

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



PRAYER SERIES II: “PRAYING WITH CONFIDENCE”

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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: When it comes to prayer, it is important to learn how to pray with confidence. Sometimes, we feel unsure and insecure, thinking that God is not hearing us. Our trust should be in His ability and His willingness to answer, because of who He is. Once you understand what God is really like, your confidence will soar.

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.

Gloria Dei will be taking a short hiatus from weekly Wednesday and Thursday bible studies (after Wednesday, June 26). We will resume after Labor Day. Also, for the remainder of June and through July, the opening "solo" will be sung by the entire congregation. Song selection for those six weeks will reflect the change. We will resume with solos August 4.

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: God makes it possible for us to have access to Him in prayer. That's one of the most astounding concepts in all the world. It's beyond comprehension that the God of this whole universe, has encouraged those of us who are creatures of dust to come into His presence in prayer.

+ *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

Refrain:

I need Thee, oh, I need Thee; Every hour I need Thee;
Oh, bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their pow'r when Thou art nigh.

Refrain

I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, or life is vain.

Refrain

I need Thee every hour; teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill.

Refrain

I need Thee every hour, most Holy One;
Oh, make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son.

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 our Heavenly Father who loves us, hears us, and is always ready to forgive.

C: **Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: forgive and cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. 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

Psalm 34:1-10, 17-19

Taste and See That the Lord Is Good

Of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 4:14-16

Jesus the Great High Priest

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 7: 7-11

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

Ask, and It Will Be Given

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear-
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged-- Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness-- Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge-- Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

MESSAGE**Pastor Matthew Cephus****PRAYER SERIES II: "PRAYING WITH CONFIDENCE"****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

"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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OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

6/23 Sun		Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
	10:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion, Pastor Matthew Cephus
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship
	6:00 pm	NA
6/24 Mon	7:00 pm	Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)
	7:00 pm	AIAnon (upstairs)
6/26 Wed	11:00 am	Bible Study and Fellowship (last one until Fall)
6/27 Thurs	5:30 pm	<u>NO</u> Thursday Evening Bible Study
6/28 Fri	5:00 pm	Living Word Music Rehearsal
6/29 Sat	10:00 am	Living Word Worship & Fellowship
	6:00 pm	Living Word Prayer Night
6/30 Sun		Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
	10:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion, Pastor Matthew Cephus
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship
	6:00 pm	NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson
Reading: Julie Cross
Ushers: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer
Altar Care: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann
Counters: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer
Attendance: 6/16/2024: 25

BIRTHDAYS: None

ANNIVERSARIES: 25th Daniel & Katie Beth Carlson; 28th Tom Harris & Pat Vogel

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

Barb McDonald upcoming knee replacement surgery

Wade Billmeyer Upcoming appointment and MRI at Mayo Clinic

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 surgery to insert a stent in her main artery, which is completely blocked, was unsuccessful, will re-evaluate

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 23

"You're Really into This, Aren't You?"

(Acts 16:30)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

People can be passionate about sports, gardening, video games, or family. All those things can be good, but none of them can save you.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

June 30

"An Eager Conversationalist!"

(Acts 17:16-31)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Keith Haberstock

The Holy Spirit empowers us to open our mouths and share Jesus, so that all might have what none of us deserve.

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 7 – Mark 4:40*

"He said to them, 'Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?'" Faith means trust. If we trust the Lord, what do we have to be afraid of? Isn't it fear that holds us back in our stewardship? Isn't it fear that stops us from following the Lord's Word to give generously toward His work in the church? Well ... "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" The Lord has proved His trustworthiness by His cross. You can trust Him.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"The state of marriage is under a full assault from the devil. He will use whatever means necessary to destroy what God has created. Pray also for all God's children. Pray that love may abound in all homes. Pray that forgiveness may be the first word spoken between husbands and wives, parents and children. Pray that you and all people receive an increase of the Holy Spirit, for it is only through Him that we may repent of our sinful lives, amend our ways, and live joyfully in the comfort of God's grace." *Rev. Matthew Wietfeldt, Concordia Theological Seminary – 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 **"Amazing Grace."** A man who has come from a poor beginning to a rich and full life must learn not to forsake his Christian faith. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Kent Borglum, from St. John's Lutheran Church in Montevideo, MN, presenting a message titled **"God, Why Me?"** based on **Job 38:1-11**. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Another Successful Garage Sale!

A **BIG** thank you to all the people that made our church garage sale a big success: Verlayne, Mary, Shirley, Bruce & Julie, Patty & Tom, Jeni & Michael, Yvonne, Judy, Carol, Pam, Butch & Aaron, Neighbor Dan, Layne and Dale. They helped bring donations, price, setup tables, checkout electronics, empty church basement with vans and trailers, set up and haul out for three days, close-up every night and kept us fed. It would not have happened without them.

Columbia Heights Jamboree, June 27 - June 30

The Columbia Heights Jamboree will take place Thursday, June 27 through Sunday, June 30. Thursday night will feature Columbia Heights' own "City Knights" band. Friday night, the Jamboree parade steps off at 6 pm. Accordionist Joe Macko will play the beer garden after the parade. Saturday night brings fireworks and more music. If the fireworks are rained out Saturday, fireworks will be at dusk on Sunday, June 30th. A carnival with rides will be held throughout. \$2 entry fee except for Sunday, the family fun day. Sunday also features a Pancake Breakfast at Murzyn Hall 10 am - 1 pm. Huset Park West ball fields next to Murzyn Hall, 3965 Jefferson St NE, Columbia Heights.

Wellness Event - East Side Neighborhood Services, 1700 Second Street NE
Wednesday, June 26, 9:30 am-1:30 pm

Registration: 612-787-4086 or VitalLiving@esns.org

For people 55+. Event includes wellness resources, health care directives, all-abilities fitness, garden tour, food giveaways, technology education, grocery gift card raffle.

Salo Park Concert Series

Erik Christenson Band – July 25 @ 7 - 8 pm

Local duo specializing in easy listening Americana music

Salo Park Amphitheater, 2601 39th Ave. NE

PRAYER

Prayer is so simple:

It is like opening a door and slipping into the very presence of God.

There in the stillness to listen to His voice,

Perhaps to petition, or only to listen, it matters not.

Just to be there, in His presence is Prayer.

Take time to pray, it is the greatest power on earth!