

# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

*(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*



## "BUILDING YOUR CENTRAL PARK"

**Order of Worship Sunday November 9, 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:** Our lives are incredibly busy, and most of us aren't intentional about creating space to retreat from the hustle and bustle to find rest, restoration, and rejuvenation. And yet, without such spaces, we deteriorate and lose focus on what's important. Jesus understood this. In this teaching, we look at Jesus' rhythm of retreat and get really practical on how we can do the same in order to live a vibrant and properly focused life.

*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 us Wednesday, November 12 for a special Bible Study, "What is Thanksgiving?"

NO Wednesday bible study November 19 and November 26.

Thanksgiving Service, Wednesday, November 26 at 5 pm.

Tell Your Friends and Family!

# Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

**AS WE GATHER:** Life can get so busy that we sometimes feel stressed and wearied. The best thing to do is to allow God to refresh our soul. Finding a time to often recharge, even in small “micro-moments,” can help you feel replenished and more capable of handling daily life, as you cannot serve from an empty vessel.

+ *CONNECT* +

## WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING HYMN

### “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

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Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer!  
That calls me from a world of care,  
And bids me at my Father's throne  
Make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
My soul has often found relief,  
And oft escaped the tempter's snare  
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer!  
Thy wings shall my petition bear  
To Him whose truth and faithfulness  
Engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since He bids me seek His face,  
Believe His word, and trust His grace,  
I'll cast on Him my every care,  
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

## 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 God 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

**"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

**Psalms 62:1-8**

For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence? They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood. They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse. *Selah*

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.  
Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. *Selah*

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **EPISTLE READING**

**Philippians 4:1, 4-9**

Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 5:12-16**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord!**

While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him. And he charged him to tell no one, but "go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them." But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

## **HYMN 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 "Building Your Central Park"**

**Rev. Dr. 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**

### **"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**



## 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

<b>11/09 Sun</b>	<b>Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship with Holy Communion, w/Rev. Dr. Matthew Cephus</b>
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship
	6:00 pm	NA
<b>11/10 Mon</b>	7:00 pm	Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)
	7:00 pm	AIAnon (upstairs)
<b>11/11 Tues</b>		<i>Veterans Day</i>
<b>11/12 Wed</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Bible Study – <i>What is Thanksgiving?</i></b>
	7:30 pm	SLAA Group Meeting
<b>11/13 Thurs</b>		<b>Set-up Salvation Army Gift Tree</b>
<b>11/14 Fri</b>	5:00 pm	Living Word Music Rehearsal
<b>11/15 Sat</b>	10:00 am	Living Word Worship & Fellowship
	4:00 pm	Living Word Bord Meeting
	6:00 pm	Living Word Prayer Night
<b>11/16 Sun</b>	<b>Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship with Holy Communion, w/Rev. Dr. Matthew Cephus</b>
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship
	6:00 pm	NA

## **SERVING TODAY**

**Elder:** Karmon Christopherson

**Reading:** Karmon Christopherson

**Ushers:** Tom Harris and Dale Raschke

**Altarcare:** Patty Lyrenmann

**Counters:** Sandy Westling and Tom Harris

**Attendance: 11/02/2025: 28**

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### *Thank you!*

Our sincerest thank you to Larry for getting our boiler system ready for the cooler weather. We all appreciate your time and efforts!

We extend this same gratitude as we recognize the many other contributions within our church—the dedicated service of our council members, ushers, altar care, and counters, as well as everyone who gives their time and resources to support our congregation each week. Your commitment helps foster a warm and welcoming community, and together, we continue to make a meaningful difference for all who gather here.

### **EDISON TO HONOR KOREAN, VIETNAM VETERANS**

Edison High School will host a plaque dedication/veteran appreciation ceremony on **Tuesday, Veterans Day, November 11**. Seven Edison graduates who were killed in the Korean War and 14 who died in Vietnam will be honored. The ceremony will take place in the Edison Community Gymnasium, 2030 Monroe Street NE, **7-8 pm**.

### **FREE Community Dinner at St. Timothy's; November 11<sup>th</sup> @ 5 pm – 6:30 pm**

Join St. Timothy's on Tuesday, November 11, from 5 pm to 6:30 pm (or until the food is gone) for their drive through community dinner. All are welcome! Please spread the word! St. Timothy's Lutheran Church is located at 825 51st Avenue NE, in Columbia Heights.

### **Free Community Dinner at Faith UMC - November 13 @ 5 pm - 6 pm**

Faith United Methodist Church, 2708 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE, will hold a free community dinner every second Thursday of the month from 5-6 pm. Everyone is welcome. The last date for 2025 is December 11.

**BIRTHDAYS:** 14<sup>th</sup> Betty Hietala

**ANNIVERSARIES:** None

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** OPEN

**FLOWERS:** *Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Betty!*

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Meridel Christopherson, Tom Farrell, Robert & Dolores Kluwe, Roselyn Norman, Larry Schlais, Pat Scott, Alec Schwandt and all our shut-ins

**Aaron Morelli** upcoming testing

**Al Morelli** continued healing and good health

**Gwen Johnson**, prayers are working! Upcoming radiation, then cancer free!

**Pastor Martin Cornes'** father-in-law, Dan, recently diagnosed with cancer; has undergone surgery. He is now staying in a transitional care facility; discussions regarding future treatment options are forthcoming

**Roger Kropelniki** (Ken Biebighauser's BnL) underwent esophagus surgery and is suffering from lung issues

**Karen Charpentier** (Ken Biebighauser's sister) going through cancer treatment

**Diane Sharbono** undergoing cancer treatment

**Dorie** (Shirley Holzinger's sister-in-law) addressing unexpected issues.

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

**Kim Morelli and Amy Rich** (Morelli's DnLs) continued prayers for good health after cancer treatments

**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) continued prayers as he continues treatment for Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

**Amy Price** (Morelli's niece) dealing with continued health concerns

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

**THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN DANGEROUS AREAS**

## **TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR**

**November 9**

**"The Lead of Life"**

**(Luke 20:27-40)**

Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti

The lead (or 'lede') of a news story conveys the most essential information. What is the lead of the Good News, the Gospel?

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

**November 16**

**"The Name on the Front"**

**(Romans 12:5-6)**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Mercy is an others-focused attitude because God is an others-first God.

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:** *Proper 27 - Mark 12:44*

"For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." From Old Testament times right through to today the Lord has urged us to give to His work in the Church in proportion to how He has blessed us. He has also called us to sacrificial giving, that is, giving that actually costs us something. That's the shape of true Christian generosity.

## **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:**

"God creates, redeems, and calls all human beings as His own precious treasures from fertilization to forever, regardless of ages, appearances, abilities, or impairments. The Gospel of Jesus Christ invites us to an honest humility and an enthusiastic hope that receive each one as gift and privilege!" *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – 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 **"The Sin of Sue Bradley."** Misguided meddling leads to jealousy and threatens a loving relationship. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. David Shudy from St. John Lutheran Church in Black River Falls, WI, presents a message titled **"The Resurrection from the Dead"** based on **Luke 20:27-40**. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) select the "Twin Cities" tab.