

# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

*(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*



## **“Be Thankful”**

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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 letter to the Thessalonians is the very earliest part of the New Testament. Written only about 20 years after Jesus, it contains Paul's instructions about how to live out a faithful life in response to the good news. The community at Thessalonika was a newly formed church who believed that Jesus would return during their lifetime. Only now some of their members had died before Jesus came back, and that was distressing. They also suffered persecution and the hardship of being out of step with their culture in order to be in step with the gospel. All of that is to say, that life was no easier for them than it is for us, and yet, to them, Paul wrote "give thanks in all circumstances."

*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 Last Sunday of the Church Year

**AS WE GATHER:** The spiritual discipline of gratitude means choosing to see the good, to find the blessing that we can be thankful for, regardless of how we feel. One way to do that might be to intentionally look at the situation differently, to change our perspective.

+ *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG    **"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**    LSB 686 vs.1, 3, 4  
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**Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;**  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee; may I still Thy goodness prove.

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;**  
**Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:**  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.  
**Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.**

Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, how I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
**Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away;**  
Send Thine angels soon to carry me to realms of endless day.

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: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. 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 103:1-10

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with  
steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed  
like the eagle's.

The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel  
The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

L: The Word of the Lord.  
C: Thanks be to God!

#### EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

L: The Word of the Lord.  
C: Thanks be to God!

#### HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 14:22-23

L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.  
C: Glory to You, O Lord!

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to **them, and said, "Take; this is my body."** And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.  
C: Praise to You, O Christ!

#### SONG OF THE DAY

### **"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"**

*Matt Redman , Jonas Myrin; 2011 Thankyou Music,Said And Done Music,sixsteps Music  
SHOUT! Music Publishing; Admin EMI Christian Music ; CCLI #: 6016351*

Chorus: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, O... my soul, Worship His Holy name.**  
Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your Holy name.

The sun comes up. It's a new day dawn-ing.  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass And whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing. When the evening comes

*Chorus*

You're rich in love And You're slow to an-ger  
Your name is great, And Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons For my heart to find.

*Chorus*

And on that day When my strength is fail-ing  
The end draws near And my time has come  
Still my soul will Sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years And then forevermore

*Chorus*

MESSAGE

**"Be Thankful"**

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.

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

11/24 Sun		Last Sunday of the Church Year
	10:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion, with Pastor Matthew Cephus
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship
	6:00 pm	NA
11/25 Mon	7:00 pm	Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)
	7:00 pm	AIAnon (upstairs)
11/27 Wed	11:00 am	<u>NO</u> Bible Study
11/28 Thurs	10:00 am	Thanksgiving Worship Service w/Holy Communion with Pastor Matthew Cephus
	5:30 pm	<u>NO</u> Thursday Evening Bible Study
11/29 Fri	5:00 pm	Living Word Music Rehearsal
11/30 Sat	10:00 am	Living Word Worship & Fellowship
	6:00 pm	Living Word Prayer Night
12/01 Sun		First Sunday in Advent
	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: Jason Matasovsky

Ushers: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Altar Care: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Counters: Al, Pam, Aaron Morelli

Attendance: 11/17/2024: 32

## **Welcome 2025!**

**There are 2025 calendar available on the Usher's Table at the back of the church.  
Feel free to grab one! Graciously donated by Washburn-Mcreavy Funeral Home.**

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

Kim Morelli upcoming surgery, prayers for successful surgery and healing  
Tom Lyrenmann thank you for prayers while hospitalized and continued prayers for recovery and health  
Roselyn Norman lower back surgery (11/19). Pray for success and speedy recovery **in Jesus' name.**

Mudy Mason dealing with an autoimmune disease. Pray for strength, peace, hope, believing in God, Family, Mindset.

**Roselyn Norman's** college friend and sister Famata Kamara and her two sons, Eric Golafaie, and Naide Davis, for deliverance

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

**Roselyn Norman's** neighbor and friend, Tom, was recently diagnosed with State 3 kidney and liver cancer

James Norman, Sr. (**James' dad**) Continued prayers, prostate cancer seems to be getting worse, hi is having increasing pain and decreased mobility

Jim (**Gwen Johnson's brother**) reoccurring issues due to his time in the Service

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

Warren (**Karmon's BnL**) Receiving chemo and radiation for Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

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

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The Evangelism Team is planning a special event for the holidays and needs your help collecting glass jars (no lids necessary). Between now and the beginning of December, please save any glass jars you might otherwise recycle. They can be any size, think salsa, spaghetti sauce, jelly, fruit. 😊 However, jars must be glass, no plastic. Thank you!!

## **TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR**

November 24 "Jesus Sees What's in the Heart" (Mark 12:41-44)  
Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe

Jesus sees what's in our hearts. What's in His heart? God saw that we needed a Savior.

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

December 1 "Will Everything Sad Come Untrue?" (Jeremiah 33:16)  
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A mother and her young son trade a life of privilege for one of poverty, a story that is borderline unbelievable, yet nonetheless true.

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: *Advent I - Luke 19:31*

**"If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" Consider the faithfulness of that man who owned the donkey and colt. All he needed to hear was, "The Lord has need of it," and he willingly gave. The Lord has given each of us various callings in life (in our homes, in the church and in the communities we live in). In each calling we have good work to do, which comes from the Lord's hand. The Lord has need of us in each calling. How is He calling you to generous giving in each of your vocations?**

## **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:**

**"Do you ever doubt the love of God? Perhaps you are just 'looking for love in all the wrong places,' if you'll pardon the expression. Don't look to your own feelings and emotions which can change with the wind, but look to Bethlehem and the manger. See God's love in this that His only begotten Son was sent to be humbled and to die for you. Understand that at Christmas 'God so loved the world that He gave ...'" *Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – 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 "Prescription TLC." Injuries after a plane crash cause a couple to seek God for comfort and healing. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Brady Finnern, Minnesota North District LCMS President located in Baxter, MN, presenting a message titled "We Will See" based on Mark 13:24-37. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) select the "Twin Cities" tab.**

## ***Thank you for your kindness!***



The Board of Social Ministries collected 22 shoeboxes filled with gifts for *Operation Christmas Child*. They will go to boys and girls between the ages of 2 and 14 and will be shipped to children overseas who may not otherwise receive a gift this Christmas season. Thank you!

### **HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH**

*All hands needed to deck the halls . . . help decorate the church for the holidays.*

*Plan to come by church on Tuesday, December 3 beginning at 9:30 am.*

*All help is welcome, do whatever you can – the more the merrier! The Coffee Pot will be on.*

*The Salvation Army Christmas Tree has been set up in the Narthex. GDLC will be collecting toys and gifts for children and teens now through December 8.*

*Gifts will be delivered to the Salvation Army on December 10.*

Please consider bringing an unwrapped gift to Church to place under the Christmas tree in the Lobby. As in previous years, the Salvation Army's auditor request we add the monetary value of the gifts donated. Please add an estimated dollar amount to the items you leave under the tree.

Thank you.



### **Maybe it's time for a Closet Cleanout?**

Mary Piper is collecting gently used Men's jackets/coats, gloves, scarves, hats and socks. The items can be dropped off on her front landing 2955 Benjamin or put in the box in the lobby. All donations will go to The Freedom Store in Minneapolis via Dr. Jim Seeman. He is a District correctional ministry coordinator. Jim hits the streets weekly with supplies for the homeless, so they are especially in need of men's coats for the coming cold weather. The store serves the poor, homeless and recently released prisoners.



Thanksgiving Day Service,  
Thursday, November 28 at 10 am  
Bring your family and friends! See you there.

***Yearly Congregational Meeting  
December 8<sup>th</sup> following the Worship Service.  
Plan to Attend!***

