

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



"The Faithfulness of God"

**Order of Worship June 9, 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: God uses time as one of his tools, but He is not limited to time to fulfill what He has spoken. The promises made to Abraham are still getting fulfilled through our lives because of our covenant relationship with Jesus through His blood sacrificed for us.

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 12, 11 am** with Pastor Matthew **OR**

Thursday, June 13 at 5:30 pm with Katie Beth & Daniel Carlson – fellowship is included in both sessions.

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: God's vision is far wider, longer, and higher than what we can envision today. When we are disappointed with an outcome, He is still faithful! In those times, we must remind ourselves that He is faithful to His promise, to His purpose, and to His plan for His kingdom, as well our lives.

+ CONNECT +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SOLO

"Because of Who You Are"

Lisa Kleinwolterink

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 abides faithful and 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

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 18:1-14

And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 11:8-12

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:1-12

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

The Word Became Flesh

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

"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

MESSAGE

"The Faithfulness of God"

Pastor 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 SONG

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

LSB 924

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Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to Your truth may we be found.

Savior, when Your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us, glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with You in endless day.

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

6/09 Sun

Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

11:45 am Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm NA

6/10 Mon

7:00 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)

7:00 pm AIAnon (upstairs)

6/12 Wed

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

6/13 Thurs

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

6/14 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

6/15 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

4:00 pm Living Word Board Meeting

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

6/16 Sun

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Happy Father's Day!

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

11:45 am Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm NA

Gloria Dei's Annual Garage Sale

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 13 – 15. Located across from the parking lot at 2955 Benjamin Street NE. The proceeds will benefit Gloria Dei. If you would like to help with the sale, let the office know OR speak with Mary. All help is welcome – a little or a lot!

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Reading: Karmon Christopherson

Ushers: Morelli's

Altar Care: Morelli's

Counters: Morelli's

Attendance: 6/02/2024: 25

BIRTHDAYS: 15th Meridel Christopherson

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: OPEN

FLOWERS: Wade Billmeyer – Happy Birthday to his Aunt

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 Stage 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 stent 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 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.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

June 16

"Water Power"

(Acts 16:5)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's mission is like water. Without changing what it is, the Good News of God's Kingdom takes the shape of its cultural container, crossing boundaries and barriers.

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: *Proper 5*

Mark 3:35 – “Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.” Doing the will of God starts with trusting in His Son, Jesus Christ. Once we have faith in Him and have been reborn as new creatures through Holy Baptism, we strive to grow in this faith and in a life that agrees with our faith. Growing in generosity, in kindness and in love across our callings in the home, in church and in society is growing into the family of God, for all who do His will are His brothers and sisters and mothers.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

“For the Christian, changing hearts and minds isn’t just about meeting bodily needs; it also means connecting our neighbor to the true source of life—Christ Himself. It means providing for her needs in this world and the next by boldly intertwining our works and words of mercy with the gift of mercy Himself. It means helping him carry the crosses of this world on the way to his heavenly home.” *Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life – 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 “Jeremy” — Deals with the relationship between a mother and a mentally challenged son who lives in a home. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Brent Klein from Trinity Lutheran Church in Northfield, MN, presenting a message titled “An Unforgivable Sin” based on Mark 3:20-35. For more information or to watch the program, go to 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.

Below are some little-known facts about the Salvation Army:

- The red shield dates from 1896 and serves as the trademark for the Army's social services.
- The Salvation Army provides assistance to those in need 365 days a year.
- More than 3 million people volunteer for The Salvation Army nationwide each year.
- With more than 7,600 centers of operation in almost every zip code in the United States, The Salvation Army assists well over 23 million individuals nationwide throughout the year—more than 2.9 million of those during the holiday season alone.
- About 82 percent of your donation to The Salvation Army goes directly to program funding to help people who need it most. The average charity spends 75 percent of their budget on programs, while the remaining money goes to cover overhead costs like fundraising. The Better Business Bureau mandates that charities spend at least 65 percent of total expenses on program activities.
- The Salvation Army's work in disaster relief began in 1900 in response to the devastating hurricane that destroyed Galveston, Texas and killed more than 5,000 people.
- The Salvation Army began dispensing food and drinks near Ground Zero less than an hour after the 2001 terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers. In nearly nine months of service there, 40,000 Salvation Army volunteers, staff and officers assisted 4.5 million people with meals, pastoral counseling and social services.
- The Salvation Army operates numerous domestic violence shelters nationwide, where abused women and children can get a fresh start in life, safely and confidentially.
- When you shop at Salvation Army family thrift stores, you are supporting adult rehabilitation centers that annually help nearly 147,000 people from every walk of life fight substance abuse and return to their communities as participating, contributing members.

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.

Northeast Senior Luncheons - June 11, at Logan Park - Main entrée includes: BBQ cheeseburgers, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, potato chips, and Cole slaw. Ice cream treats for dessert. Unlimited coffee, regular and decaf and water.