

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



"TO LIVE IS TO GIVE"

Order of Worship Sunday October 5, 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 Sea of Galilee is bursting with life and vitality. The Dead Sea is toxic, and nothing can survive. And yet they're both fed by the same source – the Jordan River. How can this be? The answer is utterly fascinating, and its truth speaks to one of the most significant realities of how we flourish in life.

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!

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: True life is found not in self-centered pursuit but in generous giving of oneself, time, resources, and love to others, following the example of Christ. This is in alignment with the biblical teaching that says, "... it is more blessed to give than to receive."

+ *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN **"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"** **LSB 570 v.1-3, 5**
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Just as I am without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bids't me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not, To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot. O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about, With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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

"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

Proverbs 3:21-28

My son, do not lose sight of these—keep sound wisdom and discretion, and they will be life for your soul and adornment for your neck. Then you will walk on your way securely, and your foot will not stumble. If you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. Do not be afraid of sudden terror or of the ruin of the wicked, when it comes, for the Lord will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being caught. Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.

Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it"—when you have it with you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 13:11-16, 20-21

For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:25-28

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

LSB 783 v. 1-4

Text and Tune: Public Domain

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

"To Live Is to Give"

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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.**

CLOSING HYMN

"To God Be the Glory"

ViW 44

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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

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

10/06 Mon

- 7:00 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)
7:00 pm AIAnon (upstairs)

10/08 Wed

11:00 am Bible Study – The Chosen, Part 5

- 7:30 pm SLAA Group Meeting

10/10 Fri

- 5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

10/11 Sat

- 10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship
5:00 pm Living Word Worship Night
6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

10/12 Sun

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 10:00 am Worship with Daniel Carlson Preaching**
- 11:45 am Royal Family Worship
- 6:00 pm NA

Please make note:

Pastor Matthew will be attending the Pastor's Conference in Waconia on Monday, October 6 and Tuesday, October 7. He will not be in the office.

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Reading: Verlayne Sather

Ushers: Tom Harris

Altar: Open

Counters: Sandy Westling and Tom Harris

Attendance: 9/28/2025: 26

BIRTHDAYS: 11th Al Morelli; 11th Pastor Martin Cornes
ANNIVERSARIES: 7th Dearth & Christine Hadrath

ETERNAL CANDLE: OPEN
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 cancer diagnosis and 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

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.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

October 12 "When a Cakewalk Becomes a Crucible" (Numbers 14:30-31)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Forgiveness isn't a formality with God. Forgiveness is formative. It changes us.

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 22*

Luke 17:10 – "So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'" We can never put God in our debt. Even if we lived in perfect compliance with the Law, we would still only be unworthy servants. Our giving to the Lord's work in the church is a sign that we recognize our role as servants. Furthermore, we give because we recognize our own need for that work of the Lord in the church. And what a blessing it is to give to the church so that the ministry of His Word and Sacraments may reach all in our community.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"We shouldn't expect to know or understand the ways of God. We simply live in trust and ask God's blessing on our lives of sanctification, lived in love and thanksgiving to Christ."
Marie MacPherson, author – 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 **"One Hour to Live"** — Divine forgiveness for the truly penitent assures a man ... and in the nick of time. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Martin Schoenfeld from Rose of Sharon Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove, MN, presenting a message titled **"Wait for It"** based on **Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4**. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Free Community Meal

Faith United Methodist Church, 2708 33rd Avenue NE, holds a free Community dinner every second Thursday of the month, 5-6 pm. Everyone is welcome. Upcoming dates are **October 9**, November 13 and December 11.

German Dinner and Polka Mass

St. Boniface, 633 Second Street NE, will host a polka Mass on **October 12 at 11 am**. Roast pork **dinner** served **11:30 am-3 pm**. Takeout available. Silent auction. Music by the Rod Cerar Orchestra. Dancing encouraged. Tickets available at the door: \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 12 & under. Info: 612-379-2761.

Community Dinner

Join St. Timothy's and the local community on **Tuesday, October 14, from 5 pm to 6:30 pm** (or until the food is gone) for their drive thru community dinner. Please invite your family, neighbors and friends. Everyone is welcome! St. Timothy's Lutheran Church is located at 825 51st Avenue NE, Columbia Heights.

LPNA Clothing Swap

Saturday October 18, 10 am-1 pm, Logan Park Recreation Center, 690 13th Ave. NE. Bring clothing items you no longer want or need (in clean, wearable condition – no stains or holes, not worn out – something you would give to a friend) to share in the swap, then “shop” the items others have brought. There is no requirement to bring items in order to take items, so feel free to come and “shop” the swap no matter what. Men's, women's and kids clothing of all sizes to be included. If you bring donations, please start at the check-in table. Limit of 15 items per person to donate; no restriction on the number of items you can take. No undergarments or socks, hats or shoes, adult-sized pajamas, workout clothing/yoga pants, clothing with embroidered or screen-printed personalization (i.e., team sweatshirts). housewares, bedding, linens or toys.

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**It's not how much we give,
but how much love we put
into giving.**

Mother Teresa

