

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)

**WHAT
DO
YOU
EXPECT**



"DYING TO EXPECTATION"

Order of Worship September 13, 2026 | 10:00 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: One of the most challenging aspects of faith is unmet expectations – that gap between what we thought/hoped God would do and what actually occurred. So how do we deal with those moments? That's what this teaching addresses as we explore the bizarre exchange between Jesus and Peter at Caesarea Philippi.

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.

BIBLE STUDY IS BACK!

Gloria Dei is excited to announce Wednesday mid-day bible study will return September 16 at 11 am. We will be wrapping up the book of Ephesians. See you there!

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: We often hold on so tightly to our expectations of what we believe God should do or should've done that we completely miss the new thing He is doing in our midst. It's time to let go and let God.

+ CONNECT +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

vs. 1-3

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

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: 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 vs. 1, 2, 4, 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!

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

Proverbs 3:1-8

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.
Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 3:7-11

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:13-23

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter,

"Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

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 vs. 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 **"Dying to Expectation"** 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

"He Leadeth Me O Blessed Thought"

He leadeth me, O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain

He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful foll'wer I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

Refrain

And when my task on earth is done,
When by Thy grace the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

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

9/13 Sun	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	10:00 am	Worship Service w /Holy Communion Rev. Dr. Matthew Cephus
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship
	6:00 pm	NA
9/14 Mon	7:00 pm	Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)
	7:00 pm	AIAnon (upstairs)
9/15 Tues	5:00 pm	GDLC Council Meeting
	7:30 pm	SLAA Group Meeting
9/16 Wed	11:00 am	GDLC Bible Study
9/18 Fri	5:00 pm	Living Word Music Rehearsal
9/19 Sat	10:00 am	Living Word Worship & Fellowship
	4:00 pm	Living Word Board Meeting
	6:00 pm	Living Word Prayer Night
9/20 Sun	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	10:00 am	Worship Service w /Holy Communion Rev. Dr. Matthew Cephus
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship
	6:00 pm	NA

SERVING TODAY

Elders: Daniel Carlson and Jason Matasovsky
Reading: Julie Cross
Ushers: Tom Harris
Altar Care: Morellis and Lyrenmanns
Counters: Sandy Westling and Tom Harris
Attendance: 9/06/2026: 25

BIRTHDAYS: 17th Aaron Morelli, 19th Layne Betterman
ANNIVERSARIES: 7th Bruce and Julie Cross (36 years)

ETERNAL CANDLE: Sandy Westling – Birthdays = Tricia, daughter-in-law and Grace, granddaughter
FLOWERS: Open

PRAYER CONCERNS

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Wade Billmeyer, Karmon & Meridel Christopherson, Robert & Dolores Kluwe, Larry Schlais, Pat Scott, Verlayne Sather and all our shut-ins

Evelyn Cummings (Roselyn's family) breast cancer, double mastectomy and treatment pending

Allie Pierce, her cancer has returned

James Norman His cancer and pain have worsened. He is also losing weight fast.

Larry Derksen (Shirley & Vicki's brother) going through treatment at VA for seizures

Alec Schwandt (Morelli's nephew) heart surgery procedure successful, thank you for all the prayers

Jennifer (Amy Rich's sister) recovering from recent breast cancer treatments

Roxie Johnson (Morelli's niece) ongoing heart issues, upcoming surgery to replace small valve on August 24

Trent Johnson (Roxie's son) liver cancer, now in hospice

Kim Morelli and Amy Rich (Morelli's DnLs) both doing well with current cancer treatments, thank you for your continued prayers

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 at 612-781-1989.



TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

September 13, 2026 "Forgiveness Is a Non-Negotiable" Matthew 6:12
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

In God's family, forgiveness is non-negotiable. It's not up for debate because forgiveness is what makes us who we are.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

September 20, 2026 "High Bar to Clay Jar" Matthew 20:16
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

In Jesus, we don't need to compare ourselves to anyone else. Instead, we are free to better appreciate them.

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: *16th Sunday after Pentecost - Romans 14:7*

"For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself." We just don't belong to ourselves — we belong first of all to God, and through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation: as a Christian you serve others in the church, as a neighbor you serve others in society, and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"Again, our worth is never determined by what we do. God has given us value by creating, redeeming, and calling us as His own. Still, we can be comforted knowing that even as we age and reach the point where we can no longer be active, God not only watches over us and cares for us, He accomplishes great and wonderful things through us. May the Lord of life grant us the faith and the strength to bear the crosses of aging in such a way that others are led to see the love of Christ manifest in us!" *Rev. Dr. Aric Fenske, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – 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, **"No Laughing Matter."** A woman must learn to deal with her past to help someone else in her present. The worship service begins at 9:30 with Rev. Jeffrey Ross from Zion Lutheran Church in Brainerd, MN, presenting a message titled, **"A River, Not A Dam"** based on Matthew 18:21-35. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities' tab.



See you at Gloria Dei's Garage Sale!

Sale dates are set for Thursday, September 17, Friday, September 18 and Saturday, September 19. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Gloria Dei.

Sale organizers can use your help! Volunteers are needed to help with sale setup, to work the sale and packing up the "left-overs." Items not sold will be donated to local thrift stores.

Speak with Mary or Shirley if you have an interest in helping with any aspect of the sale.

Many hands make light work. 😊

St. Maron Lebanese Festival

St. Maron Catholic Church, 602 University Avenue NE, will hold its annual Lebanese Fall Festival September 18, 19 and 20. New this year is bingo only on Friday. Event held Friday, Sept. 18, 6-9 pm. Saturday, Sept. 19, noon-8 pm and Sunday, Sept. 20, 11 am-6 pm. Authentic Lebanese cuisine: Gyros, kafta, falafel, tabbouli, hummus, grape leaves, baklava, Lebanese coffee, beer and wine. Live music & traditional Dabke dancing: Performances by youth and adult groups at 2 and 4 pm Sat. and Sun. Entertainment for all ages, including a Lebanese store. Church Tours: Discover the largest church mosaic in the Twin Cities. More info at stmaron.com.

Taste of Northeast Festival

St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral, 1701 5th Street NE will host their annual Taste of Northeast Festival on Saturday, September 26, 12-9 pm and Sunday, September 27, 12-6 pm. Enjoy local ethnic foods including perohi, holubki, ustipci, as well as corn, fries, and more. Live entertainment, bingo and raffles, silent auction, kids' activities, beer/wine and marketplace. Rock 'n' roll cover band American Bootleg Saturday night. This event is cashless with the exception of bingo, cash raffle and marketplace (by vendor discretion).

Audubon Farmers Market

Every Thursday, rain or shine, from 4 – 7 PM in the lot at 2800 Johnson Street.
Season runs through September 24th.

Help yourself to a free night lite compliments of Xcel Energy. Limit two boxes per household, please. Lights are in the Fireside Room on the side table.