

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Royal Family

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Part II: “The Church”

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Welcome to God's House!

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 Pastor Matthew after the service. 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.

Today's Topic: When the Lord Jesus mentioned the church for the first time, He said **My** church. This means the church is something that's of the Lord Himself, and not of anything or anyone else. Since the church is of the Lord, it is not something formed by human organization.

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 for a New School Year

Your holy Word tells us, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." By your power, help us increase in wisdom, never ceasing to learn all the days of our lives until we sit at your feet in your Kingdom; wherewith the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: Remember, the church is not a building or a denomination. According to the Bible, the church is the body of Christ—all those who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ for salvation.

+ *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

"All My Days"

Evans Ighodalo

All my days I will worship you, you are Jehovah
All my days I will worship you Jehovah

All my days I will worship you, you are my Savior
All my days I will worship you Savior

All my days I will worship you, you are my keeper
All my days I will worship you keeper

All my days I will worship you, you are healer
All my days will worship you healer

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 God, our Heavenly Father who truly loves us.

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 +

HYMN OF PRAISE

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

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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C: Thanks be to God!

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!

SONG OF THE DAY

"Lord, I Need You"

By Matt Maher

Lyrics © Sweater Weather Music, Worshiptogether.com Songs, Sixsteps Music, Thankyou Music Ltd., Valley of Songs Music

Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here, I find my rest
Without You, I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Refrain: Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Refrain

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Refrain

You're my one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

MESSAGE

Part II: "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 HYMN

"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

9/08 Sun

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am **Joint Worship Service w/Holy Communion,
with Pastor Matthew Cephus**

6:00 pm NA

9/09 Mon

7:00 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)

7:00 pm AIAnon (upstairs)

9/11 Wed

11:00 am **Bible Study featuring The Chosen, Part 4**

9/13 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

9/14 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

9/15 Sun

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

11:45 am Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm NA

Happy Anniversary Karmon and Meridel Christopherson (September 10th)

ETERNAL CANDLE: Shirley Holzinger – In Memory of Mom, Arlene

FLOWERS: OPEN

SERVING TODAY

Reading: Jason Matasovsky

Ushers: Anna Henry and Verlayne Sather

TODAY'S 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.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

September 15 "Bent Necks and a Better Brother" (Genesis 27:35-36)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The Book of Genesis is no fairy tale. It depicts real people--people like us, with half-truths, crooked ways, and sore necks--but also the God Who created us and bears with us because He loves us.

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 18 - James 2:2

"For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in ..." God shows no partiality: rich and poor alike are called into the kingdom. And both rich and poor alike have something to contribute to the kingdom in accordance with the callings God has given them in their lives. This is why both the Old and New Testaments talk about proportional giving — that is, giving a proportion of our income to the Lord's work. This makes it possible for rich and poor alike to have the honor of supporting God's work.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"Let us never forget and continue to trust in God as our only resource when we face difficult life issues. Continue to pray for our country as some leaders continue to pursue making laws that jeopardize precious lives and challenge God's plan for life. Let us put our trust in God, not man." *Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, 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 **"Families Come First."** A man contends with the demands of his career, promotion, and his vocation as a father. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Eric Zacharias from Zion Lutheran Church in Cologne, MN, presenting a message titled **"He Does Everything Well!"** based on **Mark 7:37**. 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.

New Lift Needed at GLDC

The tough decision had been made to replace the old existing lift (elevator). Although this will be an expensive undertaking, the GDLC Council has come to the realization that this is the right thing to do. The current lift is outdated and we are the only building still using this model. Parts are harder and harder to come by and the repairs have become more and more costly. And not to mention, we have had several occasions where people have been "stuck" when the lift will not go up or down.

The process of getting quotes has been started and more information will be shared as it becomes available. A new "Lift Replacement" fund has been set up. If you are interested in donating to this new fund, please mark your envelopes "Lift Fund". Thank you!

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.* 😊

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!



Also, please mark your calendars, Thursday night bible study will resume on October 3, 5:30 to 7 pm with Daniel Carlson leading the discussions. Topic to be announced.