

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



“Being Grateful in All Circumstances”

**A National Day of Thanksgiving
Order of Worship November 28, 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: Habakkuk looks at the facts of his situation and says "Hallelujah" anyway. It seems that being grateful, or at minimum expressing gratitude, is something we can do without feeling grateful. And in fact, naming something that we appreciate may trigger the feelings of gratitude. Exercising the muscle of gratitude may seem like just going through the motions, but going through the motions may, in fact, help us to give thanks in very difficult 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 help 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.

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"BEING GRATEFUL IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES"

AS WE GATHER: Let's not forget to thank God, not just for His provisions, but for who He is. By giving thanks in all circumstances, our hearts remain focused on the eternal instead of our temporary troubles.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SOLO

"All Good Gifts"

Bruce Cross

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 +

SONG OF PRAISE "Holy God, We **Praise Thy Name**" LSB 940 v. 1, 2, 4, 5
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Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain, everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord!

Thou art King of Glory Christ; Son of God, yet born of Mary
For us sinners sacrificed, as to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death, Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee.
Though in essence only one, undivided God we claim Thee.
And adoring, bend the knee, while we own the mystery.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Habakkuk 3:17-18

Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

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C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up **their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests."** And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, **"Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"** And he said to him, **"Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."**

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

SONG OF THE DAY **"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"** LSB 806
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Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks **because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.**
Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's giv'n Jesus Christ His Son.
And now let the weak say "I am strong." Let the poor say "I am rich."
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say "I am strong." Let the poor say "I am rich."
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks.

MESSAGE **"Being Grateful in All Circumstances"** 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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(Prayer response – P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.)

L: 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

"Now Thank We All Our God"

LSB 895

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Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom His world rejoices;

Who from our mothers' arms has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God though all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace and guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills in this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven.

The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be ever-more.

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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SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Reader: Sandy Westling

Ushers: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Counters: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Altar Care: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann



STEWARDSHIP: *Deuteronomy 8:10*

“And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land He has given you.” And what a rich, peaceful, prosperous land the Lord has given us! As God blessed His people of old, so He continues to bless us. Let our lives demonstrate our thankfulness for His unceasing generosity!

BIRTHDAYS: None
ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: Sandy Westling – Thankful for all God has given us!
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

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!!

2025 Donation Envelopes Available Now!

Please pick up your 2025 donation envelopes. You can pick up your box of envelopes at the back of the church. Your envelope number will remain the same as it was in 2024, no changes for 2025. Please begin using the new envelopes January 1, 2025.

In keeping with the season of Thanksgiving, it seems appropriate to thank everyone for their kind and generous giving through the year! Whether it is with weekly/monthly pledge offerings, donating your Thrivent Choice Dollars, volunteering for Altar Care, Ushering, Counting or bringing treats for Fellowship, commemorating an event and/or family member with Candles or Flowers, taking on various tasks around the church and church yard or serving on a board or council position. Everyone adds their touch to make GDLC special. Everything you do is greatly appreciated. It is what makes Gloria Dei a great place to worship. Thank you everyone for another wonderful year!

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIA'S:



Help to beautify our Altar for the Christmas season by donating a poinsettia! The **poinsettias will be ordered from Bachman's** and are \$17 for an 8" double plant. Colors are red, white or pink. If you would like to donate a plant, the deadline is Sunday, December 8. You will be billed directly from the church. *You can also bring in your own poinsettias, but please still sign up.* 😊

The sign-up sheet is posted on the entryway bulletin board or call the church office directly at 612-781-1989 to place an order.

Thank you!

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.

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



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