

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



"Understanding the Importance of Our Priesthood"

Order of Worship Sunday June 1, 2025 – 10 AM

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Welcome to God's House!

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: Christians are designated a royal priesthood. Each Christian is a priest, appointed by God, serving to petition Him for those individuals living in the world, and serving as Christ's representative in the world. We are called by God and appointed by Him to stand between Him and fallen man. It is God's will that each Christian endeavor to bring the lost to faith in the Son of God. We do this through praying for their salvation and testifying to the grace of God.

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. e.

Pentecost Sunday's Service, June 8, will begin at 10:30 am followed by a Potluck Luncheon with Guest Pastor Paul Biebighauser preaching.

Seventh Sunday after Easter

AS WE GATHER: God has placed us in this world as his representative. He wants to use you and work through you. May we not only be the messengers but let our lives also become the message.

+ *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

LSB 702 v. 1, 3, 4

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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!

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 our Heavenly Father who truly loves us.

C: **Merciful Father, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. 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 “Holy God We Praise Thy Name” LSB 940 v. 1, 2, 5
Text & Tune: Public Domain

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!

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

Numbers 15:37-41

The Lord said to Moses, “Speak to the people of Israel, and tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a cord of blue on the tassel of each corner. And it shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the Lord, to do them, not to follow after your own heart and your own eyes, which you are inclined to whore after. So you shall remember and do all my commandments, and be holy to your God. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God: I am the Lord your God.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 2:4-10

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture:

"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-16

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

LSB 783 v. 1-4

Text and Tune: Public Domain

Take my life, and let it be, Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;
Take my intellect, and use, Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

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 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” LSB 461 v. 1, 2, 4, 8

Text and Tune: Public Domain

I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head!

He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;
He lives all glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint

He lives all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

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

6/01 Sun

Seventh Sunday after Easter

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

11:45 am Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm NA

6/02 Mon

7:00 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)

7:00 pm AIAnon (upstairs)

6/04 Wed

11:00 am **Bible Study**

6/06 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

6/07 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

6/08 Sun

Pentecost Sunday

10:30 am **Worship with Holy Communion,
Pastor Matthew Cephus with Guest Pastor Paul
Biebighauser Preaching**

Potluck Luncheon (following service)

6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Reading: Katie Beth Carlson

Ushers: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Altar Care: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Counters: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli

Attendance: 5/25/2025: 23



Ushers are always needed, particularly in the summer months!
If you are available to serve as an usher for any of the Sunday services throughout the summer, please mark your availability on the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the front lobby. Should you require a refresher or if this is your first time serving as an usher, please contact the church office for guidance.
Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS: 2nd Verlayne Sather
ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: OPEN
FLOWERS: OPEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Meridel Christopherson, Tom Farrell, Gwen Johnson, Robert & Dolores Kluwe, Larry Schlais, Pat Scott and all our shut-ins

Dorie (Shirley Holzinger's SnL) Having bypass heart surgery on Tuesday, 5/20

Nanc Rixe knee replacement surgery scheduled for June 16

Karen (Shirley H's neighbor) diagnosed with CML cancer and young friend **Allie Piercer** with Leukemia

Doug and Alec Schwandt (Pam's Brother and Nephew) health issues

Trent Johnson (Roxie's son) undergoing cancer treatment for diaphragm cancer

Roxie Johnson (Morelli's niece) heart issues, pacemaker implanted, prayers as she recovers and gets stronger

Amanda (Sandy Westling's niece) recent car accident, irritated old injuries from previous car accident. Suffering extreme pain, back problems and headaches, all while taking care of her family. Prayers she finds relief from her pain.

Kim Morelli prayers for healing from recent surgery

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

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

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

NOTE: Those "in our extend prayers" are removed from the list after eight weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another eight weeks, please contact the church office.

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

June 1

"God's Gumbo"

(John 17:20-21)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The Church is like a pot of Louisiana gumbo, a diverse stew bound together by the power of Jesus' love.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

June 8

"Ticket Stubs Turned to Joy"

(John 16:20)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The Holy Spirit calls us to turn from the darkness of a self-centered life and come into the light of Jesus' self-giving 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: *Seventh Sunday of Easter - Acts 1:16*

"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus." Judas sold out our Lord for 30 pieces of silver. That is, he sold out his friend, master and teacher for the sake of greed. That is a sharp reminder for us to search our own hearts for greed and to pray that the Lord would help us to turn from it before it consumes us.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"Watch and prepare for Jesus to return. Set your hearts on Him and on your life in Him. He is the beginning and end, the purpose and goal of your life. So there's no need for tears as you see Him ascend. He is with you always. He will come back for His people soon. Then we will appear with Him in glory." *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – 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 **"A Gift for Grandpa"** — Freddie goes to great lengths to get a gift for Grandpa Fisher and learns valuable lessons along the way. 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, **"Come, Lord Jesus"** based on **Revelation Rev. 22:12-17, 20**. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Spring Mission Offering

As a reminder, the annual Mission Offering will continue through June. The funds collected during this year's Spring Offering will go to the Central Avenue Salvation Army, at 2727 Central Avenue NE, Minneapolis. Use the May Mission Offering envelope to make a monetary donation OR you can help fill our "grocery chart" (NON-PERISHABLE FOODS ITEMS ONLY, PLEASE).

Pentecost Sunday is June 8 followed with a Potluck Luncheon

Plan to attend next week's joint service on **Sunday, June 8** celebrating Pentecost Sunday. The **10:30 am** service will be followed by a potluck luncheon. Bring your favorite mouth-watering dish to share. Food sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Guest Pastor Paul Biebighauser will preach the sermon.

Gloria Dei will participate in the Annual Northeast Garage Sales!

Mary Piper is collecting your unwanted, gently used items for this year's garage sale. Please bring items to Mary's house on or before Sunday, June 8, leave them at the side garage door. The Annual NEighbors Garage Sale will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 12 – 14. All proceeds will be donated to Gloria Dei. If you have an **interest in helping** with any aspect of the sale, please let the office know OR speak with Mary directly – many volunteers are needed to make this sale a success. All items not sold will be donated to the local area thrift stores.

Free community meals at Gustavus Adolphus

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, 1509 27th Avenue NE, serves free community meals on the first Saturday of each month. Meals are served in the church basement from 5:30-7 pm. The next meals will be served June 7, with additional meals scheduled for July 5, Aug. 2 and Sept. 6

Free community dinners at St. Timothy's | June 10 @ 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 825 51st Ave. NE, in Columbia Heights, serves a free community dinner the second Tuesday of each month from 5:30-6:30 pm (or until the food is gone). Free and everyone is welcome! Please spread the word!!

Free Community Meal – June 12 @ 5 – 6 pm

Faith United Methodist Church, 2708 33rd Avenue NE, holds a free Community dinner every second Thursday of the month, from 5-6 pm. Everyone is welcome. Upcoming dates are June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13 and December 11.