Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



"HOPE THAT ANCHORS THE SOUL"

Order of Worship November 15, 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 important parts of a ship that sails the sea is the anchor. When the anchor is deployed, it steadies the ship and does not let it drift away in the tide. As Christians, you have an anchor that works in much the same way. Your anchor is hope—hope in Jesus Christ. He will help you navigate the hard times in your life and be the steadying force upon which you rely. Today, many people define hope in psychological terms rather than theological terms. In today's sermon, you'll discover where you can find the hope you need when you feel overwhelmed.

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 Gloria Dei on Wednesdays at 11 am for mid-day bible study, featuring the book of Ephesians. We will be wrapping up Chapter 6 a call to spiritual battle using the Armor of God.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: As believers, we have "a living hope" and "hope as an anchor" that holds secure because it is tethered to the steadfast Word of God and the unchanging, reliable character of God. He is faithful, and His promises are true.

+ CONNECT +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

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'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His Word;
Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er;
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust Him more!

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that He is with me, Will be with me to the end.

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er;
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust Him more!

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er;
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust Him more!
Oh, for grace to trust Him more!

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 **"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 **Psalm 62:1-2, 5-8**

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.

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 **Hebrews 6:13-20**

For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise. For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING **John 14:1-3**

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.
C: Glory to You, O Lord!

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" LSB 575

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My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness
No merit of my own I claim but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ the solid rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.
Refrain

His oath, His covenant and blood support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
Refrain

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne!
Refrain

Message "Hope that Anchors the Soul" 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 "Standing on the Promises of God"

Standing on the promises of Christ, my King,
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God, my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail.
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God. **Refrain**

Standing on the promises of Christ, the Lord,
Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God. **Refrain**

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God. **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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Collection for Operation Christmas Child Ends Sunday, November 15

As a reminder, the gift filled shoeboxes should be dropped off at Gloria Dei no later than Sunday, November 15 -- shoeboxes will be delivered on Monday, November 16.
Fill a Shoebox with gifts! Decide if for a girl or boy and the age group 2 - 4, 5 - 9, 10 – 14. **Do Not Include** – SOAP, Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures (or wearable camouflage); chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

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 6. Gifts will be delivered to the Salvation Army on December 8. Please consider bringing an unwrapped gift to Church to place under the Christmas Tree in the Lobby. As in previous years, the Salvation Army's auditors request we add the monetary value to the gifts donated. Please add an estimated dollar amount to the items you leave under the tree. Thank you!

Gloria Dei's Upcoming Holiday Services

Gloria Dei's Thanksgiving Service will be held on Thursday, November 26 at 10 am (Thanksgiving Day). There will be NO Bible Study on Wednesday, November 25.
As a reminder, Gloria Dei will hold Christmas Eve candlelight service at 5pm and Christmas Day service at 10 am.
Also, plan to attend the Annual Walk through the Bible on Saturday December 12 from 3 – 7 pm. Dress warm! This event is held outdoors.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

11/15 Sun	**Twenty-fifth 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
11/16 Mon	7:00 pm	Beginners AlAnon (downstairs)
	7:00 pm	AlAnon (upstairs)
11/17 Tues	**5:00 pm**	**Gloria Dei Council Meeting**
	7:00 pm	SLAA Group Meeting
11/18 Wed	**11:00 am**	**GDLC Bible Study**
11/20 Fri	5:00 pm	Living Word Music Rehearsal
11/21 Sat	10:00 am	Living Word Worship & Fellowship
	4:00 pm	Living Word Board Meeting
	6:00 pm	Living Word Prayer Night
11/22 Sun	**Twenty-sixth 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: Sandy Westling
Ushers: Tom Harris
Altar Care: Lyrenmanns and Morellis
Counters: Sandy Westling and Tom Harris
Attendance: 11/08/2026: 25




BIRTHDAYS: 17th Chris Hadrath
ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: Open
FLOWERS: Open

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Lisa Young (Roselyn's SnL) double mastectomy last week, praying for successful cancer treatment
Robert & Dolores Kluwe ongoing health issues
Katie Beth Carlson's grandmother, Roxanne Soderman, is experiencing complications related to heart failure. She has been hospitalized for 2-1/2 weeks and is now in a nursing home for rehab; she will then be released to hospice care at home. Grandpa, Bud, is still her main caregiver. Prayers for peace, comfort and a miracle healing.
Michelle (Shirley H's friend) suffering with vertigo and doctors just found a lesion on her brain.
Allie Pierce, her cancer has returned
James Norman His cancer and pain have worsened. He is also losing weight fast.
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
Kim Morelli (Morelli's DnLs) upcoming surgery the week of 10/26, continued prayers
Amy Rich (Morelli's DnLs) recovering from recent surgery, 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.

Pick up your FREE 2027 Wall Calendar.
Compliments of Washburn McReavy.

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

November 15, 2026 "Fruitful Trees" Genesis 1:11-12; 1 Peter 2:24

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Glenn Nielsen

The tree of Christ's cross bore life-giving fruit.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

November 22, 2026 "Trees in Winter" Revelation 22:2

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Christ's followers are like trees in winter–seemingly barren now, but rooted in God's Word and living in the promise of Christ's resurrection and the renewal of all things.

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

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"Tragedies are a reminder that we do live in a fallen world, and we all need to repent. We thank God for the time He has given us in this life to repent. We recognize our sin. We confess our sin. We trust that Jesus did everything for our forgiveness. Out of thanks for God's gift of forgiveness, let's be living fig trees. Each day let's bear good fruit, showing our faith, and giving glory to God in everything we do." *Rev. Darren Green, St John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

STEWARDSHIP: *25th Sunday after Pentecost - Matthew 25:30*

"And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness." Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn't trust or love the Master; so, his actions did not demonstrate love and trust, but rather hate and mistrust. It's the same with us, but in reverse: since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

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, **"Amazing Grace."** A man from a poor beginning now leads a rich and full life and must learn not to forsake his Christian beginnings. The worship service begins at 9:30 with Rev. Terry Grzybowski from Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Elk River, MN, presenting a message titled, **"Being a Good and Faithful Servant,"** based on **Matthew 25:14–30**. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities' tab.