

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



WALKING IN GOD'S PATH FAITHFULLY:
"THE GOAL IS TO ROLL"

Order of Worship July 19, 2026 | 10:00 AM

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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: We will explore how the visual aspect of the Hebrew language can get lost in translation. It's not that translations are bad or inaccurate. It's that they miss out on the depth of meaning the Hebrew language conveys, and Psalm 37:5 is a classic example we will be looking at today.

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.

**Note: Wednesday Bible Study will be taking the summer off.
No classes in July or August. We will resume on September 16th.**

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: The problem is many of us want to walk in God's path, but we want to walk it our way. Our comforts, conveniences, and personal preferences hold us back from walking God's path, God's way. Allow God's path to inform how you walk.

+ *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "Just as I Am, Without One Plea" LSB 570 v. 1, 2, 4, 6
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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, poor, wretched blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am; Thy love unknown, Has broken every barrier down.
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone. 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 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

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

LSB 507 v. 1, 2, 4

Text & Music: Public Domain

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 37:1-7a

Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers! For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. He will bring forth your

righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.
Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 5:8-17

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING

Luke 22:41-43

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

"He Leadeth Me O Blessed Thought"

He leadeth me, O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful foll'wer I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

Refrain

And when my task on earth is done,
When by Thy grace the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

Refrain

Message

Rev. Dr. Matthew Cephus

Walking in God's Path Faithfully: "The Goal is to Roll"

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

"Almighty Father, Bless the Word"

LSB 923

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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

7/19 Sun

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am **Worship Service w/Holy Communion**
 Rev. Dr. Matthew Cephus

11:45 am Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm NA

7/20 Mon

7:00 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)

7:00 pm AIAnon (upstairs)

7/21 Tues

5:00 pm **Gloria Dei Council Meeting**

7:30 pm SLAA Group Meeting

7/22 Wed

NO Bible Study

6:00 pm Neighborhood Block Meeting (downstairs)

7/24 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

7/25 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

3:00 pm Annual "Take it to the Streets" BBQ & Picnic

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

7/26 Sun

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am **Worship Service w/Holy Communion**
 Rev. Dr. Matthew Cephus

11:45 am Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elders: Daniel Carlson and Jason Matasovsky

Reading: Sandy Westling

Ushers: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer

Altar Care: Morellis and Lyrenmanns

Counters: Shirley Holzinger and Verlayne Sather

Attendance: 7/12/2026: 24

BIRTHDAYS: 20th Patience Cephus

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: OPEN

FLOWERS: OPEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

James Norman His cancer and pain have worsened. He is also losing weight fast.

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

Alec Schwandt (Morelli's nephew) heart surgery procedure successful, thank you for all the prayers

Jennifer (Amy Rich's sister) recovering from recent breast cancer treatments

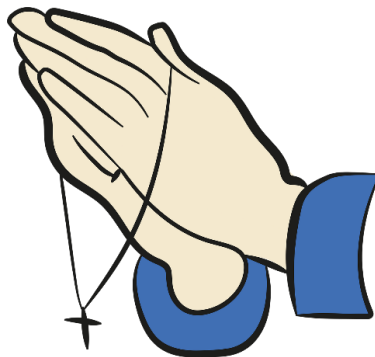
Roxie Johnson (Morelli's niece) heart issues, upcoming surgery to replace small valve

Kim Morelli and Amy Rich (Morelli's DnLs) both doing well with current cancer treatments, thank you for your continued prayers

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

July 19, 2026

"From Groans to Glory"

Romans 8: 21-27

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Glenn Nielsen

A day will come when the grief will end, the groans will be silenced. Jesus will return and the dead in Christ will arise with bodies glorified.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

July 26, 2026

"Worth the Wait"

Matthew 13:44

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

The certainty that Jesus offers is not theoretical or experimental. It's the certainty of a promise, of a secure relationship.

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: *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost -- Romans 8:18*

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly has an application to our support for the Gospel — if we keep our focus on "the glory to be revealed," we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"Each of us amounts to more than assorted cells, isolated fluids, and random spasms. Human means—in every case—a character, with an emerging identity, disclosing a history, developing toward an intended destiny. Every life is a story." *Rev. Michael Salemink, former Executive Director of 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, **"Interlude."** A husband and wife struggle with marital issues. The worship service begins at 9:30 with Rev. Jeffrey Williams from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, MN, presenting a message titled, **"Educated Questions,"** based on **Matthew 13:24-30**. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities' tab.

"Take it to the Streets" Picnic – Saturday, July 25

The FREE BBQ/Picnic is a family-friendly event that is open to EVERYONE in the community. The festivities begin at **3 pm on Saturday, July 25**. So grab a lawn chair and we'll see you there!

If you would like to bring a dish to share, there is a sign-up sheet on the front bulletin board OR monetary donations can be marked "Take it to the Streets." Help with set up and cleanup is also needed, please see Pastor Matthew if you can help.



Produce Distribution at East Side

The produce distributions are free and open/available to the public and will be held indoors at ESNS in the Gym, located at 1700 Second Street NE Minneapolis. The distribution is every fourth Thursday of the Month (July-October) from **3-5 PM. July 23** is the next upcoming date.

The Food Programs at East Side Neighborhood Services secure food support for those who may have difficulty accessing traditional food shelves or grocery stores. These programs serve over 7,000 Hennepin County households, providing fresh, nutritious food as well as referrals to other resources.

For more information about the Food Program including the different Food Shelves, you can visit the [*Food Programs Page*](#) on our website.

Monarch Festival

The 2026 City of Columbia Heights Monarch Festival is scheduled for **Thursday, July 23, 4-7 pm** at Kordiak Park, 1845 49th Avenue NE. If you are interested in attending as a vendor or informational booth, contact Angela Montero at 763-706-3613 or amontero@columbiaheightsmn.gov.

Food Truck Festival

Father Hennepin Bluff Park, 420 Main Street SE, will be the scene of the Minnesota Food Truck Festival **Saturday, August 1, 11 am-9 pm**. More than 40 food trucks will be on hand for this free event, where every free wristband provides three meals for those in need via [*Feed My Starving Children*](#). Music will be provided by Whiskey Stone, Tyte Phitt and Alex Rossi. Kid and canine-friendly.