

# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

*(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*

THE STORY

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## **15 - Prophets “God’s Messengers”**

**Order of Worship January 10, 2021  
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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!*

*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 help to you, please speak with Vicar Martin after the service or via email or 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.*

**Today's Topic:** God's speaks through his people.

**Is there something you'd like us to pray for today?** Prayer requests can be made by contacting the church office.

**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. Persons unable to approach the Altar may be communed in the pew, please notify the Pastor or Elder if you wish this service.

## THE STORY:

KNOW God's story:

LIVE our place in His story:

Be equipped to SHARE His Story

Starting September 13, our Worship Service, Sermon and Bible Study themes will be "The Story."



## THE STORY

### Chapter 15 / Can You Hear Him Now?

Verizon Wireless created one of the most memorable marketing campaigns ever in 2005. In their commercials a so-called "test man," accompanied by a crowd of network engineers, travels the country asking the simple question, "Can you hear me now?" in an ongoing exercise to determine the reliability of the mobile phone carrier's network.

The "catch phrase" caught on. The company's market share went up and employee turnover went down. It seemed people could relate to the struggle to connect. Folks were tired of dropped calls and unreliable communication systems. And Verizon sent a message that they wanted desperately to connect with its subscribers and wanted its subscribers to be able to connect with each other.

At the risk of selling Him short, God has done the same. Even when the Kingdom had split in two, He kept sending His message. He gave the people of the Divided Kingdom some 208 years to decide whether they would "accept" or "reject" His call. He sent His own "technicians" to get the message out. We call them "prophets."

The job of the Verizon technician is unique. But not nearly as unique as the task given Hosea. Hosea, himself a prophet, appeared in a down time in the nation of Israel. The reality is that people often hear best when things are at their worst. So Hosea signed on with God. But God gave him a most unusual assignment. Hosea's life would be his message. He was to marry a prostitute named Gomer and love her. What an incredible request! (Just imagine a young man with a seminary degree in hand trying to explain that one to a pastor search committee.)

The tough assignment was made even more difficult as Gomer left Hosea. She would conduct her 'transactions' with customers and all the time in her mind believing they were the ones supporting her. In reality, though, it was Hosea who continued to care for her and provide for her necessities even during her times of unfaithfulness.

God tells Hosea to go and demonstrate his love for her, so he does. Now picture this scene, as ugly as it is: Hosea pays some Hebrew "pimp" for some time with his wife, Gomer. When she enters the room expecting her next customer, she comes face-to-face with her husband. It is then that Hosea tells her again he loves her and wants her to come back home.

It's the lived-out message that Hosea later gives in words. And it's the same message God sends today. He loves us—even in our extreme unfaithfulness. And he wants us to come back home, even though we have abandoned him. But much like a call on your cell phone, you can hit the "accept" button or the "reject" button. You have the power to send God to voicemail and make him wait. Or you can answer his call today. The people of Israel had 208 years to pick up and they never did. The network is clear. The message is reliable. Can you hear him now?

# The Baptism of Our Lord

**AS WE GATHER:** God speaks through his people.

*+ CONNECT +*

**OPENING SONG**

**"Dry Bones"**

**Karmon Christopherson**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.**

**L:** Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

**C:** **Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.**

**L:** The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

**C:** **The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?**

**L:** When the wicked advance against me to devour me,

**C:** **It is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.**

**L:** Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;

**C:** **Though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.**

**L:** One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek:

**C:** **That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.**

**L:** These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

**C:** **Impress them on your children.**

- L: Talk about them when you sit at home  
**C: And when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.**
- L: Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.  
**C: Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.**
- L: For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in his dwelling;  
**C: He will hide me in the shelter of His sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.**
- L: Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;  
**C: At His sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD!**

**OPENING SONG**      *God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets' Sons"*  
*LSB 682 vs. 1, 3, 5*  
*Text & music: Public domain*

God of the prophets, bless the prophets' sons;  
 Elijah's mantle o'er Elisha cast.  
 Each age its solemn task may claim but once;  
 Make each one nobler, stronger than the last.

Anoint them priests, strong intercessors they,  
 For pardon and for love and hope and peace,  
 That, through their pleading, guilty sinners may find  
 Jesus' mercy and from sin release.

Make them apostles, heralds of Your cross;  
 Forth let them go to tell the world of grace.  
 Inspired by You, may they count all but loss and stand  
 At last with joy before Your face.

**CONFESSION OF OUR SINS**

- L: God of our light and our salvation,  
**C: Sometimes we prefer to live in darkness, embracing the safety and anonymity of the shadows; sometimes we delight in our divisions,**

**believing we are better than others; sometimes the yoke of our calling feels too heavy, and we seek to slip out from under the bar across our shoulders. Forgive our fear. Forgive our aversion to the light. Forgive our unresponsiveness to your call. Forgive our willful blindness and deafness to the Way. Help us know deep in our souls that you are our light and our salvation, our joy and our wonder, our very life. Hear us as we cry aloud in our need. Amen.**

## **FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED**

*+ NURTURE +*

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

**1 Kings 17:8-16**

*The Widow of Zarephath*

Then the word of the Lord came to him, "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." And she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.'" And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 9:18-20**

**L:** The Holy Gospel according

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

*Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ*

Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" And they answered, "John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen." Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered, "The Christ of God."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***"God Has Spoken By His Prophets"***  
***Sung to the tune of 770***

**LSB 583**

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God has spoken by His prophets, spoken His unchanging Word;  
Each from age to age proclaiming God, the one, the righteous Lord.  
In the world's despair and turmoil, one firm anchor holds us fast;  
God is king, His throne eternal; God the first, and God the last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son,  
Brightness of the Father's glory, with the Father ever one;  
Spoken by the Word Incarnate, God of God, before time was;  
Light of Light, to earth descending, He reveals our God to us.

God is speaking by His Spirit, speaking to our hearts again,  
In the ageless Word declaring His own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations one sure faith yet standing fast;  
God abides, His Word unchanging; God the first, and God the last.

**SERMON**

**"God's Messengers"**

**Chapter: 15, Prophets**

**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.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

## **CLOSING SONG**

***"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"***

***LSB 700***

*Text & Tune: Public Domain*

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down!  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Finish then Thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee,  
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise!



## BENEDICTION

+ Silent Prayer +

## POSTLUDE

+ WE DEPART TO SERVE +

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## OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

<b>1/10 Sun</b>		<b>The Baptism of Our Lord/ First Sunday after the Epiphany</b>
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>DIVINE</b> Worship w/Holy Communion
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	NA
<b>1/11 Mon</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	AIAnon 1
	<b>8:00 pm</b>	AA/AIAnon 2
<b>1/12 Tues</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>All Boards Meet</b>
<b>1/13 Wed</b>		<b>NO Mid-week Service &amp; Bible Study</b>
<b>1/15 Fri</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	TLWCC Music Practice
	<b>8:00 pm</b>	AA/AIAnon
<b>1/16 Sat</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
<b>1/17 Sun</b>		<b>The Second Sunday after the Epiphany</b>
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>DIVINE</b> Worship w/Holy Communion
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	NA

## SERVING TODAY

**Elder: Karmon Christopherson**

**Readers: Verlayne Sather**

**Ushers: Dale Raschke**

**Counters: Dale Raschke**

**Altar Care: Verlayne Sather**

**Attendance: 1/03/2021: 21**

**Offerings – Loose \$150; Regular \$1,335; Portals of Prayer \$145; Christmas**

**Offering \$25; Online \$100**

**Total \$1,755**

**Needed each week for 2021: \$2,472.50**

## **TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR**

**January 10 "The Backstory Behind a Bible 'Contradiction" (Mark 2:13-28**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

When you open yourself up to hearing the backstory behind the apparent contradiction, you may encounter what the Bible is all about.)

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

**January 17 "Lost in Wonder, Love, and Praise!" (Mark 3)**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

The word of Jesus turns us out from ourselves and our problems to the faith, hope, and love that He brings.

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: January 10 – Baptism of Our Lord**

**Mark 1:7 – "And (John) preached, saying, 'After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.' "** John is right. Jesus is immensely greater than any of us yet behold how He came to serve! That is the upside down, outlandish grace of God. The innocent Jesus takes our sinner's place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know. The Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:** "The world needs your voice to declare Jesus' words of eternal life. The world needs your voice to declare God's value of life in all of its stages. The world needs your voice to declare God's convictions born of His Word. The world needs your voice to declare that God's word of forgiveness purchased with the blood of Jesus extends to all of us sinners, including those who have chosen abortion. The world needs your voice!" *Rev. David Eibel, Living Word Lutheran Church, Grapevine, Texas – [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**Main Street Living** airs each Sunday at 9 a.m. on WFTC Channel 29/9-2 with an episode of *This is the Life*. This week's episode of *This is the Life* is **called "God of Love,"** and it illustrates how all Christians have responsibilities. It is a cross we bear. The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Pastor Travis Lauterbach from Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Backus, MN. His message, **"Your Substitute,"** will be based on **Mark 1:4-11**. For more information or to watch the program, go to [mainstreetliving.com](http://mainstreetliving.com) and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

**BIRTHDAYS:** 13<sup>th</sup> Tiffany Martinez  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** None

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** OPEN  
**FLOWERS:** OPEN

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Jean Brede, Karmon Christopherson, Granice Cloutier, Walter Cutter, Millie Eckhardt, Mille House, Angela Huizel, Robert & Delores Kluwe, Lorriane Niemela, Aaron Peterson, Bev Svac, Lillian Troiden, Bill Woll and all our Shut-Ins

### **IN OUR EXTENDED PRAYERS**

**LaDonna** (Verlayne's Sister) in Mercy hospital with a possible stroke  
**Paul Cantwell** (Pam & Al's nephew) Complications after a recent surgery  
**Jerry Carlson** (Bill Woll's Son-in-Law) Kidney failure, dialysis, hearth problems – fell; hospitalized w/head injury  
**Gwen Johnson's** sister-in-law and niece who both are suffering with serious health issues  
**For all the First Responders and Health Care Workers,** including James Norman, who is an ICU nurse  
**Ty** (Wade Billmeyer's Friend) continued prayers  
**Rudy Holzinger** Home – On oxygen w/congested heart issues  
**Nanc Rixe** (daughter and family) – Family concerns  
**John Gillund** (P & M's brother) Recovery - Kidney replacement  
**Roxie Johnson** (Morelli's niece) heart issues  
**Julie** (Tom's sister) Moved to Long-term acute care

NOTE: Those listed under "Keep in your prayers" are removed from the list after 8 weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another 8 weeks, please contact the church office.

### **THOSE BATTLING CANCER**

**Dale** (friend of Patty's brother, Dick) Stage 4 kidney/lung cancer  
**Amy Price** (Morelli's niece) – treatments for stage 4 cancer  
**Charles Conklin** (Joanne Randall's bnl) just diagnosed w/cancer

### **THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN DANGEROUS AREAS**

#### **"IN OUR PRAYERS" AND "REQUESTED PRAYERS"**

If you have family members or friends who require our prayers, prayer requests can be made by calling the office or speak with Vicar Martin and they will be added to the above Prayer list. Any updates to the current list?

**NO Wednesday Service and/or Bible Study until January 20.  
We will resume with The Story.**

**Free Community Dinner at St. Timothy's | Tuesday, January 12**

Drive Thru Community Dinner – 2nd Tuesday of each month – 5:30-6:30 pm (or until the food is gone). They will be serving chili, cheese sandwich, and dessert. Free and open to all. All are welcome. St. Timothy's is located at 825 51st Ave NE, in Columbia Heights.

**March for Life Minnesota | January 22**

Concordia University, St. Paul, will host a Life Chapel on Friday, January 22, at 10:30 am at Graebner Memorial Chapel. After the service, those participating in the March for Life will meet at the grounds of the Minnesota State Capitol, with the march set to begin at 12 pm.

*If an in-person gathering cannot safely and legally take place because of COVID-19, a virtual March for Life will be held instead at the same time. Check the MCCL website for updates at [mccl.org/march](http://mccl.org/march). Also check the CSP social responsibility guidelines at [csp.edu](http://csp.edu). Contact Pastor James Kroonblawd at [pastor.kroonblawd@trinityloneoak.org](mailto:pastor.kroonblawd@trinityloneoak.org) for more information.*

**Military Biblestick – A ministry of Faith Comes by Hearing  
Military and Vision 2033**

**Faith Comes By Hearing's Vision 2033: *To share God's Word with the oral majority by the year 2033, whether that's a service member, village, community, or persecuted church.***

Your ongoing support of Military BibleSticks will now accelerate the spread of God's Word around the world. Every gift will disciple both military families and reach the nations with the "Light of the World."

Any gift you give toward Vision 2033 will be DOUBLED to reach twice as many with the Gospel in audio! Every \$25 gift provides a valuable service member or veteran with a Military BibleStick and more. . . Your generosity will also equip others – those living in the outermost areas of the world who have little or no access to Truth – with the Audio Scriptures.

Through partnership with thousands of churches across the U.S., over 1.3 million service members and veterans have received a Military BibleStick, and 6.4 billion people now have access to God's audible Word in their native language.

**WHY AUDIO?** 70% of the world's population live in oral cultures. That means 5.7 billion people need to hear the Gospel in order to understand and accept it.

**1 Billion** people still do not have access to God's Word in a format that they can understand and engage with.

**2033** Join the movement to record and freely provide Scripture in every language that needs it by the year 2033, working to fulfill Jesus' Great Commission in this generation.