

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



“Attitude of Gratitude”

Order of Worship December 1, 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: We have no claim, no right to our own lives. They belong to Him.

We are His people, the sheep of His pasture. We are His representatives here on earth. As His sheep He leads us, provides for us, guides us, comforts us, protects us, and prospers us. He alone is the source of all our blessings.

An ancient Chinese proverb says, "When you drink from the stream, remember the spring." If we drink from the stream of His goodness, we must remember that He is the fount of every blessing.

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.

Join Pastor Matthew for bible study on Wednesday, December 4 at 11 am.

The First Sunday of Advent

AS WE GATHER: As God's people, it is fitting that we should focus our thoughts, not only now but often, upon the goodness of God and offer our gratitude to Him for who He is and for all He has done for us.

+ CONNECT +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

"We Praise You, O God"

LSB v. 1 & 3

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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.

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!

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

"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

Psalms 103:1-5

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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 5:19-20

Addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

LSB 803

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Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, fountain-head of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

MESSAGE

"Attitude of Gratitude"

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

"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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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:

The poinsettias are \$17 for an 8" 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.* 😊

Thank you!

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

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
12/02 Mon	7:00 pm	Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)
	7:00 pm	AIAnon (upstairs)
12/03 Tues	9:30 am	Decorate the Church for the Holidays Everyone Welcome!
12/04 Wed	11:00 am	Bible Study
12/05 Thurs	5:30 pm	Thursday Evening Bible Study
12/06 Fri	5:00 pm	Living Word Music Rehearsal
12/07 Sat	10:00 am	Living Word Worship & Fellowship
	6:00 pm	Living Word Prayer Night
12/08 Sun		Second Sunday in Advent
	10:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion, with Pastor Matthew Cephus Yearly Congregational Meeting (Fireside Room)
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship
	6:00 pm	NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Reading: Katie Beth Carlson

Ushers: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli

Altar Care: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli

Counters: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli

Attendance: 11/24/2024: 25

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: 2nd Shirley Slagle

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: Shirley Holzinger – **Nephew Adam's** Birthday – December 5

FLOWERS: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann – First Sunday in Advent

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!!

TODAY'S 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.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

December 8 "Completely Ordinary Human" (Malachi 3:7)
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Everyone has a story to tell and yours can be one through which Jesus is working to make the world new again.

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: *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*

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 "Stable Boy."** A manger scene comes to life and tells the story of the first Christmas. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Kent Borglum from St. John's Lutheran Church in Montevideo, MN, presenting a message titled **"Against All Expectations"** based on 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

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.

Holiday Gift Basket Distribution

The Social Ministry Committee will be assembling Holiday Gift baskets, filled with fruit, treats and goodies. These baskets will be delivered to our dear shut-ins. If you know someone who would enjoy a gift basket or simply could use some cheering up during this Holiday season, please leave their name, phone number and address in the Secretary's mailbox. The Committee will make sure they receive a gift basket.

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 8th.

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

Please bring unwrapped gift 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!



Gloria Dei and Royal Family will hold a Joint Service on Sunday, December 15 at 10:30 am (note later start time).

See you there!