

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



PART IV:

“God’s Purpose for Creating You”

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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 created us out of love for the purpose of sharing love. We were created to love God and each other. Additionally, when God created people, he gave them good work to do so that they might experience God's goodness and reflect his image in the way they care for the world and for each other.

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 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: God has called us into His service as soldiers of Jesus Christ. In that, He has given all of us natural and spiritual gifts and talents by which to serve Him and His church.

+ *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

LSB 770

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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.

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.

C: **Merciful Father, you know the times in which we struggled to be warm and caring and the times when we did not choose goodness. Please forgive us for those times when our lives did not reflect your love. Lord, you are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. You are our hope and our King. You are our resurrected Lord. You are the one who forgives our sins. You are the one who loves us more deeply that we can ever imagine. Teach us to live like You. Amen.**

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

+ *NURTURE* +

SONG OF PRAISE

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

LSB 940

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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!

Lo, the apostles' holy train join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun through the church the song goes on.

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

Psalm 139:13-18, 23-24

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.

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!

And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 6:2-3, 7-10

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 12:28-31

L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

The Great Commandment

And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY "Take My Life and Let it Be" **LSB 783 v. 1,3,5,6**
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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 voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

MESSAGE Part IV: "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

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

LSB 643

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Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended. O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us, with Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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

8/04 Sun

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

11:45 am Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm NA

8/05 Mon

7:00 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)

7:00 pm AIAnon (upstairs)

8/09 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

8/10 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

8/11 Sun

Twelfth 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: Sandy Westling

Ushers: Morelli's

Altar Care: Morelli's

Counters: Pat Scott and Shirley Slagle

Attendance: 7/28/2024: 26

BIRTHDAYS: 6th James Sather

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

August 4 "Jesus' Resurrection: God's Public Guarantee" (1 Corinthians 15:17-19)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Archives August: A crucified Savior, a resurrected, living Lord: the public guarantee of God, at work in the world for you.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

August 11 "God's Peacemakers for a Troubled World" (Philippians 4:4-13)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Archives August: Don't let anger, disagreement, and stress damage your relationships. Hear how God changes troublemakers into peacemakers.

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 13 - Ephesians 4:1

"I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called." The callings we have from the Lord are our "vocations." Here Paul talks about our vocation as Christians. We are called to be His people and to reflect His love, generosity and peace within the church.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"If the Christian church is passionate about protecting every life, then we will need to learn how to meet relational needs. When an unplanned pregnancy happens, the baby's parents often have massive needs to help them grow as people and, perhaps, as a couple. Could you be God's way of meeting such needs?" *Pastor Mike Novotny, Time of Grace – 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 Sound of Doors Closing."** A man's mid-life crisis and the effect it has on his family. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Dennis Brech, from Trinity Lutheran Church in Currie, MN, presenting a message titled **"Manna — What Is It?"** based on **John 6:22-35**. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

National Night Out, Tuesday, August 6

Join members of Gloria Dei and Royal Family for National Night Out on **Tuesday, August 6 from 5:30 – 8 pm**. Stop by the church's front lawn for this annual community-building event that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.

There will be a bouncy house, **free BBQ**, scheduled visits from emergency personnel, including a K-9 Unit, a fire truck and mounted police – yes the horses are back!

This year we will be joined by our McKinley neighbors between 30th and 31st.

Did you know that millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states each year?

Help to make our neighborhoods a safer and more caring place to live. The best way to build a safer community is to know your neighbors and your surroundings.

Columbia Heights Garden Tour - August 9 @ 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Explore eight unique home gardens across the city on **Friday, Aug. 9, 5 pm**. Kick off your tour early at Łomianki Park, 80 39th Avenue NE, to pick up a map of locations and explore the wonders of the Blooming Sunshine Garden Food Forest. Experience a variety of gardening approaches, including pollinator gardens and a tranquil woodland retreat. After your exploration, enjoy refreshing treats as you connect with fellow garden lovers. Rain or Shine: In case of inclement weather on Aug. 9, a backup date is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 10, 2 pm. <https://heightsnext.org/events/garden-tour/>

Lutheran Night at Target Field – Monday, August 12

The Minnesota Twins are excited to announce their annual Lutheran Night at Target Field. Great for Lutheran congregations, youth groups and chapters. Lutheran Night at Target Field has been one of the largest group events associated with the Twins for over a decade! **Monday, August 12th** Minnesota Twins vs. Kansas City Royals 6:40 pm.

- Affordable, group discounted tickets seated together.
 - Group welcome message on the scoreboard in the top of the 4th inning.
 - Members of the group may participate in the Lutheran Night National Anthem choir!
- For more information about seating options and to place a reservation, please contact Ryan Thomson at: 612-659-3582 or ryanthomson@twins.com

Free Community Dinner at Faith UMC

Faith United Methodist Church, 2708 33rd Avenue NE, will hold a free community dinner Thursday, August 8, from 5-6 pm. Everyone is welcome.