

# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

*(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*



**“GOD CAN USE ANYBODY”**

**Order of Worship February 4, 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:** As God's dear children, we are called to faithfully serve him.

*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, February 7 at 11 am for Bible Study with a short service, followed by Fellowship **OR** on Thursday, February 8 at 5:30 pm.  
Everyone is welcome!

February 14, Ash Wednesday Service at 5:30pm  
The service will include the Imposition of Ashes.

# The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

**AS WE GATHER:** Despite of our failures and past mistakes, God still loves us and wants to use us for His glory. He loves us even when we don't love ourselves and wants to help us become more like Him.

*+ CONNECT +*

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING SOLO**

**"You are my All in All"**

**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 to God our Father who truly loves us.

**C:** **Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED**

*+ NURTURE +*

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;  
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;  
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.  
When perils o'er-take us, You will not forsake us,  
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,  
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us;  
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

**OLD TESTAMENT READING****Jeremiah 1:4-8*****The Call of Jeremiah***

Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

**EPISTLE READING****2 Timothy 1:11-14**

For which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 5:14-16**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

## **SONG OF THE DAY**

**"Seek Ye First"**

**LSB 712**

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Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness.  
And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, alleluia!

Man does not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Allelu, alleluia!

## **MESSAGE**

**"GOD CAN USE ANYBODY"**

**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**

#### **"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"**

**LSB 922**

*Text: 1983 Concordia Publishing House; Music: Public Domain*

Go, My children, with My Blessing. Never alone,  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you: You are My own.  
In My love's baptismal river, I have made you Mine forever.  
Go, My children, with My blessing—You are My own.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard My dear Son's story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory.  
Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

Go, My children, fed and nourished, closer to Me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.  
Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you, And give you peace;  
I the Lord will smile upon you, And give you peace:  
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, my children, I will keep you and give you peace.

## **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

### **Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**2/04 Sun**

**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

**2/05 Mon**

7:00 pm    Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)

7:00 pm    AIAnon (upstairs)

**2/07 Wed**

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

**2/08 Thurs**

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

**2/09 Fri**

5:00 pm    Living Word Music Rehearsal

**2/10 Sat**

10:00 am    Living Word Worship & Fellowship

5:00 pm    Living Word Leader's Gathering

6:00 pm    Living Word Prayer Night

**2/11 Sun**

### **Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**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: Julie Cross**

**Ushers: Julie Cross**

**Altar Care: Julie Cross**

**Counters: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli**

**Attendance 1/28/2024: 26**



## TODAY'S 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?

## NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

February 11

"What Is Evangelism?"

(Mark 9:7-8)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
How do you encourage someone to receive the gift God has for them? That's what evangelism is all about.

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:** *Epiphany 5*

1 Corinthians 9:25 – "Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable." Self-control is a fruit of the Spirit, for the desires of the flesh are at war with the desires of the Spirit. Having received new life in Christ by His grace, He now calls us to follow Him deliberately, with self-control and intention.

### **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:**

"Please rejoice in knowing prayer works and keep praying for the states who still haven't banned abortions and for those states trying to ward off those who want to bring it back. We are not done praying and never will be. God is on our side, and He has a plan. We need to stand firm and with faith never give up praying. God controls the power of prayer, and He is amazing." *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 on WFTC Channel 29/9-2 with an episode of This Is the Life. This week's episode is "**Which Way Grows the Vine?**" A father struggles to accept the consequences of his actions and set an example for his son. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Herbert Mueller from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lewiston, MN, presenting a message titled, "**The Secret,**" based on **Mark 1:29-39**. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) select the "Twin Cities" tab.

**BIRTHDAYS:** 4<sup>th</sup> Deb Panning, 5<sup>th</sup> Derald Hadrath

**ANNIVERSARIES:** None

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** Shirley Holzinger – Brother Larry’s birthday, Feb 10

**FLOWERS:** OPEN

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

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

**Briella (Meridel & Patty’s 5 year old niece)** having tubes inserted in ears and adenoids removed because of hearing/speech issues, prayers for successful recovery

**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

**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.



## **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!

### **SALVATION ARMY: Fill Our Grocery Cart!**

Gloria Dei has continued to be very generous in donating food to the Salvation Army Food Shelf in Northeast Minneapolis. In January, two donation drop offs were made, totaling 118.2 pounds of food/hygiene products. Thank you for your kindness! 😊 Our cart is always located in the lobby ready to be filled – items in demand 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 remember those less fortunate as you shop for your groceries. PLEASE, NON-PERISHABLE FOODS ONLY.

### **Drive Thru Community Dinner at St. Timothy's**

Tuesday, February 13 – 5:00-6:30 pm (or until the food is gone). Free and open to all and all are welcome! St. Timothy's Lutheran Church is located at 825 51st Ave NE, Columbia Heights.

Spread the word!

### **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)