's simple and you will be here anyway. 😊

Do You Have a Favorite "Treat" Recipe?

Do you have a favorite cookie, bar or cake recipe? Every Sunday, following the 10 am service, GDLC hosts Fellowship in the Fireside Room, where friends gather for camaraderie, treats and coffee. If you would like to bring something to share (it doesn't have to be homemade 😊), please sign up on the lobby bulletin board for the Sunday that works with your schedule. The entire congregation will **Thank You!**

Traditional Scandinavian Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner | January 20 @ 12 pm – 6 pm
First Lutheran Church of Columbia Heights, 1555 40th Avenue NE, will hold its annual Scandinavian Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner, Saturday, January 20, seating times are 12, 2, 4 and 6. Tickets are \$25 and \$10 for children 2 – 12, under 2 are free and can be reserved by calling Cheryl at 651-633-0679 or www.flcch.org/lutefisk-meatball-dinner. No ticket returns and reservations are required! Tickets are sold through January 14. Dinner includes lutefisk with butter and optional white sauce, meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, mashed rutabagas, herring, beet pickles, lefse, julekake, rice pudding with raspberry sauce.