

**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Royal Family Church**



"The Spirit Convicts"

**Order of Worship | May 19, 2024 – 11 AM
Pastor Matthew Cephus
with Guest Pastor Vue Lee, Preaching**

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Welcome to God's House!

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 Pastor Matthew after the service. 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.

Today's Topic: The birthing of the New Testament church.

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. You can hand your request to an usher before the start of today's service.

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.

After today's service, everyone is invited and welcome to a stay for an ethnic-style Potluck luncheon. Please feel free to grab a plate and enjoy the wonderful dishes brought to share.

Pentecost is a time of sharing, so what better way to celebrate?



Pentecost Sunday

AS WE GATHER: Pentecost is the day when God begins the process of converting the world to faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Most importantly, Pentecost is the day when God decided the way the world would be evangelized. Not only by the singular ministry of His Son, Jesus Christ, but by the anointed and empowered efforts of every believer.

+ CONNECT +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG, TRIO

"How Great is Our God"
Bruce Cross, Patience Cephus and Faith Cephus

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.**

L: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.

C: **Alleluia!**

CONFESSION OF OUR SINS

L: Let us confess our sins to our Heavenly Father who truly loves us.

C: **Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness, and we also ask for your strength. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth. AMEN**

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

P: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.

C: **Alleluia!**

+ *NURTURE* +

SONG OF THE DAY

"Shout to the Lord"

By Don Moen

Songwriters: Darlene Joyce Zschech - Shout to the Lord lyrics © Music Services, Inc.

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You.
All of my days, I want to praise, The wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, Tower of refuge and strength.
Let every breath, all that I am, Never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing. Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down, and the seas will roar, At the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love You, Forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

C: Holy God, ignite within us a fiery passion for your mission in the world today. Warm us by the Spirit's dancing tongues of flame, that we may feel your kindling blaze within, urging us to do your greater good. Make us wholly present to experience a new birth and awaken possibilities within us to share your love in the world. In this love and abundance, we come to celebrate your harvest—a harvest bearing the first fruits of the Spirit within us. Show us how to use these gifts, as we listen for your truth in the rushing winds and gentle breezes of your Spirit. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joel 2:23-28

"Be glad, O children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the latter rain, as before.

"The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you.

"You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God and there is none else. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

The Lord Will Pour Out His Spirit

"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2:14-18, 21

Peter's Sermon at Pentecost

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy."

And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL READING

John 16:12-22

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Your Sorrow Will Turn into Joy

"A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no

longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Shine Jesus Shine"

Graham Kendrick

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Lord, the light of Your love is shining In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, light of the World shine upon us, Set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain:

**Shine, Jesus, Shine, Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, Blaze, Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, River, Flow Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word, Lord, And let there be light.**

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, Shine on me.

Refrain

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirror'd here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, Shine on me.

Refrain

MESSAGE

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Guest Pastor Vue Lee

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.

+ EMPOWER +

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.

CLOSING SONG

"How Great Thou Art"

LSB 801

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O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

Refrain

But when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in –
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

Refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God how great Thou art!"

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

5/19 Sun

Pentecost Sunday

11:00 am **Worship w/Holy Communion,
Guest Pastor Vue Lee Preaching**

12:00 pm Potluck Luncheon

6:00 pm NA

5/20 Mon

7:00 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)

7:00 pm AIAnon (upstairs)

5/21 Tues

5:00 pm **Gloria Dei Council Meeting**

5/22 Wed

11:00 am **Bible Study**

5/23 Thurs

5:30 pm **Thursday Evening Bible Study**

5/24 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

5/25 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

5/26 Sun

The Holy Trinity

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

11:45 am Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm NA

ETERNAL CANDLE: Shirley Holzinger – Memory of Dad, Alvin

FLOWERS: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann – 50th Wedding Anniversary

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May/June Spring Offering: Salvation Army Programs

Did you know, when hard times hit, the Salvation Army is there to help. No matter what the need – physical, emotional or spiritual.

From meeting the most basic needs to outlining the path to long-term solutions, they can help with overcoming the obstacles people face today and provide hope for tomorrow.

Local programs and services include:

- Food support; free summer lunch program (Monday – Friday) and summer day camp for youths (June – August); Rent and utility assistance; After-school programs; Transportation assistance for medical appointments and new jobs; Job postings and resume assistance; Referrals for furniture assistance; Hygiene supplies, formula, diapers; Emergency financial assistance (as funding is available); Referrals for budget counseling; Men's, women's and children and teen ministries.

For information, call 612-789-2858 to learn more or request help.

Pentecost is a time for celebration and reflection. After all, the birth of the church took place on this day 2,000 years ago! Let's use this holiday to rejoice in the moving power of the Spirit and anxiously await for Christ to return again and bring about the new heaven and new earth. Just as he said.

More Scriptures to Pray over for Pentecost this Year

[Romans 8:26](#): *"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words."*

[1 Corinthians 14:15](#): *"What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also."*

[Philippians 4:6](#): *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."*

[1 John 5:15](#): *"And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him."*

[Colossians 3:16](#): *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."*



