

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



PRAYER SERIES: “INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER”

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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: The more we pray, the less anxious we become, and we are filled with a greater peace of mind and heart. The more we pray, we begin to see that God loves us, personally. This makes life so much more meaningful.

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.

For the remainder of June and through July, the opening "solo" will be sung by the entire congregation. Song selection for those six weeks will reflect the change. We will resume with solos August 4.

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: Prayer is an ordained means by which men and women, and even little children, come to know God. It is our channel of communication with heaven. It is a priceless privilege.

+ *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN **"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"** **Townend**
Stuart Townend, 1995 Thankyou Music; admin. EMI Christian Music CCLI# 1558110

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son, To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One, Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that left Him there, Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom

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 our Heavenly Father who loves us, hears us, and is always ready to forgive.

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

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

LSB 770

Text and Tune : Public Domain

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear-
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged-- Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness-- Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge-- Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 5:1-3, 11-12

Lead Me in Your Righteousness

Give ear to my words, O LORD; consider my groaning.

Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray.

O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you.

For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 4:5-7

Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:5-7, 15-16

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Seek Ye First"

LSB 712

Text & Tune: © 1972 Maranatha! Music; admin. Music Services (ASCAP)

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

Pastor Matthew Cephus

PRAYER SERIES I: "INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER"

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 SONG

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

LSB 918

Text and Music: Public Domain

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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PRAYER

Prayer is so simple:
It is like opening a door and slipping into the very presence of God.
There in the stillness to listen to His voice,
Perhaps to petition, or only to listen, it matters not.
Just to be there, in His presence is Prayer.
Take time to pray, it is the greatest power on earth!

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

6/16 Sun

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Happy Father's Day!

10:00 am **Worship w/Holy Communion,**
 Pastor Matthew Cephus

11:45 am Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm NA

6/17 Mon

7:00 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)

7:00 pm AIAnon (upstairs)

6/18 Tues

5:00 pm **Gloria Dei Council Meeting**

6/19 Wed

11:00 am **Bible Study and Fellowship**

6/20 Thurs

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

6/21 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

6/22 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

6/23 Sun

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am **Worship w/Holy Communion,**
 Pastor Matthew Cephus

11:45 am Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Reading: Jason Matasovsky

Ushers: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Altar Care: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Counters: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Attendance: 6/09/2024: 30



BIRTHDAYS: None

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: Shirley Holzinger, Happy Father's Day

FLOWERS: Open

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Tara (Tom and Patty's niece) her very good friend Josh passed away suddenly, comforting prayers for Tara as she works through this difficult time

Roselyn Norman safe travels and stay while in Liberia (6/08/24 – 9/04/24)

Roselyn Norman's neighbor and friend, Tom, was recently diagnosed with State 3 kidney and liver cancer

James Norman, Sr. (James' dad) Prayers for a successful treatment for prostate cancer

Meridel Christopherson upcoming surgery to insert a stint in her main artery, which is completely blocked. Thankful for a plan

Carin Anderson will have knee replacement surgery on Wednesday, May 8th.

Kim Morelli (Morelli's DnL) recovering from breast cancer surgery on May 1

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

Pastor Jim Gullickson (Sandy Westling's friend) suffered a stroke, continuing rehab, using a wheelchair

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 BnL 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

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

June 16

"Water Power"

(Acts 16:5)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's mission is like water. Without changing what it is, the Good News of God's Kingdom takes the shape of its cultural container, crossing boundaries and barriers.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

June 23

"You're Really into This, Aren't You?"

(Acts 16:30)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

People can be passionate about sports, gardening, video games, or family. All those things can be good, but none of them can save you.

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: Proper 6 - Mark 4:34

"He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything." How blessed we are to be His disciples! The Lord has indeed explained everything to us. He has told us all things plainly. Why then are we ever so foolish as to disobey His clear Word? Our fight against sin in the power of the Holy Spirit is truly a struggle. Therefore, let us receive the Lord's help in His Word and Sacraments — and let us fight the good fight of faith and grow up into His image.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"I can finally perceive that God put some of the most difficult neighbors in my life at some of the most difficult times in order to bring me to the end of myself. Jesus didn't say that what God asks us to do would be easy. What God asks is impossibly difficult if God were not actually alongside us, helping us every step of the way. But the good news is that He is alongside us, helping us every step of the way." *Donna Harrison, M.D., American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists – 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 "Flight Plan." A man must deal with the death of a young boy with a terminal illness. Will it strengthen his faith or destroy it? The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Kent Borglum, from St. John's Lutheran Church in Montevideo, MN, presenting a message titled "Called to a Permanent Home" based on 2 Corinthians 5:1-10. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

May/June Offering: Salvation Army Programs

The Spring Offering will go directly to the Central Avenue Salvation Army food shelf, located at 2727 Central Avenue NE. Use your "May Mission Offering" envelopes to make your donation. To date, \$795 has been collected!

Below are some FUN facts about the Salvation Army:

- "Strawberry Fields Forever" in the Beatles 1966 song by that name, is John Lennon's nostalgic reference to a Salvation Army orphanage called Strawberry Field in Woolton, England. Lennon is said to have played with childhood friends in the trees behind the orphanage when he was a boy.
- Around the turn of the 20th century, Salvation Army church members known as "slum sisters" lived in the worst areas of cities like London and New York in order to be as useful as possible to their neighbors. They would visit homes to take care of children, nurse the sick, cook meals and do housework. They'd also visit bars, brothels and drug houses for the purpose of bringing the light of God into dark places. They weren't radicals, just Christians doing what they believed was their duty.
- Songwriters Jay Livingston and Ray Evans worked for Paramount Pictures and were asked to come up with a Christmas song for the film "The Lemon-Drop Kid," starring Bob Hope. Using The Salvation Army bell ringers for inspiration, they wrote a song called "Tinkle Bells." When Livingston went home and told his wife she had to fill him in on an alternate meaning of the word "tinkle." They changed the name to "Silver Bells" and it's been a Christmas favorite ever since.
- Since the 1920s, a Salvation Army brass band from Southern California has marched in the Tournament of Roses Parade.
- The phrase "on the wagon" was coined by men and women receiving the services of The Salvation Army. Former National Commander Evangeline Booth—founder William Booth's daughter—drove a hay wagon through the streets of New York to encourage alcoholics on board for a ride back to The Salvation Army. Hence, alcoholics in recovery were said to be "on the wagon."
- The Salvation Army is often credited with popularizing the doughnut in the United States. During World War I, The Salvation Army served doughnuts—often cooked in battle helmets—to U.S. troops in the field; and many soldiers came back to the U.S. hooked on the pastries. In 1938, The Salvation Army created National Doughnut Day, observed the first Friday of June, to honor the female Salvation Army officers, or "Doughnut Lassies," who served the troops during the war.

Celebrate Northeast Parade – June 18, Starts at 6:30 pm

The 95th Celebrate Northeast Parade will be held along Central Avenue Tuesday, June 18, 6:30-9 pm. See <https://www.celebrateneparade.com>