

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



“GOD CAN USE ANYBODY”

Part II

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The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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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: God loves you and wants to use you regardless of who you are or what you've done.

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.

Wednesday, February 14 NO 11 am bible study. Please join GDLC for Ash Wednesday Service at 5:30 pm. The service will include the Imposition of Ashes. February 15, Thursday bible study at 5:30 pm.
Everyone is Welcome!

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

AS WE GATHER: Remember that God can use anybody. For the power is not in the individual but in the God who calls.

+ CONNECT +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SOLO

"The Servant Song"

Martin McGinn

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 who loves us and is ready to forgive.

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 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" LSB 940 (vs 1,2,4,5)

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Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain, everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord!

Thou art King of Glory Christ; Son of God, yet born of Mary
For us sinners sacrificed, as to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death, Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee.
Though in essence only one, undivided God we claim Thee.
And adoring, bend the knee, while we own the mystery.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 12: 1-4

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1: 9-13

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

SONG OF THE DAY

"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

LSB 915

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Today Your mercy calls us to wash away our sin.
However great our trespass, whatever we have been,
However long from mercy our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us and make us clean today.

Today Your gate is open, and all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome and pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten, a present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised, a glorious crown in heav'n.

Today our Father calls us; His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us how often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered, it is our Father's home.

O all embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You when heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seems against us, to drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open, one ear will hear our prayer.

MESSAGE

Part II: "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

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

LSB 783 (vs 1-4)

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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.

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

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
2/12 Mon	7:00 pm	Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)
	7:00 pm	AIAnon (upstairs)
2/14 Wed		NO Mid-Week Service and/or Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service w/Imposition of Ashes
2/15 Thurs	5:30 pm	Thursday Evening Bible Study
2/16 Fri	5:00 pm	Living Word Music Rehearsal
2/17 Sat	10:00 am	Living Word Worship & Fellowship
	4:00 pm	Living Word Board Meeting
	6:00 pm	Living Word Prayer Night
2/18 Sun		First Sunday in Lent
	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: Sandy Westling

Ushers: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli

Altar Care: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli

Counters: Shirley Holzinger and Verlayne Sather

Attendance 2/04/2024: 27



TODAY'S 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.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

February 18

"Redeeming DIY"

(Mark 1:12-13)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about spiritual growth in the season of Lent and dying to self in a "do-it-yourself" world.

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: *Transfiguration*

Mark 9:6 – “For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified.” Soon enough, the disciples’ terror turned into joy, for when Jesus is with us, there is no need to fear. He loves us and cares for us and will never abandon us. That assurance is the basis of all generosity — for only those who are set free from worry can learn the joy of giving.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

“We live dripping with the promise of Baptism. We live fueled by the fire of God’s Word. We live created on the sixth day and recreated by God’s grace to be followers of Jesus seven days of the week until that great eighth day, called eternity, when we will sing praise in His presence forever. We live and we love and we are loved in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, sin forgiven, shame erased, status: all very good.” *Rev. Dr. John Nunes, guest speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – 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 **“Prescription TLC.”** Injuries after a plane crash cause a couple to seek God for comfort and healing. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Jeffrey Williams from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, MN, presenting a message titled **“Speaking of the Exodus” based on Mark 9:2-9.** For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the “Twin Cities” tab.

BIRTHDAYS: 11th Lillian Troiden; 14th Victor Martinez; 16th Tim Harris, Tom Harris
ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: OPEN

FLOWERS: OPEN

Dale Raschke's brother-in-law, Rod DeKam, was called home to the Lord on Monday, February 5. We send our prayers and sympathy to Dale and his entire family at this time of grief. We pray that the Lord gives the family strength and healing with His infinite blessings and comfort. Funeral to be held in Pipestone, MN.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Wade Billmeyer, continued prayers for good results, he will be obtaining a second surgeon's opinion for a second surgery on benign brain tumor; surgery scheduled for beginning of March.

Briella (Meridel & Patty's 5 year old niece) successful surgery to insert tubes in ears and remove adenoids because of hearing/speech issues, thank you for all prayers

Pastor Jim Gullickson (Sandy Westling's friend) hospitalized after stroke. Paralyzed on left side, feeding tube (unable to swallow food). Prayers for recovery; he will need a lot of PT, OT and Speech Therapy.

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) – ongoing treatment after successful surgery for breast cancer

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

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

“Kind people are the best Kind of people.”

-- Unknown

National Random Acts of Kindness is celebrated every February 17th and began in 1995 in Denver, Colorado. The idea behind this celebration is to make the world a little better and brighter through little and simple kind gestures, words or actions.

While National Random Acts of Kindness Day is observed on only one day this month, sprinkling kindness around is something you can do the whole year! As to how you do it is entirely up to you.

Below are a few ideas to spread kindness as if it were free!

- Compliment a stranger
- Leave a thank you note for your mail carrier or garbage service provider
- Pick up a piece of trash on the street, boulevard or in a parking lot
- Reconnect with an old friend OR call a family member you haven't talked to in a while
- Surprise someone with flowers or a homemade meal or goodies
- Hold the door open for someone
- Write a positive review for a local business OR if you are happy with the service you received from the staff at the local coffee shop or fast-food restaurant, compliment and thank them for it
- Run an errand for a busy family member or friend
- Take time to thank the people you love
- Donate dog or cat food to the local animal shelter
- Donate some groceries to your local food bank (*fill our Grocery Cart*)
- Volunteer in your community

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! Spread the word!

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church is located at 825 51st Ave NE, Columbia Heights.

Northeast Senior Lunch

Tuesday, February 13 at Logan Park – Main entrée includes Valentines Special. Sliced Beef, Pork Loin, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies and dinner role with cupcakes and ice cream for dessert. Unlimited coffee, regular, decaf and water. *Served at 11:30 am – Cost is \$10 per lunch/pay upon arrival*

Call Ryan to reserve your seat for the event. He can be reached at 612-370-4818, please leave a message with the date(s) and event.