

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



Part III

“How to Make the New Year “New””

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The Third 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: From biblical perspective, our focus today is to learn how to draw lines between what seems important and what is truly important in life.

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 us on Wednesday, January 24 at 11 am for Bible Study with a short service, followed by Fellowship **OR** on Thursday, January 25 at 5:30 pm.
Everyone is welcome!

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AS WE GATHER: The things of this world are meant to help us live, but they are not to be the reason for living. The more we love God and others, rather than things, the more capable we are of seeing what is truly important in life.

+ CONNECT +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SOLO

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

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 who truly loves us.

C: **Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: forgive and cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.**

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

+ NURTURE +

SONG OF PRAISE

"Oh How He Loves You and Me"

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Oh, how He loves you and me, Oh, how He loves you and me.
He gave His life, what more could He give?
Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me; Oh, how He loves you and me.

Jesus to Calvary did go, His love for sinners to show.
What He did there brought hope from despair.
Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how he loves me; Oh, how He loves you and me.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 19:20-21, 23

Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future. Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand. The fear of the LORD leads to life, and whoever has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:25-26, 31, 33

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

Do Not Be Anxious

"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more

value than they? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

SONG OF THE DAY

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

LSB 783

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Take my life, and let it be, Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;
Take my intellect, and use, Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

MESSAGE Part III: "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.

CLOSING HYMN

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

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Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended. O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.

With Your feast You feed us, with Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Than may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

1/21 Sun

- 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
- 1/22 Mon** 5:30 pm Beginners AIAnon
- 7:00 pm AIAnon

1/24 Wed

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

1/25 Thurs

5:30 pm **Thursday Evening Bible Study**

1/26 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

1/27 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

1/28 Sun

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

10:00 am **Worship with Holy Communion,
w/ Pastor Matthew Cephus**

11:45 am Royal Family Worship Service

3:00 pm Alpha Class

6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Reading: Karmon Christopherson

Ushers: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer

Altar Care: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Counters: Morelli's

Attendance 1/14/2024: 21



TODAY'S 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!

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

January 28

"Forgiveness Is a Gift from Far Away"

(Psalm 103:11-12)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

Forgiveness is a gift Christ won for us on a cross, thousands of miles away and two thousand years ago.

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: *Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

Mark 1:14-15 – "Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.'" To repent means to turn away from sins and our former way of thinking and turn toward belief in God and His Gospel of grace and mercy. The whole Christian life is one of repentance and faith. Where is God calling you to repent today? How is He calling you to deeper faith?

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"As Christians, each one of us should be deeply steeped in God's Word. That is where the truth lies. We don't want to be 'right' for our own sake so we can boast in our 'right-ness.' We should want to be 'right' because God is revealing His truth to us, and we have been aligned with His truth. As we labor together in the life arena, let each one of us be so grounded in God's Word that we recognize God's truth and speak it in love." *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, DVM, 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 **"Live Option."** A 15-year-old pregnant daughter and her mother disagree on the future of her child. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Jim Lamb from Lutheran Family Service in Fort Dodge, IA & Sioux Falls, SD presenting a message titled, **"The Trinitarian Value of Human Life," based on Isaiah 43:1.** For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

BIRTHDAYS: 25th Krystal Kruse

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: Shirley Holzinger, Great niece, Anneke's birthday, January 26th

FLOWERS: Sandy Westling, Pastor Matthew's installation

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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

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.

Pastor Matthew Cephus will be installed at Gloria Dei TODAY, Sunday, January 21 at 3 pm. Please plan to attend this joyful event, a reception will follow.

Altar Care is ALWAYS Needed!

Altar Care is always needed for our Sunday services. You can sign-up on the bulletin board in the Church Lobby. If you need a refresher course on what the duties entail, please let the office know and training can be arranged. Thanks!

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, January 21, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm Saint Maron Catholic Church, 600 University Ave NE. Adults \$10, Children (under 8) \$5, family \$30. All proceeds go to Caritas Lebanon. Sponsored by the Lebanese American Club.

2024 March of Life

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life will hold its annual march on Monday, January 22, 2024, 12 noon at the Minnesota State Capital. An unforgettable visual commemoration of the 12,000 unborn lives lost each year. Get involved at MCCL.org/March

SACA Thrift Store Reopens

The SACA Thrift Store has reopened in its new location, 627 38th Avenue NE. They accept donations of gently used clothing, shoes, jewelry, household items and kitchen items. Hours are Mondays 9 am – 4 pm; Tuesdays 8 am – 4 pm; Wednesdays 10 am – 6 pm; and Thursdays 8 am – 3 pm. They are also looking for volunteers to help customers and sort merchandise. To find out more, go to www.sacafoodshelf.org/thriftstore

Deliver Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels relies on volunteers to help serve older adults low-to no-cost meals and helps them remain in their own homes longer. If interested or for info call 612-277-2529.

"Nothing is impossible. The word itself says 'I'm possible!'"

— *Audrey Hepburn*