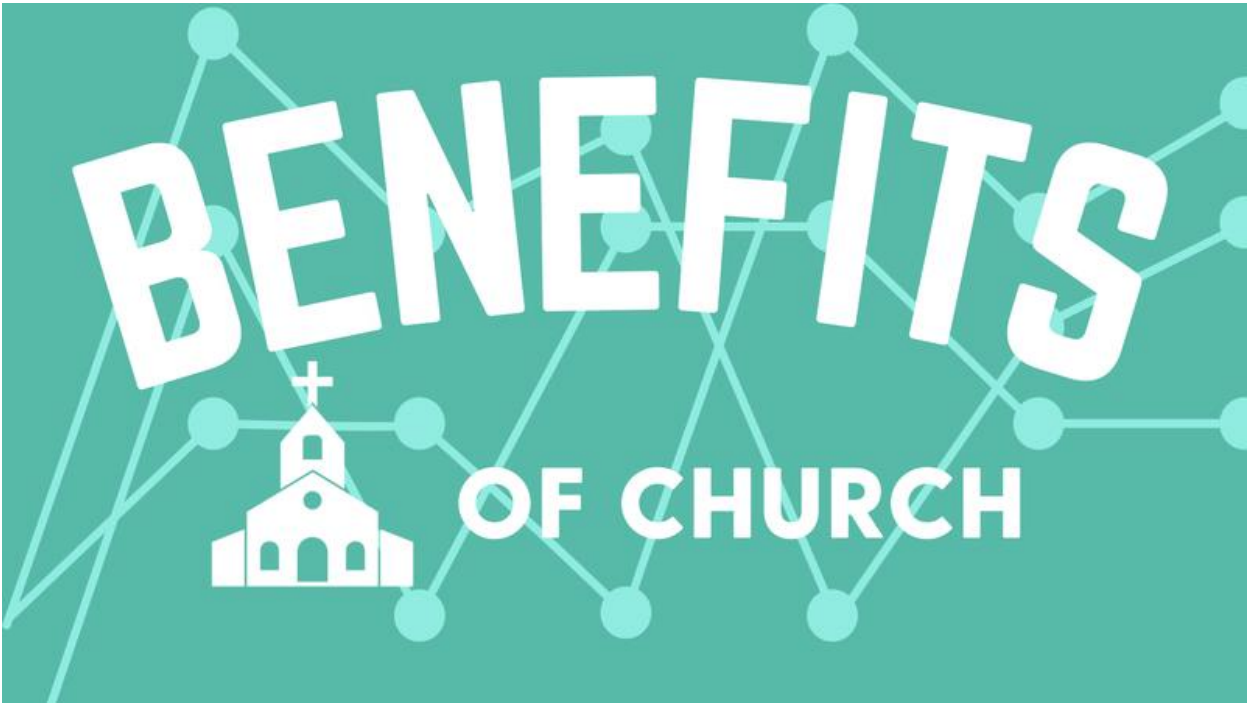


Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



PART III-B: “THE CHURCH AND THE BENEFITS FOR BEING A PART”

**Order of Worship September 22, 2024 | 10 AM
Pastor Matthew Cephus**

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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: In the modern world today trying to keep the Christian faith and values can sometimes feel contrary to the society that we live in. However, rather than seeing ourselves as a member of a lonely minority, we should embrace the fact that although we may be few in number, being part of a faithful body of believers can transform our lives and help us (and others) in these difficult 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 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: Being connected to the **Body of Christ** helps us to keep our eyes on God. God also works through them to provide us what we need in darker times. Coming together with others can aid in our healing process and give us the encouragement to move forward.

+ *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 God, our Heavenly Father who truly loves us.

C: Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness, and we also ask for your strength. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth. AMEN

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

+ NURTURE +

HYMN OF PRAISE

"We Praise You, O 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

Psalm 34:4-8, 10, 15

I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-19

One Body with Many Members

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be?

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!

Lord of glory, You have bought us with your life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil with Your own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness melt our thankless hearts of stone.
Till our cold and selfish natures, warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed 'tis to give than to receive.

Wondrous honor You have given to our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to Me."
Can it be, O gracious Master, that You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?

Lord of glory, You have bought us with your life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice;
Give us faith to trust You boldly, hope, to stay our souls on You;
But, oh, best of all Your graces, with Your love our love renew.

MESSAGE**Pastor Matthew Cephus****PART III-B: "The Church and the Benefits for Being a Part"****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

"Almighty Father, Bless the Word"

LSB 923

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Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which through Your grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root, Spring up and bear abundant fruit!

We praise You for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here May all at last in heav'n appear.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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

9/22 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

9/23 Mon

7:00 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)

7:00 pm AIAnon (upstairs)

9/25 Wed

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

9/26 Thurs

9:00 pm **GDLC Garage Sale**

9/27 Fri

9:00 pm **GDLC Garage Sale**

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

9/28 Sat

9:00 pm **GDLC Garage Sale**

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

9/29 Sun

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

11:45 am Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm NA

Are you interested in reading the scriptures at Sunday services?

It's easy! No training needed!

Call the church office at 612-781-1989 OR talk with Pastor Matthew.

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Reading: Sandy Westling

Ushers: Julie Cross

Altar Care: Julie Cross

Counters: Shirley Holzinger and Verlayne Sather

Attendance: 9/15/2024: 34

BIRTHDAYS: 23rd Patty Lyrenmann

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: Sandy Westling – Tricia (daughter in law) and Grace (granddaughter) Birthdays

FLOWERS: Hannah Cornes & Sam Hefel Wedding

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 Continuing proton radiation treatments at Mayco Clinic

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 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.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

September 29

"Love at First Sight, Love That Lasts"

(Genesis 29:20)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

God loved us at first sight, from eternity. And He has given us Jesus so that we can know His love.

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 20 - Mark 9:32*

"But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him." The disciples really do hold up a mirror to our faces and force us to see ourselves: misunderstanding, afraid, confused. But the Word of God is clear if only we will listen with open ears. What was blocking the disciples' ears? The Gospels tell us time and again: they did not expect a suffering Christ, and so when Jesus spoke of suffering, they plugged their ears and didn't listen, so they ended up confused and scared. What about us? What's in the Word of God that we find hard to hear and contrary to our desires and expectations? That might just be exactly what we need to hear!

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"All of us who die in Christ are going to come up like cherry tomatoes in July—a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb' (Revelation 7:9b). I'll be there, and so will you, all of us celebrating the Lord who loved us and gave Himself for us—He who died like a single seed falling into the earth, and now 'bears much fruit' (John 12:24b)." *Dr. Kari Vo – 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 **"Big Account."** An advertising agency art director learns the impact of his work on his family and others. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Brent Klein, from Trinity Lutheran Church in Northfield, MN, presenting a message titled **"Serving Jesus"** based on **Mark 9:30-37**. 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.

Thank You, Gracias, Merci, Vielen Dank

Thank you to Tom Lyrenmann and Pam Morelli for the time and effort they put towards staining the pews in the church. Good job! They look much better!

Also thank you to Gwen Johnson for the amazing job she did on the weeds in the back alley, behind the church. Wow! She also cleaned the stains in the carpet in both the Fireside Room and behind the pews.

As always, many thanks to all the volunteers who help keep the church looking good and running smooth.

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 have been coming in at a fast pace and will be collected through Monday, September 23. 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

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!

Fill Our Grocery Cart

Gloria Dei recently donated 80 pounds of food to The Central Avenue Salvation Army, located at 2727 Central Avenue NE, Minneapolis. They are always in need of food and personal hygiene items to restock their shelves. High demand items include 100% juice, healthy cereal, canned chicken, salmon and pork, and culturally specific items like coconut milk, bamboo shoots, jasmine rice and fish sauce. Personal hygiene items such as toilet paper and toothpaste are also highly requested items.

With the spike in requests for help, ongoing public support is needed to help ensure that services are available. Whenever there is a need in Minneapolis, you'll find the Salvation Army!

If you are in need of food, contact your local Salvation Army to find out where and how to receive a free box of groceries. It is only through the generosity of people that The Salvation Army can continue to provide services to those who are in need.

Thank you to everyone for your generous giving!