

# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

*(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*



## “HOPE”

**Order of Worship January 28, 2024 | 10 AM**  
**The Fourth 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:** Today's topic is centered on building trust, confidence and hope in God's word.

*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 assistance 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. e.

Join us on Wednesday, January 31 at 11 am for Bible Study with a short service, followed by Fellowship **OR** on Thursday, February 1 at 5:30 pm.  
Everyone is welcome!

# The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

**AS WE GATHER:** Because Jesus lives, there is hope. That is the best news we could ever get. That hope allows us to face life every day knowing that God is in control.

*+ CONNECT +*

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING SOLO** “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” Karmon Christopherson

**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 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

## "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

*William James Kirkpatrick / Canzetta Staton / Louisa M. Stead  
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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.

Oh, how sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to trust His cleansing blood  
And in simple faith to plunge me 'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, Just from sin and self to cease  
Just from Jesus simply taking Life and rest, and joy and peace.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Isaiah 43:18-19**

"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## EPISTLE READING

**Romans 15:4, 13**

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:4-6

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"**

**LSB 575**

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My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness  
No merit of my own I claim but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

**Refrain: On Christ the solid rock I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.

**Refrain**

His oath, His covenant and blood support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

**Refrain**

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne!

**Refrain**

## MESSAGE

**"HOPE"**

**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**

### **"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"**

**LSB 924**

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Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Your love possessing triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for Your Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful to Your truth may we be found.

Savior, when Your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let not fear of death appall us, glad Your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever reign with You in endless day.

## **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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*God is up to something!*





## **OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**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

**1/29 Mon**

5:30 pm    Beginners AIAnon

7:00 pm    AIAnon

**1/31 Wed**

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

**2/01 Thurs**

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

**2/02 Fri**

5:00 pm    Living Word Music Rehearsal

**2/03 Sat**

10:00 am    Living Word Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm    Living Word Prayer Night

**2/04 Sun**

### **Fifth 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: Jason Matasovsky**

**Ushers: Julie Cross**

**Altar Care: Julie Cross**

**Counters: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann**

**Attendance 1/21/2024: 31**

**Installation Service Attendance: 130**



## **TODAY'S 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.

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

**February 4 "Nature Abhors a Vacuum" (Ephesians 4:32)**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

What fills the heart that has no room to forgive?

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:** *January 28 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

Mark 1:22 – “And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.” Authority is a word we are sometimes afraid of and don’t like to hear. But that’s just our sinful flesh talking. Jesus’ authority is something we need. We need Him to show us what to believe and how to live, for Jesus’ authority is always connected to his love.

## **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:**

“The Holy Spirit teaches us and enables us to be more effective with our body language, to hold the hands of those who are afraid of walking alone, to hug the ones who are falling apart for whatever reason, to lift those who sinned against God and against their brothers. We do all this by sharing the forgiveness that is found in Christ.” *Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe, guest speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://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 **“In Search of Dignity.”** Two factory workers struggle to find meaning after they are replaced by machines. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. David Petrich from St. James Lutheran Church in Holland, MN, presenting a message titled **“An Unexpected Salvation”** based **Mark 1:21-28**. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) select the “Twin Cities” tab.

**BIRTHDAYS:** February 3<sup>rd</sup> David Ohnstad

**ANNIVERSARIES:** None

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** Open

**FLOWERS:** GDLC Members – Welcome & Congratulations Pastor Matthew on your Installation to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church!

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

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

**Pastor Jim Gullickson** (Sandy Westling's friend) detached retina

**Leilani** (Sandy Westling's niece) recovering from traumatic brain injury

**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.

## **Thank You!**

A big thank you to all of you, from GDLC, that participated in putting together the installation, this past Sunday, for Pastor Matthew. Many hours were put in from beginning to end to make this a great success. It took a village. Again, thank you.

Social Ministry

## **Ash Wednesday - February 14**

No Bible Study on Wednesday, February 14.

However, Gloria Dei will hold an evening service on Ash Wednesday at 5:30pm.

The service will include the Imposition of Ashes.

Please join us and bring a friend. Everyone is welcome!

## **Senior Planet Tech Classes - 11:00 AM-12:30 PM**

The Vital Living Program at East Side Neighborhood Services is partnering with Senior Planet from AARP to help older adults use technology and make new friends. We hope you can join us!

**January 29:** Messaging Apps

**January 31:** Exploring and Downloading Apps

All tech classes will meet in the Tech Lounge, in person. All materials needed will be provided. No cost for these classes. Must RSVP in advance as space is limited for each class. For questions and to register, 612-787-4086. East Side Neighborhood Services is located at 1700 Second Street NE, Minneapolis.

## **Vital Fitness, Thursdays Weekly | 10:30-11:30 AM**

All abilities are encouraged to come. Movements can be done seated or standing.

A wide variety of balance, strength, and flexibility movements will be incorporated into this fun and social group class. Masks and physical distancing will be strongly encouraged. No cost. Pre-registration is helpful for planning purposes but not required. **Questions?** Contact 612-787-4086 or [\*\*VitalLiving@esns.org\*\*](mailto:VitalLiving@esns.org).

## **SACA Thrift Store Reopens**

The SACA Thrift Store has reopened in its new location, 627 38<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.sacafoodshelf.org/thriftstore)