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WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

June 2 Second Sunday after Pentecost

w/Guest Pastor Toby Schmidt, Associate Pastor, Christ Victorious

June 9 Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 16 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – Father's Day

June 23 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 30 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



Heavenly Father, thank You for Your perfect care of us. You know us, our weaknesses, and needs, and You supply all we lack. Thank You for fathers who reflect Your compassion as they care for their families. Give all fathers wisdom and patience. Guide them into the choices that You know are best. Help them lead their families to know You through Your word. In Jesus' name. Amen.

The Gift of Contentment

As children grow up, they often feel cramped by their parents' restrictions. Dad says to be home by 11. But why can't I stay out 'til midnight? Mom says to clean your room on Saturday morning. But I want to sleep in late, then roll out of bed, hop in the car and go to my friend's house without delay. I want to do what I decide is best.

The older we get, and especially when we have kids of our own, we begin to see the truth. Mom and Dad were not cramping our style or trying to crush our personal freedom — they were looking out for us, providing for us and teaching us a better way of life.

If that's how it is with fallible human parents, how much more so with our Heavenly Father! We sinners often feel cramped by the Law of God. Our sinful flesh wants to go its own way, do its own thing and be in charge. But in our heart of hearts, we know how foolish this is. We know that God loves us, and therefore all of His commands are for our benefit. Each one of His commandments is meant to bless us. Consider the last two commandments:

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it. (SC II)

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty. (SC II)

The commandments against coveting are warning us against losing one of the greatest gifts we can possess: contentment. Being content and thankful with what God has provided for us is a necessary building block of living a happy life. Unthankful coveting of what we have not been given will only make us miserable, so God warns us against it.

God has proven His love for us in sending His only begotten Son to shed His blood for us, cleanse us of our sins and brings us back into His family. If He loves us this much, then when percentage of His commandments do you think are meant to harm us? Probably no more than one or two percent, right? Of course that's absurd. God means to bless us with everything He says to us. The Law of God simply describes what a truly happy life, lived in thankfulness to Christ, looks like: It's a generous, merciful, contented life that uses all of the resources God has given us for His purposes.

The Vine and the Branches

The grape vine is probably one of the most heavily pruned of all plants. It bears more fruit with careful pruning. Although I am certainly no expert as a grower of grapes, I have learned that pruning does indeed help the grape vine to be more productive. Jesus tells us the same thing in the gospel-- (John 15:1-17 ESV - I Am the True Vine - "I am the true . . ." - Bible Gateway). Here, Jesus says, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." He also reminds us that even those branches of his that are bearing fruit, he prunes so that they will become even more productive. So, what does that look like? It looks like cutting back unproductive growth. Pruning can be painful, perhaps for the grape vine, but for our lives also. For our lives, pruning involves things like trials, challenges, failure, and loss. Who wants to go through stuff like this? No one! But our Master Gardener knows that such things can actually be used to make his beloved branches (you and me) become more fruitful and productive.

Sometimes, we try to go through life by relying on ourselves and our own self-sufficiency. In our culture, a high value is placed on not being dependent or reliant on anyone else. But sometimes we have to learn the hard way that this just does not work. Jesus tells us here in John 15 that "apart from me you can do nothing." The branches are nothing if they are not attached to the vine. No grapes will be produced if the branches think they can do it alone. It just doesn't work that way. It's all about abiding in Jesus. That word "abide" is used again and again by Jesus in John 15. It means to remain, to hold onto, to stay connected with. Like the grape vine is connected to the branches, so we are to be connected to Jesus. If we're going to produce fruit in our lives – fruit that's going to last – our lives must be connected to Jesus. So, what are these fruits? Paul the apostle identifies what are called the "fruits of the Spirit" in Galatians, contrasting these with what he calls "works of the flesh." As Paul writes: *Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

-Galatians 5:19-23

Wherever there is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, there is the full and abundant life that Jesus came to bring (John 10:10). These are the fruits that the Vine is looking for in his branches; that is, in our lives. And it all flows from that cleansing word that Jesus has already spoken to us (John 15:3), sealed with his own blood that was shed for the forgiveness of our sins.

Recently, I read something that a man named Andrew Murray (1828-1917) wrote more than a century ago. I found this helpful and hope you do as well: "*Have you ever noticed the difference in the Christian life between work and fruit? A machine can do work; only life can bear fruit. A law can compel work; only life can spontaneously bring forth fruit. Work implies effort and labor; the essential idea of fruit is, that it is the silent, natural, restful produce of our inner life. The connection between work and fruit is, perhaps, best seen in the expression, "fruitful in every good work" (Col. 1:10). It is only when good works come as the fruit of the indwelling Spirit that they are acceptable to God. Under the compulsion of law and conscience, or the influence of inclination and zeal, men may be most diligent in good works, and yet find that they have but little spiritual result. Their works are man's effort, instead of being the fruit of the Spirit, the restful, natural outcome of the Spirit's operation within us.*" -taken from For All the Saints: A Prayer Book For and By the Church, Vol. 1 (New Delhi, NY: American Lutheran Publicity Bureau, 1994; pp. 1082-1083).

As we've come halfway into the year, I pray that the Lord will keep you and strengthen you. Always remember what Jesus says in John 15. It's all about abiding in Him.

Pastor Matthew

Pentecost Sunday's Joint Service and Potluck Luncheon at Gloria Dei, May 19











Gloria Dei May/June Offering **SALVATION ARMY** **FOOD SHELF**

The May/June Mission Offering is staying close to home again in 2024!

The funds collected during this year's Spring Offering will go directly to the Central Avenue Salvation Army, at 2727 Central Avenue NE, Minneapolis.

Use the May Mission Offering envelope to make a monetary donation **OR** you can help fill our "grocery chart" (**NON-PERISHABLE FOODS ITEMS ONLY, PLEASE**).

Your donation will help those in our community who need food. With the spike in requests for help, ongoing public support is needed to help ensure that services are available. Whenever there is a need in Minneapolis, you'll find the Salvation Army!

If you are in need of food, contact your local Salvation Army to find out where and how to receive a free box of groceries. The Salvation Army Northern Division has distributed about five million meals – and is prepared to serve many more. It is only through the generosity of people that The Salvation Army can continue to provide services to those who are in need. Thank you to everyone for your generous giving!

Mark Your Calendars for the Third Annual Taking It to the Streets!

On Saturday, July 27th Royal Family will again host the annual "Taking It to the Streets" event, along with GDLC's assistance. This outreach event will be held outdoors, on the front lawn of the church and is a great way of connecting with people in the neighborhood. What a wonderful opportunity to share the love of Christ with our neighbors. Beginning at 3 pm, plan to stop by the church and enjoy something hot off the grill, along with a variety of food and desserts. There will also be live gospel music, dancing, fun games and of course, a bouncy house! Plan to bring your friends and family. This FREE event is family-friendly and open to EVERYONE. See you there!

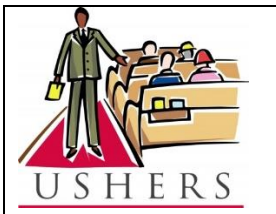


SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS – During the hot summer months when people are drinking more canned beverages, remember to save those cans! Bring in your aluminum cans to support the mission of the Church Council's choosing.

Thank you for your help in collecting cans.

If you would like to help beautify Gloria Dei, for the Sunday Services, flowers can be purchased from Pletcher's Floral for \$28/bouquet + \$12 delivery fee (OR you can pick them up). You can also bring in your own flower arrangement – think your backyard garden or the neighborhood farmer's markets – both are great resources for summer bouquets. Sign-up sheets are located in the entryway of the Church. Candles are also available at \$6 per Sunday.





Can You Help?

Ushers are always needed, especially in the summer months! If your schedule permits and you are available to usher during any of the Sunday services during the summer months, please mark yourself down for the Sunday that works best for you. The sign-up sheet for Ushers is on the bulletin board in the front lobby. **THANK YOU**

Gloria Dei will again participate in the Annual Northeast Garage Sales

If you have clutter you would like to see gone. We can help with those unwanted items!

It's not too late to gather up those unwanted items.

Mary Piper is deep in the process of planning a garage sale in conjunction with the Thirteenth Annual 2024 NEighbors Garage Sale! The sale will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 13 – 15. If you have items you would like to donate to be sold at the garage sale, please bring them to Mary's house on or before Sunday, June 9 (2955 Benjamin Street NE, leave them at the side garage door). **All proceeds will be donated to Gloria Dei.** The proceeds from 2023 were used to purchase two new computers/monitors for the offices. If you have an interest in helping with any aspect of the sale, please let the office know OR speak with Mary directly – many volunteers are needed to make this sale a success. All help is welcome – a little or a lot! All items not sold will be donated to local area thrift stores.

***The Thirteenth Annual NEighbors Sale Days are Friday, June 16 and Saturday, June 17
8 am to 5 pm (hours may vary at individual locations). Rain Date Sunday, June 16***



Heights Citywide Garage Sale – June 7 - June 9

The seventh annual Columbia Heights citywide garage sale is scheduled for June 7-9. Most sales are open 8 am – 5 pm, but check individual sales for exact times. Maps will be available on June 5 www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/garagesale.

Free community dinners at St. Timothy's | June 11 @ 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 825 51st Ave. NE, in Columbia Heights, serves a free community dinner the second Tuesday of each month from 5:30-6:30 pm (or until the food is gone). Free and everyone is welcome! Please spread the word!! Info: 763-571-9721.

Northeast Senior Luncheons - June 11, at Logan Park - Main entrée includes: BBQ cheeseburgers, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, potato chips, and Cole slaw. Ice cream treats for dessert. Unlimited coffee, regular and decaf and water.

Seniors on the GO Chanhassen Dinner Theater: Beautiful,

Cost is \$85 and includes lunch, van ride and show. Don't miss out on one of the most popular trips. Experience the captivating journey of Carole King in "Beautiful." King wrote a string of pop classics for singers from Aretha Franklin to James Taylor, as well as her own beloved chart-busting solo successes. Beautiful take you back to when it all began – on the joy-filled and emotional ride of a lifetime. Pick up at Logan at 9:30 am.

Celebrate Northeast Parade – June 18, Starts at 6:30 pm

The 95th Celebrate Northeast Parade will be held along Central Avenue Tuesday, June 18, 6:30-9 pm. Sponsors, entrants, volunteers and vendors needed.

See <https://www.celebrateneparade.com>



The Audubon Neighborhood Association hosts a weekly farmers' market. It features local vendors offering locally grown produce, herbs, and flowers. Audubon Farmers' Markets is scheduled to **start June 6**. This year's season will run from June 6 – October 31, 2024. The Market is at 2800 Johnson Street NE – located in the Northeast Market Garden across from the Hollywood Theater. New this year is **Farmstand Saturdays & Sundays, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm** and **Pay-What-You-Can Wednesdays, 4:00 - 7:00 pm**. See you there!

Northeast Minneapolis Farmers Market: Every Saturday, Rain or Shine, runs May 11 – October 14, 9 am-1 pm, St. Boniface Church Parking lot, 629 Second Street, corner of University Ave & Seventh Ave NE. northeastmarket.org



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, June 7, St. Anthony Community Center, 3301 Silver Lake Rd., **9 am-3 pm**. There are many appointment slots open. All donors will receive a Red Cross Tetris t-shirt, a chance to win a trip to New York and a free sub sandwich coupon from St. Anthony Jersey Mike's. Sign up at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=SAV>.

COMMUNITY ART & INFO FAIR

The 2024 Columbia Heights Community Art & Info Fair will be held on Thursday, June 20, 4-7 pm at Huset Park West near the Splash Pad. 3695 Jefferson St. NE.

Wellness Across the Lifespan

East Side Neighborhood Services, 1700 Second Street NE

Wednesday, June 26, 9:30 am-1:30 pm. Registration: 612-787-4086 or VitalLiving@esns.org.

For people 55+. Event includes wellness resources, health care directives, all-abilities fitness, garden tour, food giveaways, technology education, grocery gift card raffle.

Columbia Heights Jamboree, June 27 - June 30

The Columbia Heights Jamboree will take place Thursday, June 27 through Sunday, June 30. Thursday night will feature Columbia Heights' own "City Knights" band. Friday night, the Jamboree parade steps off at 6 pm. Accordionist Joe Macko will play the beer garden after the parade. Saturday night brings fireworks and more music. A carnival with rides will be held throughout. \$2 entry fee except for Sunday, the family fun day.



Northeast Chorale: Broadway & Pops Unplugged

The Northeast Chorale will blend Broadway classics and pop hits to create a delightful night of music. **Saturday, June 1, 7 pm, and Sunday, June 2, 4 pm.** Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, 1509 27th Avenue NE. Free admission (\$10 suggested donation). All ages welcome!
www.northeastchorale.org

Salo Park Concert Series

The Double Down Daredevils – June 20 @ 7 - 8 pm

Bluegrass and Americana music. Salo Park Amphitheater, 2601 39th Ave. NE

Paul Barry Blues Band – June 27 @ 7 - 8 pm

Paul Barry Blues Band, a harmonica-driven band that specializes in Chicago and West Coast Jump Blues. Salo Park Amphitheater, 2601 39th Ave. NE

St. Anthony Civic Orchestra – July 4 @ 7 - 8 pm

Celebrate America with the St. Anthony Civic Orchestra. Salo Park Amphitheater, 2601 39th Ave. NE

Everett Smithson – July 11 @ 7 – 8 pm

Everett Smithson plays soulful Zydeco, Blues and Creole music. Salo Park Amphitheater, 2601 39th Ave. NE

The Backyard Band – July 18 @ 7 pm - 8 pm

The Backyard Band specializes in fun, danceable rock 'n' roll and country music drawing on decades of experience playing in rock bands, folk groups, jazz combos and bar ensembles. Salo Park Amphitheater, 2601 39th Ave. NE

Erik Christenson Band – July 25 @ 7 - 8 pm

Local duo specializing in easy listening Americana music. Salo Park Amphitheater, 2601 39th Ave. NE

Harrison Street Band featuring Erin McCawley – August 1 @ 7 - 8 pm

Rock and Roll, R&B and Soul. Salo Park Amphitheater, 2601 39th Ave. NE

Ecuador Manta – August 8 @ 7 – 8 pm

An Andean band that has created their unique music style by using the traditional rhythms from Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Colombia, combining them with more contemporary Latin and Caribbean rhythms. Salo Park Amphitheater, 2601 39th Ave. NE



THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WCCO 830 AM Radio

Heard each Sunday morning at 6:05 a.m.

Hosted by Rev. Michael Ziegler
(unless otherwise noted)

June 2 "Lit Up" (Acts 11:24)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
The Law and Gospel light of Jesus is both an exposing searchlight that reveals our shortcomings and a warm glow light that nurtures us.

June 9 "Selfless Sending" (Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3)

Guest Speaker: Pastor Jeff Cloeter
The Christians of ancient Antioch were known for their spirit of selfless sacrifice. The spirit of Antioch continues in the Church today because Christ Himself is with us.

June 16 "Water Power" (Acts 16:5)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
God's mission is like water. Without changing what it is, the Good News of God's Kingdom takes the shape of its cultural container, crossing boundaries and barriers.

June 23 "You're Really into This, Aren't You?" (Acts 16:30)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
People can be passionate about sports, gardening, video games, or family. All those things can be good, but none of them can save you.

June 30 "An Eager Conversationalist!" (Acts 17:16-31)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Keith Haberstock
The Holy Spirit empowers us to open our mouths and share Jesus, so that all might have what none of us deserve.

Dial-A-Devotion

There is a new devotion and prayer each day.
Call 651-429-0078 and follow the prompts.



MAY OFFICIAL ACTS

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"CARRY OUT A RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS,
WITH NO EXPECTATION OF REWARD, SAFE
IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT ONE DAY
SOMEONE MIGHT DO THE SAME FOR YOU."
- PRINCESS DIANA

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Time of Grace connects people to God's grace—his love, glory, and power—so they realize the temporary things of life don't satisfy. However, through Jesus we have access to the eternal God—right now and forever.

Pastor Mike Novotny

Pastor Mike Novotny has served God's people in full-time ministry since 2007 in Madison and, most recently, at The CORE in Appleton, Wisconsin. He also serves as the lead speaker for Time of Grace, where he shares the good news about Jesus through television, print, and online platforms.

Sundays KARE (NBC 11) 10:30 AM

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"IN OUR PRAYERS" & "REQUESTED PRAYERS"

If you have family members or friends who require our prayers, prayer requests can be made by calling the office, speaking with Pastor Matthew directly OR filling out a prayer request card. All requests will be added to the prayer list in the weekly bulletin. If you have any updates to the current list, please call the office at 612-781-1989 with your update. Thank You!

June Special Events





<i>Happy Birthday!</i>		<i>Happy Anniversary!</i>	
2 nd	Verlayne Sather	25 th	Daniel & Katie Beth Carlson
15 th	Meridel Christopherson	28 th	Tom Harris & Pat Vogel

JUNE SERVANTS
Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Ushers		Counters	
2 nd	Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer	2 nd	Sandy Westling and Tom Harris
9 th		9 th	Shirley Holzinger and Verlayne Sather
16 th		16 th	Tom & Patty Lyrenmann
23 rd		23 rd	Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer
30 th		30 th	Shirley Holzinger and Verlayne Sather
Candles		Flowers	
2 nd		2 nd	
9 th			
16 th			
23 rd			
30 th			

If you sign up for flowers or candles after the newsletter is published, be sure to let the office know. We want to make sure that flowers are ordered and you are properly acknowledged in the bulletin notes. Thanks!

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC — JUNE 1-30

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) officially began work in the Dominican Republic in 2004. Over the years, a group home was established to care for orphaned children with disabilities; congregations and mission plants were started; and a deaconess-training program was launched. The LCMS seminary in Santiago, Dominican Republic, trains students from around the Latin America region.

Remember God's work in the Dominican Republic as you pray:

- 1.** *for the seminary students who will enter the seminary this fall, that they would be able to acquire their student visas and other documentation needed to study in the Dominican Republic.*
- 2.** *for seminary students and their families, that they would have a smooth transition to life in a new place away from family and friends. Praise God for these dedicated students who are willing to leave home to obtain a solid theological education.*
- 3.** *that God would grant the seminary students determination and endurance, so that they might be diligent in their studies*

and make the most of their education.

- 4.** *for the women studying to be deaconesses, that the theological coursework and intensive practical experience would form them into capable and effective deaconesses.*
- 5.** *that God would grant strength to our deaconesses as they support the work of pastors by caring for the poor, the marginalized and the sick.*
- 6.** *with thanksgiving for all the faithful and generous people who have prayed or given of their time or treasures to make the seminary and mercy center a reality.*

7. *for the seminary professors, that they would be well-prepared to impart wisdom and knowledge to their students.*

8. *that the Spanish-language theological library at the seminary would be well used and a blessing to the students and faculty.*

9. *for the families of the professors, that they would adapt easily and find joy in a new country and culture.*

10. *for Lutheran congregations in Latin America, that they would be prepared to care for and support their pastors physically, mentally and spiritually.*

11. *for seminary students who are serving vicarages, that they would learn much from their experience and be better prepared for their future ministry.*

12. *for all the missionaries and leaders of the Dominican church, that they would discern God's*

will so that they can build a firm foundation for the church for generations to come.

13. *that God would raise up individuals and congregations to support our LCMS missionaries in the Dominican Republic.*

14. *that God would supply faithful and capable men and women to serve as missionaries, both in Latin America and around the world.*

15. *with thanksgiving for faithful men and women who have given up the comforts of home and family to faithfully serve on the mission field.*

16. *that many in the Dominican Republic would hear God's Word and believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Pray that they would attend worship each Sunday to receive the Word and Sacraments.*

JUNE Pray For Us Calendar

17. *that God would grant health and safety to all missionaries and their families.*

18. *that the Dominican Christians would continue to study God's Word and be strengthened to live faithfully and serve their neighbors in love.*

19. *with thanksgiving for the willingness of the Dominican people to hear and learn God's Word. By God's grace, the LCMS has established congregations and mission stations around the country.*

20. *that God would raise up many Lutheran school teachers and school administrators — especially from among the Dominican congregations — to meet the needs of the large number of eager students.*

21. *that the families of our Lutheran school children would also hear God's Word and be brought to faith.*

22. *with thanksgiving for the large and ever-growing number of students seeking education in our Lutheran schools in the Dominican Republic.*

23. *that the Lutheran mission churches in the Dominican*

Republic would continue to grow and mature through regular worship and Bible study.

24. *with thanksgiving for the many faithful Christians who regularly worship in our mission congregations.*

25. *with thanksgiving for Hogares Lutheranos El Buen Pastor (Good Shepherd Lutheran Home), which provides a safe and nurturing facility for young people with developmental disabilities.*

26. *that God would grant patience and endurance for the faithful workers who care for the group home's residents. Praise God that He has used these wonderful young people to teach the Dominican Lutheran church about His love and mercy.*

27. *with thanksgiving that the residents of Hogares Lutheranos El Buen Pastor have become active members of the local Lutheran church, where they are eager to hear God's Word and to serve in any way possible.*

28. *with thanksgiving for the willingness of faithful and gentle caregivers who serve the residents of Good Shepherd Lutheran Home.*



29. *for all the mission work throughout the Caribbean and Latin America.*

30. *with thanksgiving that we are one in Christ with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Latin America.*

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