

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



“The Church”

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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 calls the church "the body of Christ" that He nourishes and cares for as He does Himself (Eph. 5). The church is His glorious temple, in which He is pleased to dwell (Rev. 21:3). It is His fullness, in the sense that the Father in heaven promised Jesus a great reward that includes His church.

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.

Happy Labor Day!

Labor Day is celebrated in the United States on the first Monday in September to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States. Thank You!

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: The body of Christ is made up of all believers in Jesus Christ from the day of Pentecost until Christ's return. You, my friend, are a part of the body of Christ!

+ *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

LSB 744

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Amazing grace – how sweet the sound – that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see!

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail and mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail in heaven's joy and peace.

**When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

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 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

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

LSB 809

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Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not; Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 19:1-6

On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him **out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."**

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 2:19-22

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-19

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

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

"The Church"

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

9/01 Sun		Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
	10:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion, with Pastor Matthew Cephus
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship
	6:00 pm	NA
9/02 Mon	7:00 pm	Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)
	7:00 pm	AIAnon (upstairs)
9/06 Fri	5:00 pm	Living Word Music Rehearsal
9/07 Sat	10:00 am	Living Word Worship & Fellowship
	6:00 pm	Living Word Prayer Night
9/08 Sun		Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
	11:00 am	Joint Worship Service w/Holy Communion, with Pastor Matthew Cephus
	6:00 pm	NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Reading: Kamon Christopherson

Ushers: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli

Altar Care: Pam Morelli

Counters: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli

Attendance: 8/25/2024: 21

BIRTHDAYS: None
ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: OPEN
FLOWERS: OPEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Praying the **Heavenly Father's Spirit will be with** Pastor Martin, Rachel and their family as they grieve the loss of **Rachel's mother**, Donna Jean Utter, who was called home to the Lord on August 22. Funeral services will be held on Monday, September 9 at **St. Peter's Lutheran Church**, Edina. Memorials preferred to MEAction to support people living with ME/CFS. We send our prayers of healing and comfort during this time of loss.

Wade Billmeyer Upcoming radiation

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

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

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

September 1 "The One" (Genesis 24:14)
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
The Universe does not have a plan for your life--but God does!

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

September 8 "Conditioned by the Unconditional" (Genesis 25:23)
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
God's forgiving love for you in Christ is love that your accomplishments can't enhance and your failures can't diminish.

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 17 - Deuteronomy 4:6

"Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'" There is no wiser, more fulfilling life than a life lived according to the Word of God. We should be encouraged by this when the world tempts us to think that the Word of God is harmful to us. Our Father loves us, so all His Word is meant to bless us. We may have to suffer for upholding the Word of God, as St. John the Baptist did. But the cross the Lord has for us to bear will be far better than any we would create for ourselves.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"May we all faithfully live out our sojourn on this earth, however long it may be, in anticipation of the New Creation, the end of our earthly sorrows, and our final Resurrection of body and soul to live with our Lord in righteousness and purity forever." Deaconess Bethany Stoeber, Director-at-Large, LFL of Kansas – 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 "Like Father Like Son."** A father's example leads to his son making questionable choices at school. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Jason Krause from Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Richfield, MN, presenting a message titled **"Listen!"** based on Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6-9. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the **"Twin Cities"** tab. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the **"Twin Cities"** tab.

BIBLE STUDY IS RETURNING!

Gloria Dei is excited to announce Wednesday mid-day bible study will return September 11 at 11 am and will feature *The Chosen, Part 4*. Come along on the journey of *The Chosen, Part 4*, where you will witness the clashing kingdoms and rival rulers. The enemies of Jesus are closing in while His followers are struggling to keep up, leaving Him to carry the burden alone.

The Chosen is an American Christian historical drama series. It is the first multi-season series about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. Primarily set in Judaea and Galilee in the first century, the series centers on Jesus and the people who met and followed him. You are welcome to attend, even if you have not seen Part 1 – 3. Part 4 will surely captivate you!

Pastor Matthew Cephus will lead the bible studies and following discussion. Look forward to seeing you there!



Fall Garage Sale Dates Set! September 26 - 28

Gloria Dei is planning a fall garage sale. As with past sales, all proceeds will benefit Gloria Dei directly. Sale organizers can use your help! Mary Piper will be collecting gently used, sellable items for the garage **sale. Please bring your items to Mary's house** on or before Sunday, September 22 (2955 Benjamin Street NE, leave them at the side garage door). Volunteers are also needed to help price, setup and work the sale. Speak with Mary or Shirley if you have an interest. *Many hands make light work.* 😊