

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



"A Magnificent Mother"

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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: A "Magnificent Mother" is characterized by her profound influence, nurturing love, and spiritual guidance, often epitomized by biblical figures like Hannah (1 Samuel 1) and Mary. These women are celebrated for their dedication, prayer, and ability to shape their children's character through wisdom, encouragement, and strength.

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.

NO Bible Study at 11 am on Wednesdays, May 13 due to the Pastor's Conference. We will resume on May 20.

The Sixth Sunday after Easter

Happy Mother's Day

AS WE GATHER: Mothers are very special. They are known as powerful influencers who, through their daily prayers, actions, devotion and nurturing love, make a lasting profound impact on their children and the world. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

+ *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

LSB 770

Text and Tune: Public Domain

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear-
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged-- Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness-- Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--- Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

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 our Heavenly Father who truly loves us and is ready to forgive.

C: **Loving God, we come before you, acknowledging that we have not always made our homes a reflection of your unconditional love. We confess that our hearts can be cold, our hands passive, and our words sharp. We confess the times we have taken our mothers or mother-figures for granted, and the times we have not lived up to our callings as children or parents. We admit that, at times, we have allowed resentment, bitterness, or neglect to break down the relationships you intended for nurture and joy. Forgive our failures to love others well. Heal the wounds of disappointment and replace them with your grace. Give us the patience, compassion, and strength to foster, heal, and cherish the families you have given us. Amen**

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

+ NURTURE +

HYMN 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

Isaiah 66:8-13

Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall a land be born in one day? Shall a nation be brought forth in one moment? For as soon as Zion was in labor she brought forth her children. Shall I bring to the point of birth and not cause to bring forth?" says the Lord; "shall I, who cause to bring forth, shut the womb?" says your God. Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her; that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance."

For thus says the Lord: "Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees. As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING

John 19:25-27

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

"How Deep the Fathers Love For Us"

Stuart Townend, 1995 Thankyou Music; admin. EMI Christian Music CCLI # 1558110

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son, To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One, Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that left Him there, Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom

Message

"A Magnificent Mother"

Rev. Dr. 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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OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

5/10 Sun	Sixth Sunday after Easter - Happy Mother's Day
	10:00 am Worship Service w/Rev. Dr. Matthew Cephus
	11:45 am Royal Family Worship
	6:00 pm NA
5/11 Mon	7:00 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)
	7:00 pm AIAnon (upstairs)
5/12 Tues	7:30 pm SLAA Group Meeting
5/13 Wed	<u>NO</u> Bible Study
5/15 Fri	5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal
5/16 Sat	10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship
	4:00 pm Living Word Board Meeting
	6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night
5/17 Sun	Seventh Sunday after Easter
	10:00 am GDLC 75th Anniversary Celebration Service w/Rev. Dr. Matthew Cephus
	11:00 am Anniversary Presentation
	12:00 pm Luncheon
	6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elders: Daniel Carlson and Jason Matasovsky

Reading: Verlayne Sather

Ushers: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli

Altar Care: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli

Counters: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli

Attendance: 5/03/2026: 30

Pastor Matthew will be attending the Pastor's Conference and out of the office on Monday, May 11 – Wednesday, May 13.
Safe travels!

BIRTHDAYS: 11th Karmon Christopherson, 11th Tom Lyrenmann

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: Shirley Holzinger – In Memory of Mom

FLOWERS: OPEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Wade Billmeyer, Karmon & Meridel Christopherson, Tom Farrell, Robert & Dolores Kluwe, Larry Schlais, Pat Scott, Verlayne Sather and all our shut-ins

Maude Jacomet (Roselyn's sister) recently lost her husband, keep in prayer for God to comfort her and her bereaved family

Larry Derksen (Shirley & Vicki's brother) going through treatment at VA for seizures

Greg (Wade's friend) heart valve replacement, prayers for strength and recovery

Alec Schwandt (Morelli's nephew) upcoming procedure to remove heart fibulator, prayers for success and healing

Jennifer (Amy Rich's sister) recently treated for breast cancer, recovering

Marie Padmore (Roselyn's sister) prayers for positive test results

Pastor Martin Cornes' father-in-law, Dan, recovering from cancer surgery, future treatment discussion are forthcoming

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

Dorie (Shirley Holzinger's sister-in-law) addressing unexpected issues.

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.

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

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN DANGEROUS AREAS

NOTE: Those "in our extend prayers" are removed from the list after eight weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another eight weeks, please contact the church office at 612-781-1989.

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

May 10

"The King Who Reigns"

Luke 24:36-53

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge

If Easter tells us that Jesus the King has won, then Ascension tells us the King is reigning, and His reign is good.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

May 17

"Don't Despise Small Beginnings"

Acts 1:14

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Our small efforts to become the people Jesus saved us to be might seem insignificant, but small efforts compound.

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: *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

John 14:15 – "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Jesus is clear: our obedience to His Word comes from our love for Him. But where does that love come from? Jesus tells us that as well: "Her sins, which are many, are forgiven — for she loved much" (Luke 7:47). Christ shows us His love and gives us the forgiveness of our sins, which causes love to well up in us and thereby keep the commandments of Jesus. For after all, the summary of the Law is "love."

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"If you're a single parent, don't count yourself out ... If you're widowed or divorced, don't count yourself out. If you've never married, don't count yourself out. We sinners are all in this together. We want to see the relevance of faith for our daily lives. We hear the religious talk and we humbly ask, 'How does this apply to me?' The answer is that the glory of Christ's resurrection is for us all. It continues in the message of forgiveness and hope we experience each time we gather together." *Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, Speaker Emeritus of "The Lutheran Hour" – 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 Now Crowd."** A soldier on leave helps his brother work through struggles in his life. The worship service begins at 9:30 with Rev. Keith Grimm from Family of Christ Lutheran Church in Ham Lake, MN, presenting a message titled **"Showing Our Love for Jesus"** based on **John 14:15-21**. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

May/June Spring Offering

The 2026 May/Spring Offering will go to **Trinity First Lutheran School** located at 1115 East 19th Street, Minneapolis. **Use your "May Mission Offering"** envelopes to make a donation. Trinity First School is in the heart of Minneapolis and provides a Christ-based education to children through the eighth grade. The School works to be known as a high-quality educational center for children, their families, and the community. Trinity First is 100% faith focused and faith is integrated into everything they do.

Pentecost Sunday is May 24 with a Potluck Luncheon following the Service

The joint service on **Sunday, May 24** celebrating Pentecost Sunday will begin with a **10:30 am** service and will be followed by a potluck luncheon. Bring your favorite mouth-watering dish to share. Sign-up sheet for food can be found on front lobby bulletin board.

Please note the later start time for this service.

Gloria Dei will participate in the Annual Northeast Garage Sales!

If you want to donate any clutter for the garage sale, now's the perfect time. Mary Piper is organizing this event to coincide with the Fifteenth Annual 2026 NEighbors Garage Sale! The sale will take place on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, June 18–20. Please drop off your items at Mary's house (2955 Benjamin Street NE) by Sunday, June 14—just leave them at the side garage door. **All proceeds will go to Gloria Dei.** Items that don't sell will be donated to local thrift stores.

Friends School Plant Sale - Mother's Day Weekend

Minnesota State Fair Grounds – Grandstand Building

Friday, May 8, 9 am – 8 pm; **Saturday, May 9**, 10 am – 6 pm;

Sunday, May 10, 10 am – 2 pm (where everything left is 1/3 off)

Flower sale at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, 1701 St. Anthony Parkway, will hold its Annual Flower Sale over Mother's Day weekend, **Thursday, May 7**, 12-7 pm; **Friday, May 8**, 9 am-7 pm; **Saturday, May 9**, 10 am-4 pm **and Sunday, May 10**, 10 am-2 pm. Plants supplied from Pletschers Greenhouse. Saturday will feature "Family Fun Day on Ulysses" with hot dogs, sodas and fun activities for kids while you shop. Portion of proceeds go to Little Kitchen Food Shelf. Info: mountcarmelmpls.org.

Drive-Through Community Dinners

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church Drive Thru Community Dinner is Tuesday, May 12 – 5-6:30 pm (or until the food is gone). Free and open to all. Please spread the word!!