

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



“The Others”

Order of Worship April 21, 2024 | 10 AM
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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: Jesus came to demonstrate unto us the true love of God the Father.

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.

You have heard of Jesus, but do you know him? Join us for Bible Study

- Wednesday, April 24 at 11 am for bible study, followed by fellowship (lead by Sandy Westling)
- Thursday, April 25 bible study and fellowship (lead by Katie Beth & Daniel Carlson)

Fourth Sunday after Easter

AS WE GATHER: Remember that God so loves us—everyone in the world. He gave His only begotten Son. Even His gift to us shows His unlimited love. He did not withhold His dearest and His best.

+ CONNECT +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SOLO “Come Out - We Have Been Locked in Cages” **Steven Hobert**

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 our Heavenly Father who truly loves us and 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 “In Christ Alone” **Keith Getty/Stuart Townend**

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In Christ alone my Hope is found, He is my Light, my Strength, my Song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, What depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, When strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh. Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day. Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory. Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine - Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath. Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Acts 4:1–12

Peter and John Before the Council

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders,

which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

1 John 3:16–24

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but indeed and in truth.

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11–18

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY "God Loved the World So That He Gave" LSB 571 vs. 1-4

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God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe should everlasting life receive.

Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone are built on this chief cornerstone.

God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares how we in Christ are heaven's heirs.

Be of good cheer, for God's own Son forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood, Your Baptism grants the highest good.

MESSAGE

"The Others"

Guest Pastor Aaron Kuehn

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

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'er-take me, hopes deceive, and fear annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure by the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

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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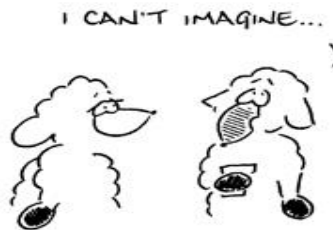
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OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

4/21 Sun		Fourth Sunday of Easter
	10:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion, Guest Pastor Aaron Kuehn
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship
	6:00 pm	NA
4/22 Mon	7:00 pm	Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)
	7:00 pm	AIAnon (upstairs)
4/24 Wed	11:00 am	Bible Study w/Fellowship
4/25 Thurs	5:30 pm	Thursday Evening Bible Study
4/26 Fri	5:00 pm	Living Word Music Rehearsal
4/27 Sat	10:00 am	Living Word Worship & Fellowship
	6:00 pm	Living Word Prayer Night
4/28 Sun		Fifth Sunday of Easter
	10:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion, Guest Pastor Bruce Laabs
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship
	6:00 pm	NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson
Reading: Verlayne Sather
Ushers: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer
Altar Care: OPEN
Counters: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer
Attendance: 4/14/2024: 35



TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

April 21

"More Than He Bargained For"

(Acts 3:6)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Whatever we ask of Jesus is probably too small, because Jesus provides more than what we expect.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

April 28

"We Can't Stop Talking"

(Acts 4:20)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus calls His followers to undergo transformation, endure opposition, and engage others in conversation.

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: *Easter 4*

John 10:14 – “I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.” What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord: He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him, and in knowing Him, we learn to imitate Him. That is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord’s grace.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

“Scripture and prayer are our strongest weapons to change hearts, and we must persist and never give up, no matter how disappointing things get with evil laws being enacted or evil intent coming our way.” *Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life – 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 **“No Place to Hide.”** A pastor, having to face the death of his wife, cannot find comfort. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Thomas Petersen from Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Pequot Lakes, MN, presenting a message titled **“Secure in the Shepherd's Care”** based **John 10:11-18**. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the “Twin Cities” tab.



BIRTHDAYS: 21st Pam Morelli

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: OPEN

FLOWERS: Easter Garden

Brett Sharbono (Verlayne Sather's nephew) was called home to our Heavenly Father on April 11, after suffering a heart attack on March 30. We send our prayers of healing and comfort to the entire family during this time of loss.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Kim Morelli (Morelli's DnL) recently diagnosed with breast cancer, reviewing treatment plan
Wade Billmeyer home and recovering after March 27 surgery on a benign brain tumor. Rehab will follow. Prayers to our Heavenly Father to strengthen and comfort Wade with the power of healing.

James Norman, Sr. (James' dad) Prayers for a successful surgery

Jim (Gwen Johnson's brother) upcoming tests, reoccurring issues due to his time in the Service

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.

John (Meridel and Patty's brother) transplanted kidney issues, continued prayers

Butch Morelli – Blocked carotid artery, surgery postponed; continued prayers

Amy Rich (Morelli's DnL) – ongoing treatment after successful surgery for breast cancer

Nonie Wakeman (Shirley Slagle's SnL) diagnosed with Lung Cancer

Karen (Karmon's sister) Recently diagnosed with cancer (Warren's wife)

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

The Lutheran Witness

If you would like to receive The Lutheran Witness magazine mailed directly to your home, please let the office know before May 31. The cost is **\$24.97** (\$2.08/per issue) for 11 magazines (June/July are a combined edition), you will be invoiced through the church office. Thank you!

Waite Park Puzzle Exchange: Come to Waite Park, 1810 34th Avenue NE, for a free puzzle exchange. Please bring new or lightly-used puzzles to exchange. **Tuesday, April 23, 6-7 pm.** All ages welcome.

St. Anthony 60th Annual Pops Concert

The St. Anthony Village High School Concert Band & Jazz Band present the 60th Annual Pops Concert, "Pop Culture," **Friday and Saturday, April 26 & 27 at 7 pm.** The concert will feature music performed by the bands as well as skits and acts prepared by the students. This is truly a "fun for the whole family" event. Purchase reserved seats at savhspops.com. General admission is \$7 and available at the door. St. Anthony Village High School is located at 3303 33rd Avenue NE.

NE Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast

The Northeast Minneapolis Kiwanis Club will hold an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast **Sunday, April 28, 7:45 am-noon** at the Northeast Minneapolis Armory, 1097 Broadway Street NE. Presale tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children. Tickets at the door are \$10 and \$6 (or connect with the Morelli's for pre-sale tickets).

Community Sing with Dan Chouinard

This is for all who like to sing, hum along, or just tap your toes. It's free. Donations welcome. **Wednesday, April 24, 7-8:30 pm,** at Northeast United Methodist Church, 2510 Cleveland Street NE, (corner of Lowry and Cleveland). Child care provided, as well as cookies and bars.

Columbia Heights Lions Hygiene Drive

Columbia Heights Lions Club will hold a Hygiene Drive, **Friday, April 26, 2-5 pm** in the back lot of Murzyn Hall, 530 Mill St. NE. Items needed: feminine products, deodorant, toothbrushes & paste, soap, etc. All items benefit Columbia Heights Schools. Monetary donations accepted.

