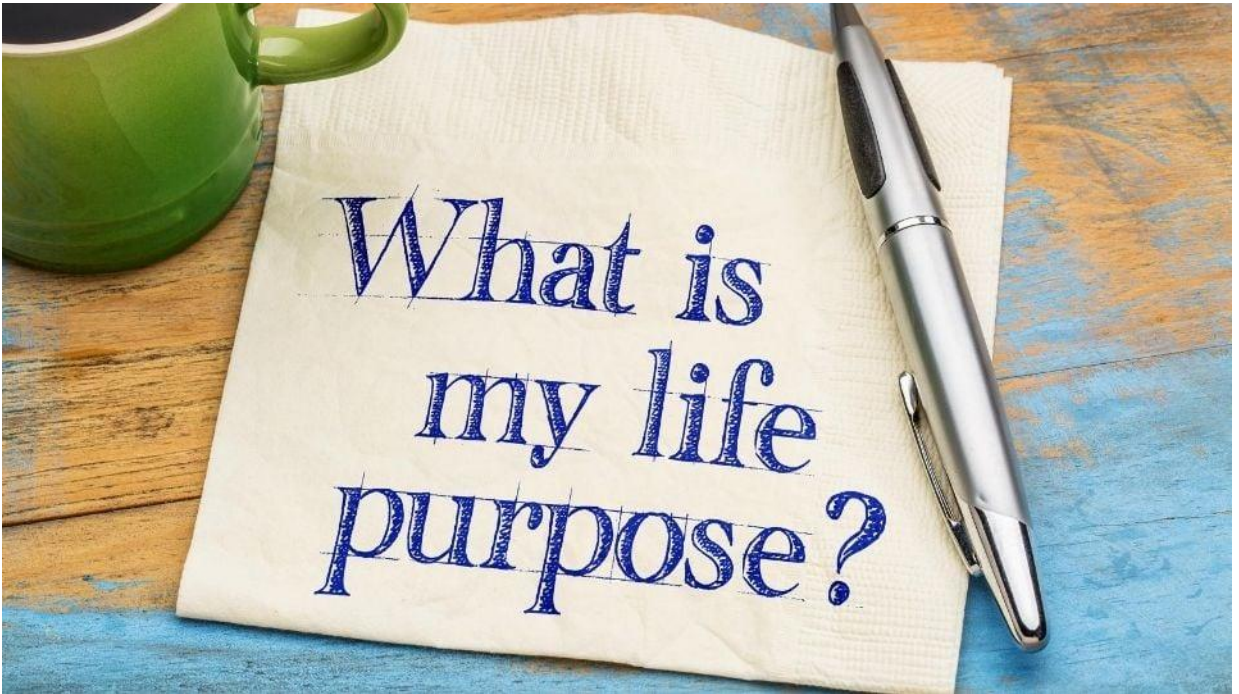


Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



“Living a Life of Purpose & Priorities”

Order of Worship November 3, 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: In His Sermon on the Mount, Christ taught some of the most meaningful principles of Christian living in the entire Bible (Matthew 5-7). One of these is: "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things [mentioned in the previous verses] shall be added to you" (Matthew 6:33). This verse not only summarizes the first two priorities—focusing on God and His righteousness—but it brings to our attention the importance of the Kingdom of God.

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.

REMINDER:

***Daylight Saving Time ended TODAY Sunday, November 3rd!
If you haven't already, set your clocks BACK one hour.***

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: We exist to reflect God's holiness, to reveal God's glory, and witness to the fact that Jesus has come to cleanse everyone. We exist to love one another, and to demonstrate Christlike love to the world. That is our purpose. That is the calling of the church.

+ *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" LSB 712
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Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, alleluia!

Man does not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Allelu, alleluia!

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 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

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

*Matt Redman , Jonas Myrin; 2011 Thankyou Music, Said And Done Music, Sixsteps Music
SHOUT! Music Publishing; Admin EMI Christian Music; CCLI #: 6016351*

Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, Worship His Holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your Holy name.

The sun comes up. It's a new day dawn-ing.
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing. When the evening comes *Chorus*

You're rich in love And You're slow to an-ger
Your name is great, And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons For my heart to find *Chorus*

And on that day When my strength is fail-ing
The end draws near And my time has come
Still my soul will Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years And then forevermore *Chorus*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 3:1-8

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.

Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 3:7-14

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Straining Toward the Goal

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:19-21; 28-33

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

Lay Up Treasures in Heaven

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little **faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.**

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

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.

There let the way appear Steps unto heaven;
 All that Thou sendest me In mercy given; Angels to beck-on me
 Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.

Then, with my wak-ing thoughts Bright with They praise,
 Out of my stony griefs, Beth-el I'll raise; **So by my woes to be**
 Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.

MESSAGE **"Living a Life of Purpose & Priorities"** 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.

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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Mark Your Calendars:
 Thanksgiving Day Service,
 Thursday, November 28 at 10 am
 Bring your family and friends!
 See you there.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

11/03 Sun	Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost	
	10:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion, with Pastor Matthew Cephus
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship
	6:00 pm	NA
11/04 Mon	7:00 pm	Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)
	7:00 pm	AIAnon (upstairs)
11/05 Tues	ELECTION DAY	
11/06 Wed	11:00 am	Bible Study, <i>The Chosen, Part 4</i>
11/07 Thurs	5:30 pm	Thursday Evening Bible Study
11/08 Fri	5:00 pm	Living Word Music Rehearsal
11/09 Sat	10:00 am	Living Word Worship & Fellowship
	6:00 pm	Living Word Prayer Night
11/10 Sun	Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost	
	10:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion, with Pastor Matthew Cephus
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship
	6:00 pm	NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Reading: Katie Beth Carlson

Ushers: Morelli's

Altar Care: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Counters: Shirley Holzinger and Verlayne Sather

Attendance: 10/27/2024: 30

The Evangelism Team is planning a special event for the holidays and needs your help collecting glass jars (no lids necessary). Between now and the beginning of December, please save any glass jars you might otherwise recycle. They can be any size, think salsa, spaghetti sauce, jelly, fruit – you get it. 😊 However, jars must be glass, no plastic. Thank you!!

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

Tom Lyrenmann thank you for prayers while hospitalized and continued prayers for recovery and health
Roselyn Norman lower back surgery (11/19). Pray for success and speedy recovery **in Jesus' name.**

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 Finished radiation treatments at Mayo, feeling good, but a bit tired

Roselyn Norman's neighbor and friend, Tom, was recently diagnosed with State 3 kidney and liver cancer

James Norman, Sr. (**James' dad**) Continued prayers, prostate cancer seems to be getting worse, hi is having increasing pain and decreased mobility

Jim (**Gwen Johnson's brother**) reoccurring issues due to his time in the Service

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

Warren (**Karmon's BnL**) Receiving chemo and radiation for Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

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

November 3

"Working the System"

(Genesis 33:8)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's Law--a "system" that keeps the world from flying apart while it also shows us we need the Savior Who came to live, suffer, and rise for us.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

November 10

"My Name Is Now Yours"

(Genesis 35:10-11)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

God comes to renew us with His forgiving love, rename us in Baptism, and remain with us through His Word.

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: *All Saints' Day*

"With angels, archangels, and with all the company of heaven ..." When we gather around the altar of the Lord in His house, we pray and praise God with **"all the company of heaven."** Those we have lost in the Lord are not truly lost to us — they have simply entered their rest with the Lord. As we gather to worship our Lord, we gather along with them. On the Last Day everything that God has given into the care of our stewardship will fade away — everything except our brothers and sisters in Christ. Caring for one another in love and grace is our highest calling.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"In the fullness of time, our Lord was born for our sake. In the fullness of time, He will bring all the faithful into eternal fellowship with Him. In the fullness of time, He will dry every tear and fulfill His will for all mankind, as John the Evangelist witnessed in the Revelation God granted him." *Deaconess Bethany Stoeber, Director-at-Large, LFL of Kansas – 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 "The Priceless Book."** Money and health troubles on the farm lead a father to God's Word for comfort. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Gregg Coop from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Baxter, MN, presenting a message titled **"Blessed Are You"** based on Matthew 5:1-12. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Collection for Operation Christmas Child Has Started!



The Board of Social Ministries is sponsoring *Operation Christmas Child* again this year. In Christian love and spirit, please consider giving a shoebox to a child overseas who may not otherwise receive a gift this Christmas season.

Here is what you do: (1) Find a Shoebox - You can use any empty shoebox or shoebox-sized plastic container. (2) Girl or Boy? - Decide whether you will pack for a girl or a boy and the age category: Age groups are 2 - 4, 5 - 9, 10 - 14. (3) Fill with Gifts. (4) Pray - Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. (5) Follow your box - remember to include \$10 (per box) for shipping. (6) Drop-Off - Bring your shoebox gift to Church no later than Sunday, November 17. Shoeboxes will be delivered on Monday, November 18.

A few helpful hints to make it easier for you to fill the shoeboxes:

Start with a quality "wow" item such as a stuffed animal, soccer ball with pump, or clothing outfit that will capture the child's attention the instant he or she opens the box. Then fill the remainder of the shoebox with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.

Do Not Include – Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Neighborhood Fix-It Hub, November 12 @ 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Learn to fix your broken stuff for free at the library. Every other Tuesday, 4-7 pm, last items accepted at 6:30 pm. Upcoming dates: Nov. 12, Nov. 26. Work with a friendly, skilled volunteer to try to fix your broken household stuff, gain confidence and new repair skills and incorporate sustainability into your life. This event is family friendly. If volunteers are limited, there may be a limit on the number of items that can be worked on each week. Volunteers are needed to assist with repair and sewing. If you are interested in lending a hand, contact Nancy Lo at nancy.lo@hennepin.us or 612-348-9195.

FREE Community Dinner at St. Timothy's; November 12th @ 5 pm – 6:30 pm

Join St. Timothy's on Tuesday, November 12, from 5 pm to 6:30 pm (or until the food is gone) for their drive through community dinner. All are welcome! St. Timothy's Lutheran Church is located at 825 51st Avenue NE, in Columbia Heights.

Free Community Dinner at Faith UMC - November 14 @ 5 pm - 6 pm
Faith United Methodist Church, 2708 33rd Avenue NE, will hold a free community dinner every second Thursday of the month from 5-6 pm. Everyone is welcome. Upcoming dates are November 14 and December 12.