

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



PART II:

“God’s Purpose for Creating You”

**Order of Worship July 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: The Bible says this in Ephesians 1:5: "God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure" (NLT). God wanted a family and wanted you to be a part of it. God never meant for you to go through life alone.

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.

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!

The Nineth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: Remember that the church is God's family; adopted by Him as children. It is the body of Christ, a community of faith of which Christ Himself is the Head. The church is the bride for whom Christ died that He might sanctify and cleanse her.

+ CONNECT +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine Can peace afford.

Refrain

I need Thee, oh, I need Thee; Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
Oh, bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their pow'r When Thou art nigh.

Refrain

I need Thee ev'ry hour, In joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, Or life is vain.

Refrain

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises In me fulfill.

Refrain

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 truly loves us and is ready to forgive.

C: Merciful Father, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We also confess that we have not done all that is possible to promote peace and justice in our world. 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 "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" LSB 524 v. 1 - 4

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How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the heart's unrest;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul and to the weary rest.

Dear name! The rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place;
My never-failing treasury filled with boundless stores of grace.

O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, my Prophet, Priest and King,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 139:13-18

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.
My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven
in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.
How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 2:4-5,9,10

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 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

Matthew 22:34-40

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

The Great Commandment

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY **“The Church’s One Foundation”** **LSB 644 - vs 1,2,4**
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The Church's one foundation, Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation, By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her, To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

Through toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation, Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious, Shall be the Church at rest.

MESSAGE Part II: “God’s Purpose for Creating You” **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 SONG

"To God be the Glory"

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To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

**Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.**

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

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

7/21 Sun

Nineth Sunday after Pentecost

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

11:45 am Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm NA

7/22 Mon

7:00 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)

7:00 pm AIAnon (upstairs)

7/26 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

7/27 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

3:00 pm **Taking it to the Streets BBQ & Family-Fun Event**

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

7/28 Sun

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

11:45 am Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Reading: Karmon Christopherson

Ushers:

Altar Care: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Counters: Pat Scott and Shirley Slagle

Attendance: 7/14/2024: 24

BIRTHDAYS: None

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: None

FLOWERS: None

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Barb McDonald knee replacement surgery

Wade Billmeyer Upcoming radiation

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 surgery to insert a stint in her main artery was unsuccessful, will re-evaluate at an upcoming appt

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

July 21

"Unhindered"

(Acts 27 & 28)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Dr. Jeff Gibbs and podcaster Jessica Bordeleau join Dr. Michael Zeigler to talk about St. Paul's harrowing journey to Rome.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

July 28

"Thus and So Spoke the Girl from Israel"

(2 Kings 5:4)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus is making His people into a light for a world that's crying for help. He came to make God's light shine on us so that all people might see the face of God.

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 11 - Ephesians 2:13*

"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ." What all of mankind's efforts, works and scheming could not do, the blood of Christ did: We have peace with God, and we are brought near to the Father. This life-giving sacrifice of Christ sets the pattern for the sacrifices we are called to make for others in our vocations in home, church and society.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"We have the grace and truth of the Gospel to share—not only with women and men in crisis pregnancies but also with those so adamantly advocating for abortion. Why would we not share Christ with a lost and hurting people?" *Diane Albers, President of 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 **"The Cup."** The dilemma a trucker must face when a good friend dies trying to protect him. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Jeffrey Williams from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, MN, presenting a message titled **"Sheep Without a Shepherd"** based on **Mark 6:30-44**. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.



Third Annual "Taking it to the Streets"

Join Royal Family and Gloria Dei for the Third Annual "Taking it to the Streets" on **Saturday, July 27 beginning at 3 pm**. Hot dogs and burgers will be on the grill. Family fun games, including a bounce-house plus gospel music and readings. Grab your friends and family, neighbors and co-workers and plan to attend this **FREE** outreach event. What a wonderful opportunity to connect with people in the neighborhood and the surrounding community to share the love of our Lord.

The fun and festivities will take place on the front lawn of the church (Gloria Dei, 3014 McKinley Street NE). See you there!

Do you have handyman skills you can share with the church?

Gloria Dei is looking for anyone interested in doing some light maintenance work around the church. Examples of the jobs needing immediate attention are painting (outdoors), yard work (including weeding, picking up sticks & twigs) and general maintenance. If you are or know someone who would be interested in helping, please contact the church office at 612.781.1989. Also, if you have a special skill set and you are willing to lend a hand on projects as they come up, let us know that too. Thank You!

Ushers are Needed for the Summer Months!

If you are available to usher during any of the Sunday services during the summer months, please mark yourself down for the Sunday that works best with your schedule. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the front lobby of the Church.

Music in the Park

Kathy G & the Hot Lemons features Heights residents Kathy Glascock (v), Brian Glascock (dr), Steve DeGennaro (gtr) and Dave DeGennaro (bs), as well as South Minneapolis, Paul Porter (gtr). They play a variety of jazzy R&B, folk and rock with the occasional original thrown in. **Wednesday, July 24, 6:30-8 pm**. Huset Park, 3965 Jefferson Street NE.

Salo Park Concert Series will feature Erik Christenson Band on **Thursday, July 25 from 7 – 8 pm**. This local duo specializes in easy listening Americana music. Salo Park Amphitheater, 2601 39th Ave. NE, Thursday, July 25, 7-8 pm.

Northeast Park Neighborhood Festival

Monday, July 29, from 6-8 pm, Northeast Athletic Field Park, 1530 Johnson Street NE.

Fun activities for all ages.