

# **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

*(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*



## **"BACK TO THE FUTURE"**

**Order of Worship Sunday September 28, 2025 – 10 AM**  
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# **Welcome to God's House!**

*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 future is often really fuzzy. And trying to figure out what is to come or understand what God is doing can leave us confused, frustrated, anxious, or even angry. So how do we approach an unknown future? This teaching seeks to answer this by looking at a key concept in Isaiah 2. Personally, this was one of the biggest lessons I learned in one of the most challenging transitions I've undergone.

*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.

Join Wednesday bible study at 11 am featuring The Chosen, Part 5.

See you there!

# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: God knows everything actual and possible. As eternal and omniscient God, He has lived our yesterdays, our todays, and our tomorrows--the past, present, and future. His faithfulness shown in the past is a guarantee of His continuing presence and activity in the future.

## + *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN      "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"      LSB 702 v. 1-3  
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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.

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 to 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* +

SONG OF PRAISE      "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"      LSB 940 v. 1, 2, 5  
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Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
**All on earth Thy scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore Thee.**  
Infinite Thy vast domain, everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,  
**Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord!**

Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee.  
Though in essence only one, undivided God we claim Thee.  
And adoring, bend the knee, while we own the mystery.

OLD TESTAMENT READING      Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.  
It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: **"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."** For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.  
C: Thanks be to God!

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:11-13, 15-19

I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior. I declared and saved and proclaimed, **when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and I am God. Also henceforth I am he; there is none who can deliver from my hand; I work, and who can turn it back?"**

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!

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:25, 27, 34

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
C: Glory to You, O Lord!

**"Therefore** I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his **span of life?" Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be** anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.  
C: Praise to You, O Christ!

## HYMN OF THE DAY

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

LSB 575

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My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness  
**No merit of my own I claim but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Refrain: On Christ the solid rock I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
**In ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.**

Refrain

His oath, His covenant and blood support me in the raging flood;  
**When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.**

Refrain

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne!

Refrain

MESSAGE

"Back to the Future"

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### **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.

To God be the glory, great things He has done;  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.      Refrain

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.      Refrain

## 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

9/28 Sun	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion, w/Rev. Dr. Matthew Cephus
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship
	6:00 pm	NA
9/29 Mon	7:00 pm	Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)
	7:00 pm	AIAnon (upstairs)
10/01 Wed	11:00 am	Bible Study – The Chosen, Part 5
	7:30 pm	SLAA Group Meeting
10/03 Fri	5:00 pm	Living Word Music Rehearsal
10/04 Sat	10:00 am	Living Word Worship & Fellowship
	6:00 pm	Living Word Prayer Night
10/05 Sun	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion, w/Rev. Dr. Matthew Cephus
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship + Wedding Ceremony of Ken Biebighauser & Thelma Berrian, Celebration and Refreshments to Follow
	6:00 pm	NA

## SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Reading: Karmon Christopherson

Ushers: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Altar: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Counters: Shirley Holzinger and Verlayne Sather

Attendance: 9/21/2025: 59



BIRTHDAYS: October 3<sup>rd</sup> Pastor Matthew  
ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: Sandy Westling – Birthdays: Tricia, Grace and Jacob  
FLOWERS: OPEN

### PRAYER CONCERNS

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Meridel Christopherson, Tom Farrell, Robert & Dolores Kluwe, Al Morelli, Larry Schlais, Pat Scott, Alec Schwandt and all our shut-ins

Al Morelli at home recovering, prayers as he rests and gets stronger

Pastor Martin Cornes father in law, recent bladder surgery

Gwen Johnson, prayers while awaiting test results

Lori Sharbono Surgery for brain aneurysm went well, prayers for healing

Roselyn Norman is scheduled to undergo right knee surgery on September 23

Roger Kropelniki (**Ken Biebighauser's BnL**) underwent esophagus surgery and is suffering from lung issues

Karen Charpentier (**Ken Biebighauser's sister**) going through cancer treatment

Danielle Ohnstad is currently undergoing treatment for breast cancer

Diane Sharbono undergoing cancer treatment

Dorie (**Shirley Holzinger's sister-in-law**) recovering from successful bypass heart surgery and is now in rehabilitation, plus addressing some unexpected issues.

Karen (**Shirley H's neighbor**) diagnosed with **CML cancer and young friend Allie Piercer with Leukemia**

Trent Johnson (**Roxie's son**) recovering from cancer surgery (stomach)

Roxie Johnson (**Morelli's niece**) **heart issues** (pacemaker), prayers as she gets stronger

Kim Morelli and Amy Rich (**Morelli's DnLs**) continued prayers for good health after cancer treatments

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, he is having increasing pain and decreased mobility

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**) dealing with continued health concerns

For First Responders/Health Care Workers, including James Norman, an ICU nurse

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN DANGEROUS AREAS

## **TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR**

September 28 "On the Way, Already Home" (Numbers 9:18)  
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
God made us to move--toward Him in faith and toward our neighbor in love.  
(Numbers 9:18)

## **NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR**

October 5 "Every Age Has a Stage" (Numbers 8:23-26)  
Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola  
Every age has a stage, not just a stage of life, but also a stage on which to perform and to serve.

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](http://www.lutheranhour.org)

STEWARDSHIP: *Amos 6:1a*

**"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion."** The Book of Amos is a warning to God's people who have been given great material wealth. As Jesus Himself mentions, material blessings can turn into temptations — chiefly the temptation to think of ourselves as self-sufficient and independent. What does Amos suggest as a way to combat this temptation? First, faith in the Lord and dependence upon Him! And if our faith is right, **we will want to follow the rest of Amos' instructions** — to bless the poor with our alms and **to make sure the Lord's House is properly cared for. In other words, we are called to align our actions with God's priorities and put others ahead of ourselves.**

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

**"Being a child is a calling. Being a parent is a calling. Being a student is a calling. Being a citizen is a calling. Each so-called occupation is a calling. The role one fills in one's church is a calling. As God crafts each of us in our callings, He places us in the presence of neighbors whom we are to love on His behalf."** *Rev. Adam Osier, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://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 Visit" — A Christian's response to tragedy becomes a witness to others during wartime.** The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Ryan Eden from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Winona, MN, presenting a message titled **"Hear Moses and the Prophets"** based on Luke 16:19-31. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) select the "Twin Cities" tab.

## *Free community meals at Gustavus Adolphus*

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, 1509 27th Ave. NE, serves free community meals on the first Saturday of each month. Meals are served in the church basement at 5:30-7 pm. The next meals will be served **October 4**, November 1, December 6.

## **Time is Running Out to Donation Items for the Fall Garage Sale!**

Gloria Dei's fall garage sale is fast approaching. If you still have items you would like to donate, now is the time. Please bring your items to Mary's house (2955 Benjamin Street NE, leave them at the side garage door) at your earliest convenience. Sale dates are October 2, 3 and 4. Items should be in gently used, sellable condition. As with past sales, all proceeds will benefit Gloria Dei Lutheran Church directly. Sale organizers can also use your help! Volunteers are also needed to help with sale setup and to work the sale dates. Speak with Mary or Shirley if you have an interest. *Many hands make light work.* 😊

## **ESNS Transportation Program Comes to a Close**

A program which helped Northeast residents find rides for the past three decades has ended.

The Eastside Neighborhood Services Transportation Program was terminated at the end of July because Eastside Neighborhood Services (ESNS) could no longer afford it. There are other means of transportation for older folks in the neighborhood, including commercial services such as Uber or Lyft.

**A program called Help at Your Door provides rides at \$12. Help at Your Door's phone number is 651-642-1892.**

John Schadl, communications representative for the Metropolitan Council, suggested three programs the Met Council provides that might help seniors get from one place to another.

Metro Mobility provides transportation for those with disabilities or health problems. Users must fill out a form to become eligible. Users must pay for the ride, just like riding a Metro Transit bus. For more information go to the Metro Council website, <https://www.metrocouncil.org>, and click on "Transportation" and "Services." Or go directly to Metro Mobility at <https://metrocouncil.org/Transportation/Services/Metro-Mobility-Home.aspx>. **Metro Mobility also has a "Premium On-Demand" service where users can ride taxis to their destination.** Metro Mobility covers most of the fare on a sliding scale. For instance, Metro Mobility will provide \$15 for a \$20 fare.

**There's also the bus. Route 10 follows Central and University avenues from downtown to Northtown.**