

# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

*(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*



**PART V:**

## **“God’s Purpose for Creating You”**

**Order of Worship August 11, 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:** Our purpose on earth is to love God, then show the same love he offers us to others so they can come to know him. God wants us to lead others to him through our love for them!

*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 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

**AS WE GATHER:** By centering our lives around God (worship), learning to love God's family (fellowship), cultivating spiritual maturity (discipleship), contributing something back (ministry), and telling others about God's love (witnessing), we will build the foundation for a successful and satisfying life.

*+ 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.

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

**"We Praise You, Oh God"**

**LSB 785**

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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

**Jeremiah 1:4-10**

### ***The Call of Jeremiah***

Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the Lord."

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **EPISTLE READING**

**2 Corinthians 5:14-21**

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 28:18-20**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord!**

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    **"Love Divine, All Love Excelling"**    **LSB 700 v. 1,2,4**  
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Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down!  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in Thee inherit; let us find Thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Finish then Thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee,  
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise!

**MESSAGE Part V: "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**

**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

**8/12 Mon**

7:00 pm      Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)  
7:00 pm      AIAnon (upstairs)

**8/16 Fri**

5:00 pm      Living Word Music Rehearsal

**8/17 Sat**

10:00 am     Living Word Worship & Fellowship  
4:00 pm      Living Word Board Meeting  
6:00 pm      Living Word Prayer Night

**8/18 Sun**

### **Thirteenth 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: Julie Cross**

**Ushers: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann**

**Altar Care: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann**

**Counters: Shirley Holzinger and Verlayne Sather**

**Attendance: 8/04/2024: 25**

**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**

**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.

## **NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR**

**August 18**

**"The Child Glad to Be Born"**

**(Luke 2)**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Archives August: The Child Who wanted to be born can make you glad to be alive! That joy for living comes when you hear His story.

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](http://www.lutheranhour.org)

**STEWARDSHIP:** *Proper 14 - Ephesians 4:28*

"Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need." God gives us honest work to do so that we can be a blessing to others. That's how so many of God's blessings go: He gives to us so that we in turn can be a blessing to others. He graciously calls us into the midst of His own work in the world.

## **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:**

"Not only does Scripture provide God's intent and meaning, it also encourages us to be truthful (Proverbs 12:19), timely (Proverbs 17:28; Matthew 18:15), gentle (Titus 3:2), and more. Most importantly, it reminds us, in God we find the strength to speak truth in the face of evil (Psalm 118:6; Ephesians 6:13). Stand strong, choose words carefully, and remember the Lion's got your back." *James MacGregor, COL, USA (RET), Director at Large, LFL of Kansas Director-at-Large – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://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 "**Tina.**" Two lonely people, a woman and a child, come together through Jesus. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Shawn Ethridge from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fulda, MN, presenting a message titled "**A Journey Too Great**" based on **1 Kings 19:1-8**. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) select the "Twin Cities" tab.

## National Night Out, Tuesday, August 6

Thank you to everyone who participated in the **August 6<sup>th</sup>** National Night Out. Our McKinley neighbors between 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> helped with the celebration which was held in the street in front of the church. Chef Ken did an outstanding job on the grill, and everyone enjoyed free BBQed hot dogs, brats and hamburgers, accompanied by salads and desserts provided by the neighbors. The bouncy house was filled with kiddos the entire evening. Emergency personnel and their hook and ladder fire truck made a special appearance. Fun was had by all! The annual community-building event that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie is a great opportunity to talk with neighbors and go beyond just your front porch. This was also an amazing opportunity to build relationships with our McKinley neighbors.

*The best way to build a safer community is to know your neighbors and your surroundings.*

### FREE Community Dinner at St. Timothy's

**August 13 @ 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm**

Join St. Timothy's and the local community on Tuesday, August 13, from 5 pm to 6:30 pm (or until the food is gone) for their drive thru community dinner. On the menu is Papa John's pizza. Everyone is welcome, so spread the word! St. Timothy's Lutheran Church is located at 825 51st Avenue NE, Columbia Heights.

### IC "Fun Fest"

IC "Fun Fest" at Immaculate Conception Church and School, Columbia Heights – 4030 Jackson Street NE, August 18 – One Day Only! Free admission, featuring bingo, kid's games and face painting, bottlemania, bake shoppe, jewelry booth, raffle and parish outreach. Volleyball and Cornhole tournaments (1 – 4 pm) \$20 entry fee, \$100 cash prize for winning team!!

### REMEMBER TO BRING IN YOUR CANS!

Gloria Dei is always collecting cans with the proceeds going to the Mission of the Church Council's choosing.



Pastor Matthew will be on a Mission trip in Uganda, East Africa from August 19 – 27. We wish him safe travels!