

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



“HOW TO ENJOY THE PEACE OF GOD”

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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: How many times has the devil plagued your mind with anxiety and pain and cares about life? Sometimes, he reminds you of the wrong mistakes you made in your past. Other times, he tries to make you overly anxious about how inadequate your resources are when you "look at the things you've got to use the money to do." The enemy is constantly working to devour the minds of Christians. Don't give him a chance. Stand your ground and be intentional about enjoying God's peace every day.

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.

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

AS WE GATHER: God didn't bring you to this Earth to bear all these mental tortures every day. Before Jesus left the face of the Earth, He gave us His peace. He wants you to live a divinely orchestrated life of fulfillment with occurrences sponsored by grace, so much so that there's enough room to live joyfully every day.

+ *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"

Fanny Crosby
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Jesus, keep me near the cross, There a precious fountain;
Free to all, a healing stream, Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain: In the cross, in the cross Be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find Rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star Shed His beams around me. **Refrain**

Near the cross! O lamb of God, Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day With its shadow o'er me. **Refrain**

Near the cross! I'll watch and wait, Hoping, trusting ever;
Till I reach the golden strand, Just beyond the river. **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 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

"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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 54:2-5, 9-10

“Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes.

For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left, and your offspring will possess the nations and will people the desolate cities.

Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.

For your Maker is your husband, the Lord of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.

This is like the days of Noah to me: as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, and will not rebuke you.

For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,” says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:36-41

L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

SONG OF THE DAY

"When Peace Like River"

LSB 763 v. 1, 3, 4

Text & Music: Public domain

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Refrain: It is well with my soul.
It is well, it is well with my soul, It is well with my soul.

He lives, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **Refrain**

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so, it is well with my soul. **Refrain**

MESSAGE

"How to Enjoy the Peace of God"

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

"Abide with Me"

LSB 878 v. 1, 2, 5, 6

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Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears not bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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

2/09 Sun

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

11:45 am Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm NA

2/10 Mon

7:00 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)

7:00 pm AIAnon (upstairs)

2/12 Wed

11:00 am **Bible Study, The Book of Ruth**

2/14 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

2/15 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

4:00 pm Living Word Board Meeting

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

2/16 Sun

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

11:45 am Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Reading: Sandy Westling

Ushers: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Altar Care: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Counters: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Attendance: 2/02/2025: 35

Gloria Dei recently donated 71 pounds of food to the Central Avenue Salvation Army. Thanks to all who helped with this mission!

Drive Thru Community Dinner at St. Timothy's

Tuesday, February 11, 5-6:30 pm (or until the food is gone). Free and open to all and everyone is welcome! St. Timothy's is located at 825 51st Ave NE, Columbia Heights.

Free Community Meal - February 13 @ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Faith United Methodist Church, 2708 33rd Avenue NE, holds a free Community dinner every second Thursday of the month from 5-6 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Next meal is March 13.

Puzzle and Board Game Swap: Thursday, February 13, 6:30 pm. Do you have stacks of puzzles that you finished and now you need a new challenge? Or you are seeking a new game to try out? Bring your puzzles and board games to swap and find something new to keep you busy on these cold winter nights.

Event to be held in the Senior Room at Murzyn Hall, 530 Mill Street NE. Please park in the back of Murzyn hall and enter through the lower level entrance.

Movies Made (Right) Here: The "Grumpy Old Men" Edition

Sunday, February 16. Doors: 3 pm, Movie: 3:30 pm, Nicollet Island Pavilion, free parking. Free admission. Laugh along with this Minnesota classic! *Grumpy Old Men*—a hilarious, heartwarming comedy was filmed right here in our snowy backyard. Admission is free, and snacks and beverages will be available for purchase from Mintahoe.

BIRTHDAYS: 11th Lillian Troiden

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: Shirley Holzinger – Brother Larry’s birthday (10th)

FLOWERS: Open

Our deepest sympathies to Gwen on the passing of her sister Connie, who died on February 2. May the Lord bless the entire family and bring them peace as they grieve this sudden loss. The funeral was held on February 8.

Please also keep her other sister in your thoughts and prayers as she undergoes tests in the hospital. She was hospitalized on Tuesday, February 4 with severe stomach pain.

PRAYER CONCERNS

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Meridel Christopherson, Gwen Johnson, Robert & Dolores Kluwe, Roselyn Norman, Larry Schlais, Pat Scott and all our shut-ins

Trent Johnson (Roxie’s son) undergoing cancer treatment for diaphragm cancer

Roxie Johnson (Morelli’s niece) heart issues, pacemaker implanted, prayers as she recovers and gets stronger

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.

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.

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

February 9

"We Have an Advocate"

(John 5:6)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Where we might see only a problem, Jesus sees a person who needs an Advocate.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

February 16

"The Bread of Our Lives"

(John 6:35)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

Jesus gives us Himself as the Bread of Life so that everything we need can be filled by Him and His gifts.

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: *Luke 5:5*

"And Simon answered, 'Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.'" In Peter's words there is both exasperation and trust. He's tired. He tried his best and failed. But he is still ready to trust the Lord's Word and act on it. Our stewardship is also a matter of trusting the Lord's Word and acting on it.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"We may not be trained healers, but we have been trained through our own experiences and God's Word to bring comfort. Be brave, reach out, and know the Lord is by your side. Pray for His guidance in what you say and do so you will bring needed comfort. We have a message of hope!" *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 "**Shepherd of Main Street**" - The challenges of an inner-city church. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Dennis Brech from Trinity Lutheran Church in Currie, MN, presenting a message titled "**In the Same Boat with Jesus**" based on **Luke 5:10**. 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.