

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



“Making Tough Changes in My Life -- *Being Transformed*”

**Order of Worship October 13, 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: The word "transformation" is where we get our word "metamorphosis"—you know, the word we use to describe what happens to a caterpillar when it sews itself up in a cocoon and emerges as a butterfly. When God transforms us from within, he releases gospel enzymes into our heart that restructure it so that spiritual flight becomes second nature.

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.

Gloria Dei would like to thank Gwen Johnson for the generous gift of the Ryobi leaf blower. It will come in handy all year round!

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: God is in the business of renewing minds. He will literally take our wounded or misguided minds and renew them into new ways of thinking and feeling. If we truly connect with God, it should be natural that we would not stay the same as before—that we would be, as the Bible says, **transformed**.

+ *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

“Amazing Grace”

LSB 744

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Amazing grace – how sweet the sound – that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see!

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail and mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail in heaven’s joy and peace.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.

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 and is 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 +

HYMN 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 139:1-4, 23-24

O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!

And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 3:18

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:15-19

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

SONG 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

Pastor Matthew Cephus

"Making Tough Changes in My Life - Being Transformed"

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 HYMN

"Nearer My God to Thee"

v. 1, 2, 3

Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross That raiseth me! Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.

Though like the wanderer, Daylight all gone,
Darkness be over me, My rest a stone; Yet in my dreams I'd be
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.

There let the way appear, Steps up to Heav'n;
All that Thou sendest me, In mercy given; Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to 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

10/13 Sun

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

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

11:45 am Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm NA

10/14 Mon

7:00 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)

7:00 pm AIAnon (upstairs)

10/15 Wed

5:00 pm **GDLC Council Meeting**

10/16 Wed

11:00 am **Bible Study, *The Chosen, Part 4***

10/17 Thurs

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

10/18 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

10/19 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

4:00 pm Living Word Board Meeting

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

10/20 Sun

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

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

11:45 am Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm NA

BIRTHDAYS: None

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: OPEN

FLOWERS: OPEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Mudy Mason dealing with an autoimmune disease. Pray for strength, peace, hope, believing in God, Family, Mindset.

Roselyn Norman's college friend and sister Famata Kamara and her two sons, Eric Golafaie, and Naide Davis, for deliverance

Amy Rich's mom (Morelli's DnL) Kathy Rich, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer

Wade Billmeyer Continuing proton radiation treatments at Mayco Clinic

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

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

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

October 13

"Difficult People"

(Genesis 31:6-7)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

With God, all things are possible, even how to deal with that difficult person in your life.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

October 20

"Children of God--No Longer Losers"

(Hosea 12:2-6)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez

God turns lost losers into forgiven sons and daughters. Through Christ, we too become children of God's kingdom, members of His household.

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 23 - Hebrews 3:18-19*

"And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief." Unbelief leads to disobedience — that is, every sin expresses the opposite of faith. True and living faith guides us into the Lord's way and the Lord's plan. And when we fall into sin, it's because we are not trusting the Lord's goodness and provision.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"To God, all life is sacred because He created it. With their faith, the great multitude will stand before the Lamb on Judgment Day, just as we will. So, to us who follow Jesus, we must continue to uphold the sanctity of life for each person, no matter the nation, language, or their political stance." *Diane Albers, President of 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 **"Senior Citizen."** A man struggles with purpose and a place in life after retirement. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Jeffrey Williams, from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, MN, presenting a message titled **"Childlike Faith"** based on **Mark 10:2-16**.

For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Gloria Dei Annual Yard Clean-Up

Saturday, October 19 beginning at 10 am (light lunch served at 12 noon)

Bring a rake and gloves and help with the yard clean up!

Leaves will need raking, Bushes will need trimming, Plants will need to be cut down

"Many Hands Make Light Work" Nehemiah 3

Carpet Cleaned Throughout Church Building!

The carpet throughout the church building was cleaned on Saturday, October 5 and it looks great. A professional cleaning company was brought in to tackle this tough job and he did a really good job at removing the set-in stains. Thank you Gwen for making the arrangements and thank you to both Gwen and Mary for helping to move furniture, etc. Please help to keep the carpet looking clean and fresh by keeping drinks and food out of all areas other than the Fireside room. Thanks for your cooperation!

Garage Sale a Huge Success!

Another terrific church garage sale resulted in sales of \$2,036.

Very special thank you to all our helpers of pricing, setup and take down each day, cashiering, providing food and beverages and our terrific garage hostess, without you this would not work. It was a great **team** effort.

Mary Piper, Verlayne, Gwen, Shirley H., Pam, Butch, Aaron, Jeni, Michael, Julie, Dan, Vicki (supplying us with cookies), Roselyn, Matthew and all who donated for the sale.

See you again next June.



German Dinner, Sunday, October 13 @ 12 - 3 pm

Polka Mass and German dinner, Sunday, Oct. 13, at St. Boniface Catholic Church, 633 Second Street NE. Polka Mass at 11 am with Rod Cerar Orchestra followed by German dinner (**served noon-3 pm**) featuring roast pork, potato dumplings, sauerkraut, red cabbage and dessert. Takeout available. Tickets: \$15 adult, \$10 youth 12 and under. Info: 612-379-2761.

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Reading: Karmon Christopherson

Ushers: Morelli's

Altar Care: Morelli's

Counters: Morelli's

Attendance: 10/06/2024: 27