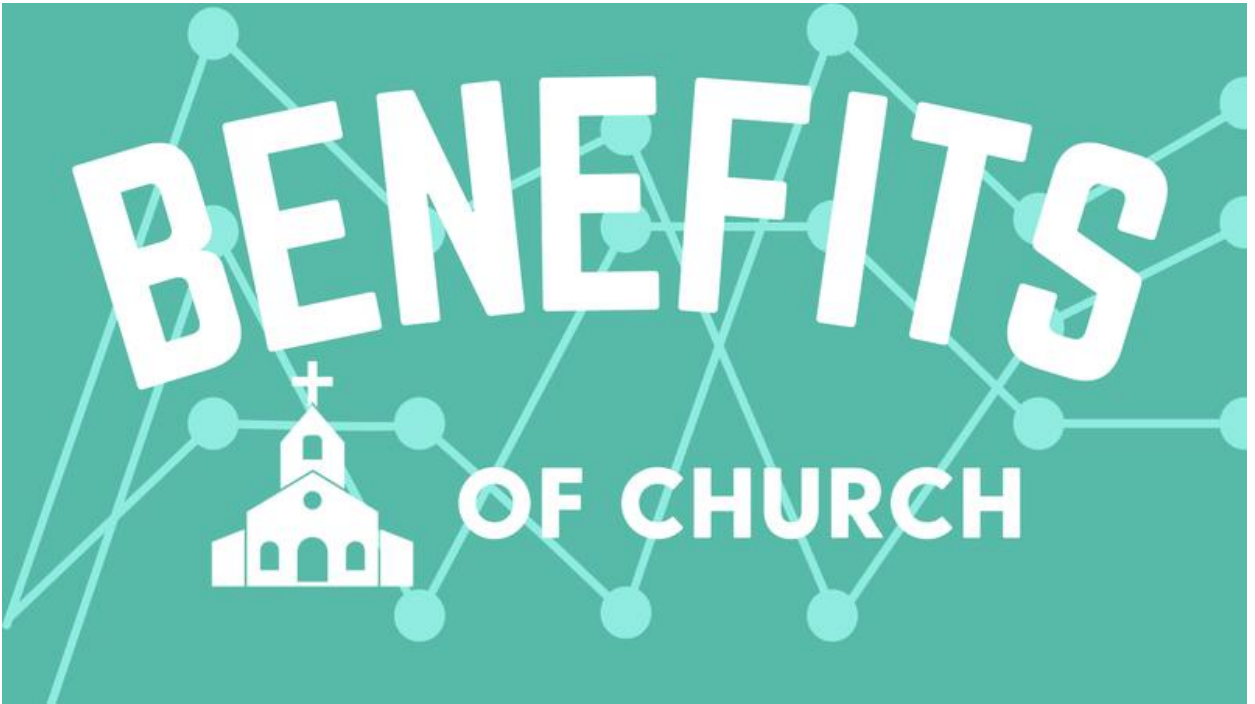


# **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

*(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*



## **PART III: “THE CHURCH AND THE BENEFITS FOR BEING A PART”**

**Order of Worship September 15, 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:** Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 teaches us the importance of teamwork and togetherness. Modern culture often promotes the self-made and self-reliant lifestyle. However, everyone has had help at some point in their lives and the more we recognize the value of sharing with others the greater our achievements will be. At the same time, there is nothing wrong with being independent or the need to be alone sometimes. God has made us social creatures and therefore being part of a community of believers can provide comfort, friendship and support during the good and bad times.

*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.

# The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: Being part of a church family is not just about receiving. There is also value in having the opportunity to serve and to help other believers. Knowing that God has a role for each believer to play in the lives of other believers gives meaning and direction to our lives.

+ *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

**"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

LSB 702

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My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.  
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart; my zeal inspire!  
As Thou has died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire!

**While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,**  
Be Thou my guide;  
**Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,**  
Nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

**When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold sullen stream**  
**Shall o'er me roll,**  
Blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

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

### **"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

Psalm 121:1-8

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

## EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4:7-16

But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

**Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."** (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also

descended into the lower regions, the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

**"I am the true vine, and my Father** is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you

can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

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 v. 1, 2, 3  
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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.

Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up: "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

MESSAGE Pastor Matthew Cephus  
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### **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

"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

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
9/16 Mon	7:00 pm	Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)
	7:00 pm	AIAnon (upstairs)
9/17 Tues	5:00 pm	GDLC Council Meeting
9/18 Wed	11:00 am	Bible Study, <i>The Chosen, Part 4</i>
9/19 Thurs	2:00 pm	Cornes/Hefel Wedding Set-up
9/20 Fri	2:00 pm	Cornes/Hefel Wedding Service/Celebration
	5:00 pm	Living Word Music Rehearsal
9/21 Sat	10:00 am	Living Word Worship & Fellowship
	4:00 pm	Living Word Board Meeting
	6:00 pm	Living Word Prayer Night
9/22 Sun	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	10:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion, with Pastor Matthew Cephus
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship
	6:00 pm	NA

## SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Reading: Katie Beth Carlson

Ushers:

Altar Care:

Counters: Pat Scott and Shirley Slagle

Attendance: 9/08/2024: 56 (joint Service)

BIRTHDAYS: 17<sup>th</sup> Aaron Morelli; 19<sup>th</sup> Layne Betterman  
ANNIVERSARIES: 21<sup>st</sup> Kevin and Kim Morelli

ETERNAL CANDLE: Shirley Holzinger – **Nephew, Shane’s Birthday and in Memory of Mother Arlene’s Birthday, both 9/25**

FLOWERS: OPEN

### PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Amy **Rich’s mom (Morelli’s DnL)** Kathy Rich, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer

**Kim Morelli’s mom (Morelli’s DnL)** Judy Crandal health issues

Wade Billmeyer Upcoming proton radiation treatments at Mayco Clinic (six weeks)

**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 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.

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

September 22 "All He Has to Say" (Genesis 28:15)  
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The story of Jacob's Ladder is not a prompt for us to climb higher; it's a promise that God comes down to our level.

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 19 - Mark 9:24

**"Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, 'I believe; help my unbelief!'"** Haven't we often felt like this! And notice that Jesus does not throw the man out because of his weakness of faith: He still has pity, and He still blesses the man. But neither does Jesus leave people in weakness of faith. He blesses us and calls us to a deeper faith, as He did to the disciples in the boat on the storm-tossed sea. How does our faith grow? By hearing the Word of God. What does our faith lead to as it grows? A godly life lived in thanksgiving to our Lord.

## **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:**

**"I pray that you will recognize and value those people in your life who were blessed by God so they could be a blessing to you! I especially pray that you will then use the blessings God has bestowed on you to bless those around you and to pass these blessings on to your own descendants to a thousand generations. Now is the time to pass on the gift. Now is the time to pass the baton to the next runner in the race! To God be all the glory!"** *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, Lutherans For Life – 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 **"Conspiracy of Silence."** A husband and wife come to grips with a terminal illness. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Jason Krause from Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Richfield, MN, presenting a message titled **"The Tongue That Rules Them All"** based on James 3:1-12. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) and select the **"Twin Cities"** tab. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) select the **"Twin Cities"** tab.

## Fall Garage Sale September 26 - 28

Gloria Dei's fall garage sale will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 26 - 28. As with past sales, all proceeds will benefit Gloria Dei directly.

Donations are being collected now through Sunday, September 22. Bring your gently used, sellable items to Mary's house (2955 Benjamin Street NE, leave them at the side garage door). Sale organizers can also use your help with pricing items, setup before and after the sale and to work the sale. Speak with Mary or Shirley if you have an interest. *Many hands make light work.* 😊

## New Lift Needed at GLDC

GDLC will be replacing the old existing lift (elevator). Although this will be an expensive undertaking, we came to the realization that this is the right thing to do. And not to mention, we have had several occasions where people have been "stuck" when the lift will not go up or down.

We have started the process of getting quotes and 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!

### **St Mary's Taste of Northeast Festival**

Friday, September 20 @ 8:00 am and Saturday, September 21 @ 5:00 pm  
St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral, 1701 5th Street NE.

## **St. Maron Lebanese Festival - September 21 - 22**

St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church will hold its annual Lebanese Festival Saturday, September 21, 12-7 pm, and Sunday, September 22, 11 am-6 pm. 602 University Avenue NE, Minneapolis. Authentic Lebanese cuisine, beer and wine, live music, Cedars Dabke Dance Group. Fun for all ages. [www.stmaron.com](http://www.stmaron.com), 612-379-2758.