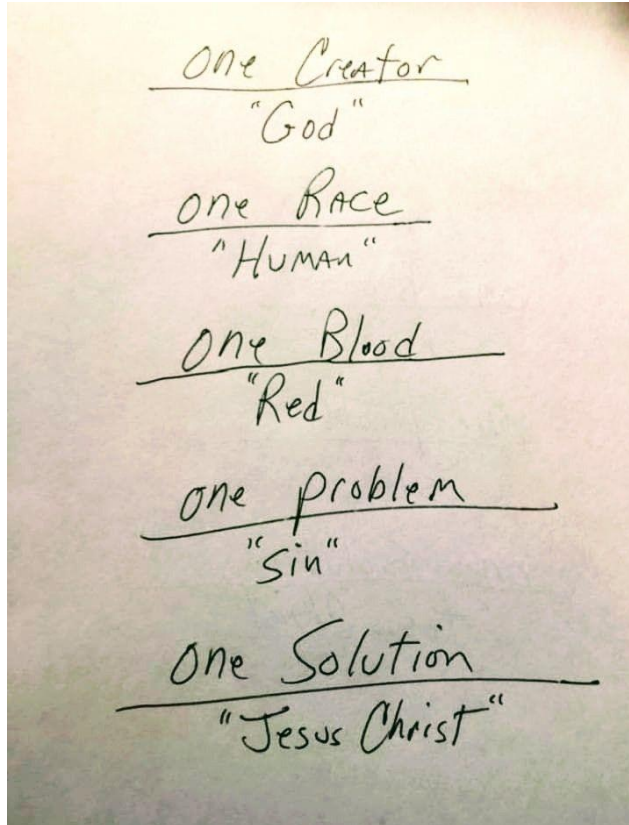


Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



“The Problem of Sin and the Solution for Humanity”

Order of Worship February 24, 2024 | 10 AM

The Second Sunday in Lent

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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: Understanding the problem of sin and how Jesus dealt with it.

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

- Wednesday, February 28 at 11 am for mid-week service and bible study, followed by fellowship.
- Thursday, February 29 at 5:30 pm bible study featuring "Knowing the Bible – Ephesians".

Everyone is Welcome!

The Second Sunday in Lent

AS WE GATHER: The problem of sin is not limited to a particular time, region, or people – it is universal. While it is good that one desires to help alleviate the other problems people face in the world, we do rejoice that Jesus has defeated sin once and for all.

+ CONNECT +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SOLO **“Change My Heart, Oh God”** **Lisa Kleinwolterink**

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 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 +

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**Genesis 3:1-7,21**

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 5:12-17

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:16-21

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

For God So Loved the World

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

SONG OF THE DAY

"There is a Redeemer"

LSB 971

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There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

**Refrain: Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.**

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain. **Refrain**

When I stand in glory, I will see His face, and
There I'll serve my King forever, In that holy place. **Refrain**

MESSAGE

Pastor Matthew Cephus

"The Problem of Sin and the Solution for Humanity"

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

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

LSB 918

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Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee.
I will ever give to Thee.

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

2/25 Sun

Second 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

2/26 Mon

7:00 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)

7:00 pm AIAnon (upstairs)

2/28 Wed

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

2/29 Thurs

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

3/01 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

3/02 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

3/03 Sun

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SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Reading: Katie Beth Carlson

Ushers:

Altar Care:

Counters: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli

Attendance 2/18/2024: 33

Easter Services

Palm Sunday, March 24 Worship Service, 10 am

Maundy Thursday, March 28 Worship Service, 5:30 pm

Good Friday, March 29 Worship Service, 5:30 pm

Easter Sunday, March 31 Joint Worship Service, 11 am with guest Pastor William Utech

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

February 25

"When Winning Is Losing"

(Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:23-31, Romans 5:1-11, Mark 8:8-27)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

In Christ, losing is winning and winning is losing. Dr. John Nunes explains what that means.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

March 3

"Included in Such Company"

(Mark 10:43-45)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The more you listen to the life of Jesus, the more you admire Him and the more grateful you are to be included in His company.

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: *Lent 2*

Mark 8:32 – “And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.” Anytime we sin, we are acting like Peter, thinking we know better than the Lord. But as Jesus says, such acts stem from Satan. So let us repent. Let us trust our Lord Jesus and follow Him. For certainly He has earned our trust with His gracious sacrifice for us.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

“Our Heavenly Father remains active and almighty, especially in the difficult circumstances that life issues involve. In joining Himself to us with His incarnation, wisdom, power, atonement, and resurrection, Jesus makes every human life blessed—and a blessing! He lovingly and ably handles decisions about welfare and affliction, life and death, so that we don't have to do it on our own.” *Pastor Michael Salemink – 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 **"Who will tell Lauria?"** A family struggles with what to do after their daughter loses her sight in an accident. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Jacob Eichers from Faith Lutheran Church in La Crosse, WI, presenting a message titled **"Reconciled to God, Suffering with Hope"** based on **Romans 5:1–11**. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

BIRTHDAYS: 28th Brian Morelli

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: OPEN

FLOWERS: OPEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Wade Billmeyer, continued thoughts and prayers as he works through making a decision for surgery on benign brain tumor, received a second surgeon's opinion.

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

Please Help Make Our Sunday Services a Success!

Gloria Dei's Sunday Services are always in need of Usher help and/or Altar Care assistance. If you need a refresher course on either, please let the office know and training can be arranged. Also, if you have a favorite "sweet treat" recipe you can bring to share during Sunday's Fellowship following each 10 am service (it doesn't have to be homemade ☺), please sign up for the week that works best with your schedule.

All sign-up sheets can be found on the entryway bulletin board.

**St. Anthony Library Presents -- Author Talk with Jeremy Norton
Monday, Feb. 26, 6:30-7:30 pm**

Norton, a Minneapolis firefighter for 22 years and author of "Trauma Sponges: Dispatches from the Scarred Heart of Emergency Response," will discuss his book filled with compassion and critique – an extraordinary portrayal of emergency responders. It captures the personal and social toll the job takes, as well as the unique perspective by sustained direct encounters with the sick, the dying, and the dead. Time for Q&A. Books will be available for purchase and signing. St. Anthony Library is located at 2941 Pentagon Drive, 612-543-6075,

Cribbage Tournament - February 27 @ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

The Lower Northeast Neighborhoods Association and HeadFlyer Brewing are carrying on Beltrami Neighborhood Council's tradition and hosting the Annual Cribbage Tournament. All cribbage supplies will be provided. Entry fee: \$10. Tuesday, Feb. 27, 6:30 pm, HeadFlyer Brewing, 861 E Hennepin Ave.

Registration: <https://forms.gle/j4GFTuYENHnnQHvW9>

Eucharistic Miracles of the World

Eucharistic Miracles of the World, a Vatican International Exhibition, will be held **Saturday, Feb. 24, 10 am-6pm**, and **Sunday, Feb. 25, 9:30 am-3 pm** at St. Maron Catholic Church, 602 University Ave NE. View 126 historically documented photographic Eucharistic Miracles from various countries since the Last Supper. 612-379-2758 or www.stmaron.com

Party Caucus Meetings, February 27 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Precinct caucuses will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 7 pm; registration begins early for some. Find your precinct caucus info at <https://caucusfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

