

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



Biblical Images of God: Part I – “Living Water”

Order of Worship Sunday July 20, 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: How you think about God determines how you interact with God. Therefore, it's essential to have an accurate understanding of who He is and what He's like. In this new series – Biblical Images of God – we unpack the vivid and concrete metaphors used of God in order to deepen our relationship with Him. Beginning with “**living water**,” we uncover the significance of this image by examining Jeremiah's depiction of the oasis at En Gedi and Jesus's declaration in the Gospel of John that He is the true source of **living water**.

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.

Thank you to all who participated in the annual Take it to the Streets event!
Each expression of faith — whether through food, song or prayer —
draws us together as one community.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: **By seeing God as “living water,” you’ll gain a fuller picture of His character, experience His ability to renew dry and weary souls, and be inspired to carry His life-giving spirit into a thirsty world.**

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WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“As the Deer”

Psalm 42

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As the deer pants for the water, So my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart’s desire, And I long to worship You.

Refrain: You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart’s desire,
And I long to worship You.

I want You more than gold or silver, Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real Joy-giver And on You I can rely. Refrain

You’re my friend and You are my brother, Even though You are the King.
I love You more than any other. So much more than any thing. Refrain

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 to 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 +

SONG OF PRAISE

"Oh, How He Loves You and Me"

Oh, how He loves you and me, Oh, how He loves you and me.

He gave His life, what more could He give?

Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me; Oh, how He loves you and me.

Jesus to Calvary did go, His love for sinners to show.

What He did there brought hope from despair.

Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how he loves me; Oh, how He loves you and me.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 2:5-13

Thus says the Lord: "What wrong did your fathers find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthlessness, and became worthless? They did not say, 'Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that none passes through, where no man dwells?' And I brought you into a plentiful land to enjoy its fruits and its good things. But when you came in, you defiled my land and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the shepherds transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal and went after things that do not profit.

"Therefore I still contend with you, declares the Lord, and with your children's children I will contend. For cross to the coasts of Cyprus and see, or send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the Lord, for

my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelations 7:11-17

And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, **saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."**

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 7:37-40

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

Rivers of Living Water

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Division Among the People

When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This really is the Prophet."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine Can peace afford.

Refrain

I need Thee, oh, I need Thee; Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
Oh, bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their pow'r When Thou art nigh.

Refrain

I need Thee ev'ry hour, In joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, Or life is vain.

Refrain

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises In me fulfill.

Refrain

MESSAGE

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

"There Shall be Showers of Blessing"

Source: African Methodist Episcopal Church Hymnal #216

There shall be showers of blessing; This is the promise of love;
There shall be seasons refreshing, Sent from the Savior above.

Refrain:

Showers of blessing, Showers of blessing we need;
Mercy-drops round us are falling, But for the showers we plead.

There shall be showers of blessing, Precious reviving again;
Over the hills and the valleys, Sound of abundance of rain. Refrain

There shall be showers of blessing; Send them upon us, O Lord;
Grant to us now a refreshing, Come and now honor Thy word. Refrain

There shall be showers of blessing; Oh, that today they might fall,
Now as to God we're confessing, Now as on Jesus we call! 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 +

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

7/20 Sun		Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
	10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion, w/Pastor Matthew Cephus
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship
	6:00 pm	NA
7/21 Mon	7:00 pm	Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)
	7:00 pm	AIAnon (upstairs)
7/25 Fri	5:00 pm	Living Word Music Rehearsal
7/26 Sat	10:00 am	Living Word Worship & Fellowship
	6:00 pm	Living Word Prayer Night
7/27 Sun		Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
	10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion, w/Pastor Matthew Cephus
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship
	6:00 pm	NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson
Reading: Verlayne Sather
Ushers: Wade Billmeyer and Dale Raschke
Altar Care: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann
Counters: Shirley Holzinger and Verlayne Sather
Attendance: 7/13/2025: 28



BIRTHDAYS: 20th Patience Cephus

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: OPEN

FLOWERS: OPEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Danielle Ohnstad currently undergoing treatment for breast cancer

Diane Sharbono undergoing cancer treatment

Dorie (**Shirley Holzinger's sister**-in-law) recovering from successful bypass heart surgery and is now in rehabilitation, plus addressing some unexpected issues.

Nanc Rixe knee replacement surgery June 16

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

Alec Schwandt (**Pam's Nephew**) continued prayers for health issues

Trent Johnson (**Roxie's son**) recovering from cancer surgery (stomach)

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

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**) upcoming procedures related to previous cancer diagnoses

For First Responders/Health Care Workers, including James Norman, an ICU nurse

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN DANGEROUS AREAS

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

July 20

"God's Plan = Jesus"

(John 16:33)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's plans for us are not me-centered; they are Christ-centered. Dr. Zeigler talks with "Soul Surfer" author, Bethany Hamilton.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

July 27

"Getting the Talk Started"

(Luke 11:1)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's Law-talk prepares us for God's Gospel-talk. Author Tim Carter (The Executioner's Redemption) is featured.

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: 1 Kings 19:18

"Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." Elijah was so sure that he was right — that he was the only one left who had not gone after Baal. But he was too pessimistic; his faith in God was off-center. **We can't go by our own wisdom. We must trust the Lord** and what He has revealed to us in His Word. Think about how this applies to our support **of God's work in the church with our offering. Take a look in Luther's Small Catechism's** Table of Duties to see what the Bible has to say about our giving.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"Sometimes the answer to a problem is as simple as asking for help. Let's not hesitate to bring all our questions, troubles, and needs to the Lord. Thank Him for the people He provides for our help. Pray that He will give you the opportunity today to be His help **to others."** *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 "A Face from the Past"** — A man struggles to come to terms with the memory and feelings of guilt with his estranged father. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Jeff Williams from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, MN, presenting a message titled **"Compassion"** based on Luke 10:25-37. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the **"Twin Cities" tab.**

Vital Fitness

Thursdays from 10:30-11:30 am, join in person the Vital Fitness class. Each week includes a wide variety of balance, strength and flexibility movements that are incorporated into this fun and social group class. No cost. Pre-registration is helpful for planning purposes but not required. All abilities are encouraged to come. Movements can be done seated or standing. Located at East Side Neighborhood Services, 1700 Second Street NE.

Registration: 612-787-4086 or VitalLiving@esns.org.

Pizza and Poetry

Enjoy pizza and poetry in the garden at Northeast United Methodist Church, 2510 Cleveland Street NE, Wednesday, July 23, 5-6:30 pm.

Salo Park Summer Concert Schedule

Thursday evening concerts at Salo Park, from 7-8 pm at the Salo Park Amphitheater located on 39th Avenue NE between Silver Lake Road and Stinson Boulevard. In case of inclement weather, the concerts will be cancelled. Visit www.saloparkconcertseries.com by 3 pm the day of the concert for cancellations.

- *JULY 24 – THE DOUBLE DOWN DAREDEVILS*, Bluegrass and Americana music

Swap at Northeast Farmers Market

Swap puzzles, games and cookbooks on Saturday, July 26, 9 am-1 pm at the **Northeast Farmers Market, 629 2nd Street NE. Bring what you don't want, and take what you do. It's okay to just bring or just take, as well.** 😊

Rose Reverie by Regan Golden

In the summer of 2024, as artist-in-residence at the Lyndale Park Rose Garden, Regan Golden photographed over 250 rose species, deeply immersing herself in the symbolism, history and structural complexity of the rose. A mix of lithographs, watercolors and collages will be on display at Kolman & Reeb Gallery, Studio 395, Northrup King Building, 1500 Jackson Street NE, Saturday, July 26, through Sept. 20. The gallery will host an artist talk on Saturday, Aug. 2, 2-3:30 pm. A closing reception will be held Saturday, Sept. 20, from 6-8 pm.

St. Anthony Village Fest Schedule

Mark your calendars, St. Anthony Village Fest festivities begin on Friday, August 1 wrapping up on Saturday, August 2nd with fireworks at 9:45pm!!!