

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



PART III:

“God’s Purpose for Creating You”

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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 doesn't want you to become a god; he wants you to become godly -- taking on his values, attitudes, and character. We are meant to: "take on an entirely new way of life -- a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces his character in you" (Ephesians 4:22 Message).

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 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: The amazing truth is that you were created for nothing less than to become like Jesus Christ. "From the very beginning, God's plan has been to make you like his Son, Jesus. This is your destiny and the third purpose of your life.

+ *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG **"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"** **LSB 570 v. 1, 2, 3, 6**
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Just as I am without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not, To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot. O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about, With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am; Thy love unknown, Has broken every barrier down.
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone. O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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 truly loves us.

C: Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

+ *NURTURE* +

SONG OF PRAISE

"O Savior Precious Savior"

LSB 527

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O Savior, precious Savior, whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor, all other names above,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, to Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, our holy Lord and King.

O bringer of salvation, who wondrously hast wrought
Thyself the revelation of love beyond our thought,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, to Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, our gracious Lord and King.

In Thee all fullness dwelleth, all grace and pow'r divine;
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is Thine.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, to Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, our glorious Lord and King.

O grant the consummation of this our song above
In endless adoration and everlasting love
Then shall we praise and bless Thee where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess Thee, our Savior and our King!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 139:13-18

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 5:13-18; 22-24

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

Keep in Step with the Spirit

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-16

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

Salt and Light

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

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 Part III: "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

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

LSB 783 v. 1,3,5,6

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Take my life, and let it be, Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

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

7/28 Sun

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

11:45 am Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm NA

7/29 Mon

7:00 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)

7:00 pm AIAnon (upstairs)

8/02 Fri

10:30 am Rita Bergstrom Visitation

11:00 am Rita Bergstrom Celebration of Life Service

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

8/03 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

8/04 Sun

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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: Jason Matasovsky

Ushers: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Altar Care: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Counters: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Attendance: 7/21/2024: 29

BIRTHDAYS: 28th Jason Matasovsky, 1st Carin Anderson, 1st Roselyn Norman
ANNIVERSARIES:

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

Barb McDonald knee replacement surgery

Wade Billmeyer Upcoming radiation

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 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 28 **"Thus and So Spoke the Girl from Israel"** **(2 Kings 5:4)**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus is making His people into a light for a world that's crying for help. He came to make God's light shine on us so that all people might see the face of God.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

August 4 **"Jesus' Resurrection: God's Public Guarantee"** **(1 Corinthians 15:17-19)**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Archives August: A crucified Savior, a resurrected, living Lord: the public guarantee of God, at work in the world for you.

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 12 Ephesians 3:20*

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think ..." We often shortchange God by failing to remember what Paul says here: God can do far more than what we can think or ask. His power, and His love, are without bound and without measure. So why do we fear to follow His Word? Isn't it in fact fear that keeps us back from a life of joyous generosity and open-handedness? But God is able to do everything far more abundantly! So let us not be afraid to take the Lord at His Word and live according to it.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"Let's get back to the basics and drown out the ugly message that death is the solution to life issues. God loves life and His creation. He has no desire for any of us to take our own life or the life of someone else. Our days are in His hands, not our own. May your For Life work be blessed, and may you be filled with the joy that comes with doing the Lord's work as a faithful servant." *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – 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 "**Stranger at the Door.**" Having given up a baby for adoption 22 years before, a man shows up on a woman's steps saying he is looking for his mother. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Dennis Brech, from Trinity Lutheran Church in Currie, MN, presenting a message titled "**Trust Him in All Troubles**" based **Mark 6:45-51**. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Ushers are Needed for the Summer Months!

If you are available to usher during any of the Sunday services during the summer months, please mark yourself down for the Sunday that works best with your schedule. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the front lobby of the Church.

Northeast Park Neighborhood Festival

Monday, July 29, from 6-8 pm, Northeast Athletic Field Park, 1530 Johnson Street NE.
Fun activities for all ages.

Salo Park Concert Series: Harrison Street Band featuring Erin McCawley

August 1 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Rock and Roll, R&B and Soul. Salo Park Amphitheater, 2601 39th Avenue NE

Red Cross Blood Drive

There's a critical need for blood donors. Sign up at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=SAV>. There are still many appointment slots available for **Friday, August 2** at St. Anthony Community Center, 3301 Silver Lake Road, **9 am-3 pm**.

Columbia Heights Garden Tour - August 9 @ 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Explore eight unique home gardens across the city on **Friday, Aug. 9, 5 pm**. Kick off your tour early at Łomianki Park, 80 39th Avenue NE, to pick up a map of locations and explore the wonders of the Blooming Sunshine Garden Food Forest. Experience a variety of gardening approaches, including pollinator gardens and a tranquil woodland retreat. After your exploration, enjoy refreshing treats as you connect with fellow garden lovers. Rain or Shine: In case of inclement weather on Aug. 9, a backup date is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 10, 2 pm. <https://heightsnext.org/events/garden-tour/>

Lutheran Night at Target Field – Monday, August 12

The Minnesota Twins are excited to announce their annual Lutheran Night at Target Field. Great for Lutheran congregations, youth groups and chapters. Lutheran Night at Target Field has been one of the largest group events associated with the Twins for over a decade! **Monday, August 12th** Minnesota Twins vs. Kansas City Royals 6:40 pm.

- Affordable, group discounted tickets seated together.
 - Group welcome message on the scoreboard in the top of the 4th inning.
 - Members of the group may participate in the Lutheran Night National Anthem choir!
- For more information about seating options and to place a reservation, please contact Ryan Thomson at: 612-659-3582 or ryanthomson@twins.com