

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



"RESETTING YOUR LIFE"

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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: As we explore this series, what does it mean to reset your life? It's an opportunity to evaluate and decide what you need to realign your life with your core values and purpose. Think of a life reset as a comprehensive audit. You'll explore important aspects of life, your overall satisfaction, and the changes you want to make toward your short-term and long-term goals.

A special welcome to visitors and guests; we are pleased that you have joined us today and invite you to worship with us every Sunday at 10 am! 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.

Wednesday Bible Study resumes on January 15 at 11 am. Hope to see you there!

The Baptism of Our Lord

AS WE GATHER: Whether it's our hearts, finances, relationships or lives that need mending, God always has a plan to heal and restore. God is good, and I fully believe restoring our hearts and our lives are on His holy to-do list. Happy New Year!

+ *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

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'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His Word
Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust Him more!

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend
And I know that He is with me, Will be with me to the end.

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust Him more!

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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: Gracious Father, today, I come before you feeling lost and needing a fresh start. I confess that I'm in bondage to sin and cannot free myself. I ask that you renew my mind, heart, and spirit, and guide me towards a new path in life. Please forgive my past mistakes and help me to make better choices moving forward. Give me the strength to let go of what no longer serves me and embrace the new possibilities you have for me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

+ *NURTURE* +

HYMN OF PRAISE

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart; my zeal inspire!
As Thou has died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:14-19

Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "For your sake I send to Babylon and bring them all down as fugitives, even the Chaldeans, in the ships in which they rejoice. I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King."

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4:17-24

Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. But that is not the way you learned Christ!— assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

L: The Word of the Lord.

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HOLY GOSPEL

John 21:15-17

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

SONG OF THE DAY

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

LSB 783 v. 1-4

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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 hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

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 silver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;
Take my intellect, and use, Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

MESSAGE

"Resetting Your Life"

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 HYMN

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

LSB 924

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Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to Your truth may we be found.

Savior, when Your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us, glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with You in endless day.

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

1/12 Sun		The Baptism of Our Lord
	10:00 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion w/Pastor Matthew Cephus
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship
	6:00 pm	NA
1/13 Mon	7:00 pm	Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)
	7:00 pm	AIAnon (upstairs)
1/15 Wed	11:00 am	Bible Study
1/17 Fri	5:00 pm	Living Word Music Rehearsal
1/18 Sat	10:00 am	Living Word Worship & Fellowship
	4:00 pm	Living Word Board Meeting
	6:00 pm	Living Word Prayer Night
1/19 Sun		Second Sunday after the Epiphany
	10:00 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion w/Pastor Matthew Cephus
	11:00 am	Baby Shower for Katie Beth & Daniel Carlson
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship
	6:00 pm	NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson
Reading: Katie Beth Carlson
Ushers: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer
Altar Care: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann
Counters: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer
Attendance: 1/05/2025: 31

Sign-up sheets for **2025 Altar Care, Ushers, Flowers and Candles** can be found on the entryway bulletin board. Sign up for the week that works best with your schedule. Flowers can be ordered through the Church at a cost of \$28 per bouquet plus a \$12 delivery fee, or feel free to bring in your own. You will be billed directly from the Church if you order flowers. Candles are \$6/per Sunday.

BIRTHDAYS: None

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: Open

FLOWERS: Open

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Amy Rich's mom (Morelli's DnL) Kathy Rich, passed away 12/17 after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. Praying the Heavenly Father's Spirit will be with her family as they grieve. We send prayers of healing and comfort during this time of loss.

Amanda (Sandy Westling's niece) recent car accident, irritated old injuries from previous car accident. Suffering extreme pain, back problems and headaches, all while taking care of her family. Prayers she finds relief from her pain.

Gwen Johnson strength and prayers as she recovers from recent surgery to repair an abdominal aortic aneurysm. This type of aneurysm is hereditary and runs in her family.

Kim Morelli prayers for healing from recent surgery

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 Golafae, and Naide Davis, for deliverance

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

January 12 **"What's This Neighborhood Coming To?"** **(John 1:14)**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

When you're not limited by the size of your table, you can invite everyone.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

January 19 **"He Made Me a Believer"** **(John 2:11)**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God makes us believers and the more we believe, the more we become involved in the institutions God made--church, marriage, family, and work.

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: Baptism of Our Lord - Luke 3:21

"Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying ..." We know why the people were baptized, but why was Jesus baptized? He didn't need repentance or forgiveness. The answer is that He did it for us. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism, our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"From the moment you were being knitted together in your mother's womb (Psalm 139:13), God's began His careful construction of His chosen jewel of redemption." *Rev. Adam Osier, Dean, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota – 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 Other Wiseman."** Another Magi, making his journey to the Christ child, encounters others and shows kindness along the way. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Larry Harvala from St. John's Lutheran Church in Park Rapids, MN, presenting a message titled **"In the Father's House"** based on **Luke 2:49**. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Salvation Army Update

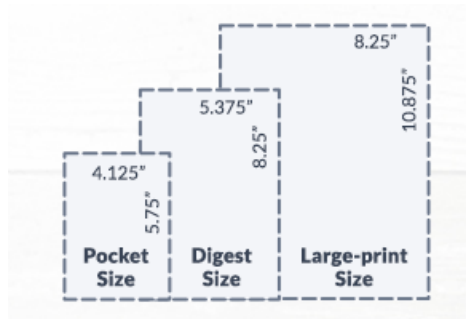
Gloria Dei donated 66 pounds of food to the Salvation Army food shelf for the month of December. Our "grocery cart" is always located in the lobby awaiting your donations. Hygiene items are also welcomed! **Non-perishable foods only please.**

When hard times hit, people can make the Salvation Army their first call. No matter what the need – physical, emotional or spiritual — they are there to help. Call 612-789-2858 to learn more or request help. Did you know you can also use the Salvation Army for transportation assistance for medical appointments?

A DAILY DEVOTION FOR ALL!

Start your day. End your day. Take a break in the middle of the day. No matter when you need it, Portals of Prayer inspires you to live each day in Jesus' name.

Within your envelope box are envelope for **Portals of Prayer** payment. Each daily devotion includes a Bible reading, meditation and prayer to apply to your daily life, published in multiple sizes and formats – note the slight cost increase for this years' subscription, for pocket size (regular print) is **\$9.76**, digest-size is **\$20** and large print is **\$21.25**. Please use the envelopes designated when you make your payment.



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Delivered!

The destination of Gloria Dei's 2024 Christmas Child Shoeboxes was Malawi. It is a small landlocked country in Southeastern Africa with an estimated population of 21,240,689. Malawi is one of the world's least-developed countries. The economy is heavily based on agriculture and has a diverse population that includes native peoples, Asians and Europeans. Malawi has been seen as a haven for refugees from other African countries, including Mozambique and Rwanda, since 1985.