

# **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

*(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*

**IN THE BEGINNING  
WAS THE WORD,  
AND THE WORD  
WAS WITH GOD,  
AND THE WORD  
WAS GOD.**

**JOHN 1:1**

**“The Link with Exodus to Christmas!”**

**Exodus 25-31**

**Order of Worship | November 27, 2022 – 10 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:*** God consecrates the priesthood to consecrate the people. Our High priest Jesus set this old order aside to offer Himself once for all.

*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 Pastor 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.*

***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 Pastor Martin to include in the prayers for today and on Wednesday. ***Other 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.

**Join us Wednesday, November 30 for Mid-week Service with  
Holy Communion and Bible Study**

***See you there!***

# First Sunday in Advent

**AS WE GATHER:** Jesus has come to 'tabernacle' with us so that we can draw near to God.

*+ CONNECT +*

## **WELCOME**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **OPENING SOLO**

**"Grateful"**

**Martin McGinn**

## **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:** Our Lord summons us to stay awake and watch for His return, when He will usher in the kingdom of God. Paul tells us to "cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light."

**C:** **In our fallen sinful condition, our thoughts, words, and deeds often reflect the fallen world around us. Heavenly Father, forgive us for Jesus' sake, and by Your Holy Spirit turn our feet to walk in ways pleasing to You. Awaken our faith that we greet You whenever You return.**

## **FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED**

## **KYRIE**

**L:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C:** **O Lord, Emmanuel, have mercy.**

**L:** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C:** **O Lord, Wisdom from on high, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **O Lord, Branch of Jesse's tree, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **O Lord, Key of David, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

L: Isaiah wrote, "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

C: **Jesus warned, "Stay awake, for you do not know on what day Your Lord is coming."**

L: O Dayspring, splendor of light everlasting:

C: **Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Let us pray that we remain alert for the coming of the Lord... Jesus, Son of God,

C: **You have promised to return at a time that no one knows. Keep us watchful in prayer and strong in faith as we wait for you to come. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*+ NURTURE +*

### **SONG OF PRAISE "In Christ Alone" Keith Getty/Stuart Townend**

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In Christ alone my Hope is found, He is my Light, my Strength, my Song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, What depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, When strivings cease!

My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh. Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied -  
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day. Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory. Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine - Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath. Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

**Exodus 29:42-46**

It shall be a regular burnt offering throughout your generations at the entrance of the tent of meeting before the LORD, where I will meet with you, to speak to you there. There I will meet with the people of Israel, and it shall be sanctified by my glory. I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar. Aaron also and his sons I will consecrate to serve me as priests. I will dwell among the people of Israel and will be their God. And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them. I am the LORD their God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **EPISTLE LESSON**

**Philippians 2:5-11**

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## GOSPEL READING

John 1:1-14

L: The Holy Gospel according to John

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

### *The Word Became Flesh*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### **"I Love You, Lord"**

**Laurie Klein**

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I love You, Lord... And I lift my voice,  
To worship You, Oh, my soul rejoice!  
Take joy my King, In what You hear,  
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

Children of God...Confess your sins,  
Your weight of sin. Yes, He bears the weight  
Rejoice in Him, He has paid the price,  
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

Each day anew... Let Your life be His,  
Jesus is Lord... And He reigns above  
Draw us to You... Every voice will praise,  
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

We exalt You, Lord... As we lift our praise,  
To worship You, From our hearts we raise!  
Take joy my King, In what You hear  
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

**MESSAGE "The Link with Exodus to Christmas!" Pastor Martin Cornes**

**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 SONG**

#### **"Before the Throne of God Above"**

**LSB 574**

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Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea;  
A great High Priest, whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan temps me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look, and see Him there who made an end of all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb! My perfect, spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!

At one with Him, I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God.

## **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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This year we finished off our study through Mark's Gospel, and then in the summer looked at the Purpose of the Church, as well as using the film, ***The Chosen*** on Sunday and Wednesdays, We are now going through the series on Exodus this semester. If there are any topics or Bible books you would like us to look through, please let Martin know.

## SERVING TODAY

**Elder: Karmon Christopherson**

**Reader: Sandy Westling**

**Ushers: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli**

**Altar Care: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli**

**Counters: Shirley Holzinger and Verlayne Sather**

**Attendance: 11/20/2022: 28**

**Offerings – Loose Plate \$56; Regular \$780; Online \$260**

**Total \$1,096**

**Needed each week for 2022: \$2,488.85**

## OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

**11/27 Sun**

**First Sunday in Advent**

**10:00 am**

**Worship Service w/HC**

10:30 am

Royal Family Sunday School – Fellowship Hall

11:45 am

Royal Family Worship Service

6:00 pm

NA

**11/28 Mon**

7:00 pm

AA

8:00 pm

AlAnon

**11/30 Wed**

**2:00 pm**

**Mid-week Service w/HC and Bible Study**

**5:30 pm**

**Mid-week Service w/HC and Bible Study**

**12/01 Thurs**

6:00 pm

Royal Family Bible Study

**12/02 Fri**

5:00 pm

TLWCC Music set-up and practice

8:00 pm

AA/A1Anon

**12/03 Sat**

9:00 am

TLWCC Worship & Fellowship

5:00 pm

Royal Family Praise & Worship Rehearsal

6:00 pm

TLWCC Prayer Night

**12/03 Sun**

**Second Sunday in Advent**

**10:00 am**

**Worship Service w/HC + Guest Pastor**

10:30 am

Royal Family Sunday School – Fellowship Hall

11:45 am

Royal Family Worship Service

6:00 pm

NA

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## Salvation Army Christmas Tree Gift Collection.

The Social Ministry Committee is collecting **new** gift items for children ages 0-14 for the Salvation Army. **Gifts will be collected through December 11th.** Bring your unwrapped gifts to Church and place them under the Christmas tree in the Lobby. As in the past years, the Salvation Army's auditor has requested we add the monetary value of the gifts donated. Please add an estimated dollar amount to the items you leave under the tree.

## TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

**November 27**

**"Freshly Fallen Snow"**

**(Isaiah 2:1-5)**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about fresh snow, fresh starts, and three kinds of beauty.

## NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

**December 4**

**"Paradise Restored"**

**(Isaiah 11:1-10)**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

If God is love, what are we to make of His wrath?

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:** Matthew 21:3 – "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget. The blessing it is to us to be of service in the Lord's Kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals

## **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:**

"These two choices are vastly different: to give birth to a child or to abort it. But one thing is the same: to choose Jesus is to choose life. For Jesus holds every life—even the tiniest—in the nail-scarred palm of His hand." *Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [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 "**Big Account**" features an advertising agency art director who discovers the impact of his work on his family and others. The worship service begins at 9:30 a.m. with the Rev. Keith Weise from Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Sauk Rapids, MN. The message titled "**Watch!**" will be based on **St. Matthew 24:36-44**. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) select the "Twin Cities" tab.

**Purchase a Poinsettia for the Alter for the Christmas Services.** The poinsettias will be ordered from Bachman's and are **\$15** for an 8" double plant. Colors are **red, white or pink**. If you would like to donate a plant, the **deadline is Sunday, December 4** to place your order. You will be billed directly from the church. *You can also bring in your own poinsettias, but please still sign up.*☺ The sign-up sheet is on the entryway bulletin board or call the church office at 612-781-1989 directly to order. **Thank you!**

**BIRTHDAYS:** 12/02 Shirley Slagle

**ANNIVERSARIES:** None

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** Open

**FLOWERS:** Open

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Jean Brede, Robert & Delores Kluwe, Mary Lenzen, Dorothy Norback, Larry Schlais, Bev Svac, Lillian Troiden and all our shut-ins

### **IN OUR EXTENDED PRAYERS**

**Jeremy** (Patty and Meridel's niece Mandy's husband) recovery from a traumatic injury

**Paul Christopherson** (Karman and Meridel's son) Hospitalized with heart issues - AFib

**Roselyn Norman** recovering from a recent car accident

**Roselyn Norman's** older sister in London had been diagnosed w/early stage Breast Cancer. Prayers for successful treatment

**Rod DeKam** (Dale's brother in law) has pancreatic cancer

**Bruce** (Wenda Schwoch's BIL has stage 4 prostate cancer and **Ashley** (Wenda's niece) continued prayers

**John** (Karmon/Meridel SnL) has been diagnosed with chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML), prayers for good results on continued cancer treatments

**Kevin O'Brien** (Julie Cross' Brother-in-Law) Stage 3 Colon Cancer

**Gwen Johnson's** sister-in-law and niece who both are suffering with serious health issues

**Roxie Johnson** (Morelli's niece) heart issues, pacemaker implanted, continued prayers

**Warren** (Karmon's BnL) Receiving chemo and radiation for Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

**Dale** (friend of Patty's brother, Dick) Stage 4 kidney/lung cancer, in hospice

**Ty** (Wade Billmeyer's Friend of a friend) continued prayers

**Amy Price** (Morelli's niece) – treatments for stage 4 cancer

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

**THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN DANGEROUS AREAS**

### **Sandwich Making For the Homeless | Wednesday, Dec 14**

The congregation of Gloria Dei will be making sandwiches for the homeless on Wednesday, December 14 at 2 pm and 5:30 pm. The sandwiches will then be frozen and given to DCE James Seeman, who will hand them out, along with granola bars and chips, to the homeless in Minneapolis. James is working via a Christian Charity called Radias Health Care. This project will help the homeless, but will also encourage our congregation to participate in *reaching* out to our community, as most may not be physically able to hand out food during the winter months. Please join us as God molds Gloria Dei to be a thriving community of faith, dedicated to loving God and loving our neighbors, as we seek to be **CARING. SHARING. SERVING. REACHING.**

Also needed is freezer space around the same timeframe (December 14) for a week or so, to freeze and store all the sandwiches that we make. IF you have space in your freezer please connect with Pastor Martin.