

# **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

*(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*

**God is not  
our last hope.  
He is our  
only hope.**



**"God Provides - Hope and 'The Good Life'"**

**Order of Worship June 2, 2024 | 10 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:** Our problem is that we're not generous. Why? Because we put our hope in things that aren't God. But God's not only the creator, owner, and investor of everything, He richly provides us with everything we need to enjoy this life now and the one to come. What that means for you and me is that we get to be generous with, all that God has FOR us (and FOR others) to enjoy.

*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. e.

*You have heard of Jesus, but do you know him? Join us for Bible Study*

Join bible study **Wednesday, June 5, 11 am** with Pastor Matthew **OR**

**Thursday, June 6 at 5:30 pm** with Katie Beth & Daniel Carlson – fellowship is included in both sessions.

# The Second Sunday after Pentecost

**AS WE GATHER:** Christianity is about far more than holding right beliefs or adopting right behaviors. At salvation, we enter into a *union with God* that changes our legal status. We have right standing with God now. We have a righteousness that comes by faith, and that faith justifies us.

+ *CONNECT* +

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING SOLO**

**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 and is always ready to forgive.

**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

## "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

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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**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Psalms 112:5-9**

It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice.

For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever.

He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.

He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

## **EPISTLE READING**

**1 Timothy 6:17-19**

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 5:16-24**

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working."

### ***Jesus Is Equal with God***

This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

### ***The Authority of the Son***

So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY      "In Christ Alone"      Keith Getty/ Stuart Townend**  
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In Christ alone my Hope is found, He is my Light, my Strength, my Song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
    What heights of love, What depths of peace,  
    When fears are stilled, When strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh. Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
    Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied –  
    For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day. Up from the grave He rose again!  
    And as He stands in victory. Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine - Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me;  
    From life's first cry to final breath. Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
    Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

**MESSAGE "God Provides - Hope and 'The Good Life'" Guest Pastor Toby Schmidt**

**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 SONG      "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You"**

May the good Lord bless and keep you whether near or far away  
    May you find that long awaited golden day today  
May your troubles all be small ones and your fortunes ten times ten  
    May the good Lord bless and keep you till we meet again

May you walk with sunlight shining and a bluebird in every tree  
    May there be a silver lining back on every cloud you see  
Fill your dreams with sweet tomorrows never mind what might have been  
    May the good Lord bless and keep you till we meet again

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### **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**

**6/02 Sun**

### **Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**11:00 am**    **Worship w/Holy Communion,**  
**Guest Pastor Toby Schmidt, Associate Pastor,**  
**Christ Victorious, Chaska**

11:45 am    Royal Family Worship w/Holy Communion

6:00 pm    NA

**6/03 Mon**

7:00 pm    Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)

7:00 pm    AIAnon (upstairs)

**6/05 Wed**

**11:00 am**    **Bible Study and/or Fellowship**

**6/06 Thurs**

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

**6/07 Fri**

5:00 pm    Living Word Music Rehearsal

**6/08 Sat**

10:00 am    Living Word Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm    Living Word Prayer Night

**6/09 Sun**

### **Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**11:00 am**    **Worship w/Holy Communion,**  
**Pastor Mattew Cephus**

11:45 am    Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm    NA

## **SERVING TODAY**

**Elder: Karmon Christopherson**

**Reading: Verlayne Sather**

**Ushers:**

**Altar Care: OPEN**

**Counters: Sandy Westling and Tom Harris**

**Attendance: 5/26/2024: 30**

**BIRTHDAYS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Verlayne Sather

**ANNIVERSARIES:** None

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** OPEN

**FLOWERS:** OPEN

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Gwen Johnson, Robert & Delores Kluwe, Larry Schlais, Pat Scott and all our shut-ins

**Tara (Tom and Patty's niece)** her very good friend Josh passed away suddenly, comforting prayers for Tara as she works through this difficult time

**Roselyn Norman** safe travels and stay while in Liberia (6/08/24 – 9/04/24)

**Roselyn Norman's** neighbor and friend, Tom, was recently diagnosed with State 3 kidney and liver cancer

**James Norman, Sr.** (James' dad) Prayers for a successful treatment for prostate cancer

**Meridel Christopherson** upcoming surgery to insert a stint in her main artery, which is completely blocked. Thankful for a plan

**Carin Anderson** will have knee replacement surgery on Wednesday, May 8th.

**Kim Morelli** (Morelli's DnL) recovering from breast cancer surgery on May 1

**Jim** (Gwen Johnson's brother) reoccurring issues due to his time in the Service

**Pastor Jim Gullickson** (Sandy Westling's friend) suffered a stroke, continuing rehab, using a wheelchair

**John** (Meridel and Patty's brother) transplanted kidney issues, continued prayers

**Butch Morelli** – Blocked carotid artery, surgery postponed; continued prayers

**Amy Rich** (Morelli's DnL) – ongoing treatment after successful surgery for breast cancer

**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

**John** (Karmon/Meridel SnL) has been diagnosed with chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML), prayers for good results on continued cancer treatments

**Roxie Johnson** (Morelli's niece) heart issues, pacemaker implanted, continued prayers

**Warren** (Karmon's BnL) Receiving chemo and radiation for Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

**Ty** (Wade Billmeyer's Friend of a friend) continued prayers

**Amy Price** (Morelli's niece) – treatments for stage 4 cancer

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

**THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN DANGEROUS AREAS**

## **TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR**

**June 2**

**"Lit Up"**

**(Acts 11:24)**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The Law and Gospel light of Jesus is both an exposing searchlight that reveals our shortcomings and a warm grow light that nurtures us.

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

**June 9**

**"Selfless Sending"**

**(Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3)**

Guest Speaker: Pastor Jeff Cloeter

The Christians of ancient Antioch were known for their spirit of selfless sacrifice. The spirit of Antioch continues in the Church today because Christ Himself is with us.

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: *2 Corinthians 4:7***

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us." The chief treasure we have is our faith, our connection to Jesus and all the blessings He bestows upon us: forgiveness of sins, the Holy Spirit, new desires to follow Him, spiritual growth into His image, etc. St. Paul says we have these treasures in jars of clay, meaning that of ourselves, we are still weak, stumbling and powerless. The treasure is not us, but what the Lord has graciously given us. We are vessels for His blessings. But a treasure hoarded is a treasure wasted. How is the Lord calling you to share these and all the treasures He has given you?

### **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:**

"So, what are we as Christians to do in a culture that rejects God's gift of marriage, sex within its bounds, and children? Repent. Turn from your sin. Receive Jesus' forgiveness. And do not forget to pray. Pray for all marriages and all families, that the Lord who makes two into one flesh would richly bless them with His love, joy, and mercy." *Rev. Matthew Wietfeldt, Concordia Theological Seminary – 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 **"Some People Need Help"** — An amputee from a Veteran's hospital must learn that hurting others will not help him. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Jeffrey Williams from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, MN, presenting a message titled **"Lord of the Sabbath " based on Mark 2:23-28.** For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) select the "Twin Cities" tab.

## **May/June Offering: Salvation Army Programs**

The Spring Offering will go directly to the Central Avenue Salvation Army food shelf, located at 2727 Central Avenue NE. Use your “May Mission Offering” envelopes to make your donation.

At The Salvation Army, they know that one of the first results to occur in times of crisis is food insecurity. Many families don't know where their next meal will come from. Whether the cause is a natural disaster, financial strain, or a pandemic, many families in need struggle to find nutritional food on a regular basis. For some, food pantries are a source of emergency aid to solve a hunger crisis. For others, food pantries supplement low-income families with nutritious meals. At The Salvation Army, their food pantries provide a variety of healthy food and basic-need items for those seeking food assistance and to help them regain household food security.

For information, call [612-789-2858](tel:612-789-2858) to learn more or request help.

### **Do you have unwanted items you would like to get rid of?**

Gloria Dei can help! GDLC will again participate in the Annual Northeast Garage Sales June 13 – 15. Mary Piper is still collecting gently used, sellable items for the sale. Please bring them to Mary's house on or before Sunday, June 9 (2955 Benjamin Street NE, leave them at the side garage door). All proceeds will benefit Gloria Dei directly. The proceeds from 2023 were used to purchase two new computers/monitors for the offices. If you have an interest in helping with any aspect of the sale, please let the office know OR speak with Mary. *Many hands make light work.* 😊

### **Heights Citywide Garage Sale - June 7 - June 9**

The seventh annual Columbia Heights citywide garage sale is scheduled for June 7-9. Maps will be available on June 5 at [www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/garagesale](http://www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/garagesale).

### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

**Friday, June 7**, St. Anthony Community Center, 3301 Silver Lake Rd., **9 am-3 pm**. There are many appointment slots open. All donors will receive a Red Cross Tetris t-shirt, a chance to win a trip to New York and a free sub sandwich coupon from St. Anthony Jersey Mike's. Sign up at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=SAV>.

### **Free community dinners at St. Timothy's | June 11 @ 5:30 pm**

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 825 51st Ave. NE, in Columbia Heights, serves a free community dinner the second Tuesday of each month from 5:30-6:30 pm (or until the food is gone). Free and everyone is welcome! Please spread the word!! Info: 763-571-9721.