

# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

*(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*



## “God’s Purpose for Creating You”

**Order of Worship July 14, 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:** Every human being was created foremost for the purpose of serving our creator, living in harmony with His highly rated moral principles, and developing the personal talents He has endowed in us for the benefits of the global society.

*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.

## **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!**

# The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

**AS WE GATHER:** Every human being was created foremost for the purpose of serving our creator, living in harmony with His highly rated moral principles, and developing the personal talents He has endowed in us for the benefits of the global society.

*+ CONNECT +*

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN**

**"Blessed Assurance"**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

**Refrain** This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight!  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

**Refrain**

Perfect submission - all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

**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 God our Heavenly Father who truly loves us.

**C: Merciful God, we confess that we do not and cannot live as you want us to live. We confess that we regularly participate in wrongdoings and do not live according to your justice. We are often proud and self-righteous. Forgive us oh Lord and clothe us with your garment of salvation won for us through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. 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

### Jeremiah 1:1-5

The words of Jeremiah, the son of Hilkiah, one of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, to whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, and until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the captivity of Jerusalem in the fifth month.

### *The Call of Jeremiah*

Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **EPISTLE READING**

**Ephesians 1:4-12**

Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 6:35-40**

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"I Need Thee Every Hour"**

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like Thine Can peace afford.

## **Refrain**

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

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Stay Thou nearby;  
Temptations lose their pow'r When Thou art nigh.

**Refrain**

I need Thee ev'ry hour, In joy or pain;  
Come quickly and abide, Or life is vain.

**Refrain**

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Teach me Thy will;  
And Thy rich promises In me fulfill.

**Refrain**

**MESSAGE "God's Purpose for Creating You" 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**

### **"Almighty Father, Bless the Word"**

**LSB 923**

*Text and Music: Public Domain*

Almighty Father, bless the Word  
Which through Your grace we now have heard.  
Oh, may the precious seed take root, Spring up and bear abundant fruit!

We praise You for the means of grace  
As homeward now our steps we trace.  
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here May all at last in heav'n appear.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## **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**

**7/14 Sun**

### **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

11:45 am    Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm    NA

**7/15 Mon**

7:00 pm    Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)

7:00 pm    AIAnon (upstairs)

**7/16 Tues**

**5:00 pm**    **GDLC Council Meeting**

**7/19 Fri**

5:00 pm    Living Word Music Rehearsal

**7/20 Sat**

10:00 am    Living Word Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm    Living Word Prayer Night

**7/21 Sun**

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**10:00 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: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer**

**Altar Care: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann**

**Counters: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer**

**Attendance: 7/07/2024: 25**

**BIRTHDAYS:** 14<sup>th</sup> Nanc Rixe

**ANNIVERSARIES:** None

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** None

**FLOWERS:** None

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

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

**Carin Anderson** thank you for the prayers and cards for surgery. She is doing well.

**Barb McDonald** knee replacement surgery

**Wade Billmeyer** Upcoming radiation

**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 stint in her main artery was unsuccessful, will re-evaluate at an upcoming appt

**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**

**July 14**

**"Words of Grace Build Us Up"**

**(Acts 20:32)**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

The gracious words of God change our lives for the better, tell us of our inheritance, and remind us that we are part of a much larger family.

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

**July 21**

**"Unhindered"**

**(Acts 27 & 28)**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Dr. Jeff Gibbs and podcaster Jessica Bordeleau join Dr. Michael Zeigler to talk about St. Paul's harrowing journey to Rome.

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:** *Proper 10 - Amos 7:8*

"And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb line.' Then the Lord said, 'Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them.'" In the book of Amos, the Lord condemns the people for their lack of kindness, charity and generosity toward the weak and lowly. God takes great offense at this because His activity toward us is built on kindness, charity and generosity. He wants us to respond in kind.

## **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:**

"We are each created in God's image regardless of our abilities. He has called us to be His witnesses in the world. We are blessed for life—that we might be a BLESSING—glorifying Him in all we do. Because He has redeemed ME, my response to His everlasting love is to seek to do His will in all things and seek to serve. All His children, regardless of age (pre-born to wise with age), could seek to share God's love with each and every soul God has created." *Lori Solyom, Director of Development, Voice of Care – 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 **"My Husband, My Sorrow."** A man and woman must deal with whether they should consummate an adulterous affair. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. James Stefanic from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Marshall, MN, presenting a message titled **"We Shall Not Die"** based on **Mark 6:14-29**. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) select the "Twin Cities" tab.



Join Royal Family and Gloria Dei for the Third Annual "Taking it to the Streets" on **Saturday, July 27 beginning at 3 pm**. Hot dogs and burgers will be on the grill. Family fun games, including a bounce-house plus gospel music and readings. Grab your friends and family, neighbors and co-workers and plan to attend this **FREE** outreach event. What a wonderful opportunity to connect with people in the neighborhood and the surrounding community to share the love of our Lord. The fun and festivities will take place on the front lawn of the church (Gloria Dei, 3014 McKinley Street NE). See you there!

### **May/June Offering**

The May/June Offering generated a total of **\$1,170** that will go directly to the Central Avenue Salvation Army food shelf, located at 2727 Central Avenue NE.

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 the month of June Gloria Dei donated **62 pounds** of food to their food shelf. At The Salvation Army, they know 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. 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.

Thank you to everyone for your donations.

### **Music in the Park**

Kathy G & the Hot Lemons features Heights residents Kathy Glascock (v), Brian Glascock (dr), Steve DeGennaro (gtr) and Dave DeGennaro (bs), as well as South Minneapolis, Paul Porter (gtr). They play a variety of jazzy R&B, folk and rock with the occasional original thrown in. **Wednesday, July 24, 6:30-8 pm**. Huset Park, 3965 Jefferson Street NE.