

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



“Harvest Time”

**Order of Worship November 19, 2023 | 10 AM
Vacancy Pastor Matthew Cephus
w/Guest Pastor Vue Lee, Preaching**

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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's love touches every part of our life. His goodness and love bleed into every fabric and fiber of our lives.

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

Please Note: No Bible Study on Wednesday, November 22 OR Thursday evening, November 23. We will resume the following week.

Thanksgiving Day Service, November 23 will be held at 10 am.
Bring the whole family. We look forward to seeing you! 😊

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: Few more days to Thanksgiving! It is fitting that we should focus our thoughts, not only now but often, upon the goodness of God and offer our gratitude to Him for who He is and for all He has done for us.

+ CONNECT +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SOLO

"Just As I Am"

Karmon Christopherson

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 ready to forgive.

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 +

SONG OF PRAISE

"To God be the Glory"

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To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

**Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.**

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 52:6-7

Therefore my people shall know my name. Therefore in that day they shall know that it is I who speak; here I am."

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 10:14-15

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:35-38

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

The Harvest Is Plentiful, the Laborers Few

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

SONG OF THE DAY

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

LSB 783 vs 1,3,5,6

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Take my life, and let it be, Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

MESSAGE

"Harvest Time"

Guest Pastor Vue Lee

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

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

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Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended. O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us, with Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Than may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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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Christmas Service Dates and Times

SATURDAY, December 16

"Worship the King" Music/Caroling – Joint Service at **5 pm**

SUNDAY, December 17

Joint Service at **11 am** with Guest Pastor & Christmas Potluck Meal to follow

SUNDAY, December 24 Christmas Eve

10 am Service (no evening service)

MONDAY, December 25 Christmas Day

10 am Service

SUNDAY, December 31 New Year's Eve

10 am Service

MONDAY, January 1 New Year's Day

NO Service

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

11/19 Sun

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am **Worship w/Holy Communion,
w/Vacancy Pastor Matthew Cephus of Royal Family
and Guest Pastor Vue Lee Preaching the Sermon**

10:30 am Royal Family Sunday School

11:45 am Royal Family Worship Service

2:00 pm Financial Peace University

6:00 pm NA

11/20 Mon

5:30 pm Beginners AIAnon

7:00 pm AIAnon

11/21 Tues

5:00 pm **GDLC Council Meeting**

6:00 pm Financial Peace University

11/22 Wed

6:00 pm Royal Family Bible Study

11/23 Thurs

10:00 am **Thanksgiving Day Service w/Holy Communion**

11/24 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

11/25 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

11/26 Sun

Last Sunday of the Church Year

10:00 am **Worship w/Holy Communion,
w/Vacancy Pastor Matthew Cephus of Royal Family**

10:30 am Royal Family Sunday School

11:45 am Royal Family Worship Service

2:00 pm Financial Peace University

6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Reading: Julie Cross

Ushers: Julie Cross

Counters: Sandy Westling and Tom Harris

Altar Care: Julie Cross

Attendance: 11/12/2023: 28

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

November 19

"Until that Day"

(1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook

No one knows when Christ will return. Until that day, we live in certain uncertainty.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

November 26

"Loving Mercy"

(Matthew 25:34-40)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy

Will those who do good things be saved? Or, will those who are saved...do good things? Dr. Dean Nadasdy says those who love Christ also love showing mercy to others.

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: *Proper 28*

Matthew 25:30 – “And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness.” Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn’t trust or love the Master; so, his actions did not demonstrate love and trust, but rather hate and mistrust. It’s the same with us, but in reverse: since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

“For it can be easy on Thanksgiving to be thankful for the things, thankful for what we are and have, but thankfulness in faith cries out to God, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on me!’ and falls on its face at Jesus’ feet, giving thanks to Christ.” *Rev. Cody Cooper, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Main Street Living Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9 am with an episode of *This Is the Life*. This week’s episode is “Senior Citizen.” A man struggles with purpose and a place in life after retirement. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Jeffrey Williams from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, MN, presenting a message titled, “Using God’s Gifts” based Matthew 25:14-30. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the “Twin Cities” tab.

BIRTHDAYS: None

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: Open

FLOWERS: Open

PRAYER CONCERNS

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Robert & Delores Kluwe, Larry Schlais, Lillian Troiden and all our shut-ins

Sandy Westling – Brother-in-law, Ken, in hospital

Sandy Westling – Pastor Jim Gullickson for bleeding eye, seeing specialists

Butch Morelli – Blocked carotid artery, surgery postponed; continued prayers

Yvonne Pawlowicz (Wenda's sister) surgery for cancerous brain tumor and benign cyst went well, radiation will be needed, prayers for recovery

Amy Rich (Morelli's DnL) – successful surgery for recent breast cancer diagnoses, treatment to follow

Cory – Tom & Patty's nephew – Open heart surgery, now recovering

Nonie Wakeman (Shirley Slagle's SnL) diagnosed with Lung Cancer

Greg Henderson (Vicki's Husband and Shirley Holzinger BnL) Prostate Cancer

Karen (Karmon's sister) Recently diagnosed with cancer (Warren's wife)

James Norman, Sr. (James' dad) Being treated for Stage 4 cancer

Kurt Nowacki (Bruce & Julie Cross' Brother-in-Law) recently diagnosed with 'myopathy,' a degenerative muscle disease

Jeremy (Patty and Meridel's niece, Mandy's husband) prayers for recovery

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

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

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

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

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.

Gloria Dei and Royal Family will hold a Joint Service on Sunday, December 17 at 11 am (note earlier time) followed by a Pot Luck Luncheon. Guest Pastor Paul Biebighauser, Retired Pastor from Christ Victorious, will be preaching. Mark your calendars!

Operation Christmas Child Collected 21 Shoeboxes!

These simple gifts are all shipped outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease. The mission of Samaritan's Purse and Operations Christmas Child is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Thank you!



CHRISTMAS TREE

The Social Ministry Committee will be collecting **new** gift items for children ages 0-14 years old for the Salvation Army. You may purchase anything that is appropriate. Collection runs **November 19th – December 10th**. 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. **Thank you so much.**

Holiday Gift Basket Distribution

The Social Ministry Committee will be assembling Holiday Gift baskets, filled with fruit, treats and goodies. These baskets will be delivered to our dear shut-ins. If you know someone who would enjoy a gift basket or simply could use some cheering up during this Holiday season, please leave their name, phone number and address in the Secretary's mailbox. The group will make sure they receive a gift basket.

It's Not Too Early to Think About 2024

Feel free to grab a 2024 calendar from the Usher's table in back of the church. Calendars were graciously donated by Washburn McReavy Funeral Homes.