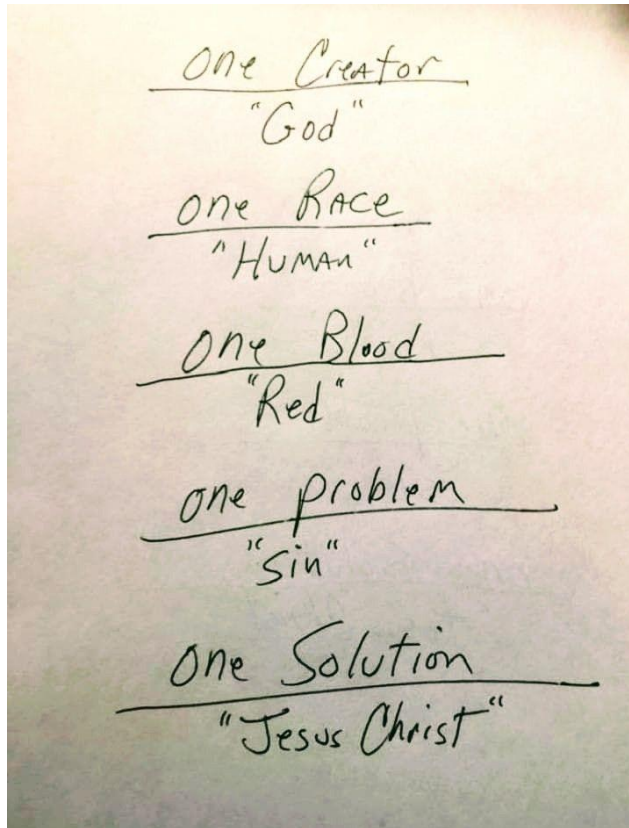


Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



PART II:

“The Problem of Sin and the Solution for Humanity”

Order of Worship March 3, 2024 | 10 AM

The Third Sunday in Lent

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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 does not forsake us because of our sin; but we separate ourselves from God by sinning.

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. e.

You have heard of Jesus, but do you know him? Join us for Bible Study

- Wednesday, March 6 at 11 am for mid-week service and bible study, followed by fellowship.
- Thursday, March 7 at 5:30 pm bible study featuring "Knowing the Bible – Ephesians."

Everyone is Welcome!

The Third Sunday in Lent

AS WE GATHER: The problem with sin is obvious. Sin separates us from God. We know this, yet many of us engage in a lifestyle of transgression against God and, in many cases, battle the same issues year after year. Remember, Jesus is the bondage breaker!

+ CONNECT +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SOLO **"Here Comes a Miracle"** **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 unto our Heavenly Father who truly loves us and is ready to forgive.

C: **Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: forgive and cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.**

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

+ NURTURE +

SONG OF PRAISE

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 59:1-2, 12, 20-21

Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

For our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities.

"And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression," declares the LORD.

"And as for me, this is my covenant with them," says the LORD: "My Spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouth of your offspring, or out of the mouth of your children's offspring," says the LORD, "from this time forth and forevermore."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

Romans 7:14-15, 17, 23

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. But I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:14-17

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

For God So Loved the World

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

SONG OF THE DAY “Just As I Am, Without One Plea” LSB 570 v. 1, 2, 5, 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, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, 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.

MESSAGE

Pastor Matthew Cephus

Part II: “The Problem of Sin and the Solution for Humanity”

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

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

LSB 427

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In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'er-take me, hopes deceive, and fear annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure by the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

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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EASTER GARDEN: Easter Sunday is March 31!

As in past years, Gloria Dei will be putting together an Easter Garden to be displayed in front of the Church for the Easter service. Deadline to place your order is, **Sunday, March 10th**. The sign-up sheet is posted on the entryway bulletin board. As always, you can bring in your own flowers too!



10" Pansy Bowl	\$13.00
6" Easter Lily	\$9.50
6" Asiatic Lily (Yellow, Orange, Pink)	\$9.50
6" Azaleas (Pink, White, Bicolor-Pink/White)	\$21.00
6" Hydrangea (Blue, Pink)	\$23.00
6" Tulip (Yellow, Purple, Pink, Orange)	\$8.00
6" Mum (Yellow, White, Purple)	\$10.00



OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

3/03 Sun

Third Sunday in Lent

10:00 am **Worship with Holy Communion,
w/ Pastor Matthew Cephus**

11:45 am Royal Family Worship Service

3:00 pm Alpha Class

6:00 pm NA

3/04 Mon

7:00 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)

7:00 pm AIAnon (upstairs)

3/06 Wed

11:00 am **Mid-Week Service and Bible Study w/Fellowship**

3/07 Thurs

5:30 pm **Thursday Evening Bible Study "Ephesians"**

3/08 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

3/09 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

3/10 Sun

Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:00 am **Worship with Holy Communion,
w/ Pastor Matthew Cephus**

11:45 am Royal Family Worship Service

3:00 pm Alpha Class

6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Reading: Mary Piper

Ushers: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Altar Care: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Counters: Shirley Holzinger and Wade Billmeyer

Attendance 2/25/2024: 30

Easter Services

Palm Sunday, March 24 Worship Service, 10 am

Maundy Thursday, March 28 Worship Service, 5:30 pm

Good Friday, March 29 Worship Service, 5:30 pm

Easter Sunday, March 31 Joint Worship Service, 11 am with guest Pastor William Utech

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR
NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

March 3

"Included in Such Company"

(Mark 10:43-45)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The more you listen to the life of Jesus, the more you admire Him and the more grateful you are to be included in His company.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

March 10

"All Bets Are Off"

(Mark 11)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus engages his opponents in a battle of wits and wins—for us.

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: *Lent 3*

John 2:16 – “And he told those who sold the pigeons, ‘Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.’” The Lord’s house is not a place to sell, but a place to receive and a place to give. It’s not a place for our schemes and plans. Instead, the church is a place for the Lord’s gracious giving and our faithful sacrifices in response.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

“[W]e were made for light and life. God’s Word and Sacraments cast darkness aside in our lives; they draw us closer to Him and make us strong unto salvation ... cling to the promises of Christ. May we recognize that we are blessed For Life even when we are surrounded by darkness, and may we in our darkest seasons, through the work of the Holy Spirit, lean toward the Son for light and for hope.” *Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life – 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 “Betrayed.” A man struggles to do what is right after a reporter uncovers shady dealings in his business. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. David Baumgarn from Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Onalaska, WI, presenting a message titled “God Is in His Temple” based on John 2:13-22. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the “Twin Cities” tab. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the “Twin Cities” tab.

BIRTHDAYS: 4th Brandon Martinez

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: OPEN

FLOWERS: OPEN

Our deepest sympathies go to Wenda and Larry. **Yvonne Pawlowicz** (Wenda's sister) passed away on Wednesday, February 28 due to complications from a cancerous brain tumor. Continued prayers the Lord will give their entire family strength and healing with His infinite blessings and comfort.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

John (Meridel & Patty's brother) fiancé Patty's mother passed away Tuesday, February 27. Prayers for family of comfort and peace.

Wade Billmeyer, continued thoughts and prayers as he works through making a decision for surgery on benign brain tumor, received a second surgeon's opinion.

Briella (Meridel & Patty's 5 year old niece) successful surgery to insert tubes in ears and remove adenoids because of hearing/speech issues, thank you for all prayers

Pastor Jim Gullickson (Sandy Westling's friend) hospitalized after stroke. Paralyzed on left side, feeding tube (unable to swallow food). Prayers for recovery; he will need a lot of PT, OT and Speech Therapy.

Leilani (Sandy Westling's niece) recovering from traumatic brain injury

John (Meridel and Patty's brother) transplanted kidney issues, continued prayers

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

Amy Rich (Morelli's DnL) – ongoing treatment after successful surgery for breast cancer

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

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

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

Gloria Dei Annual Kitchen Clean-Up

Tuesday, March 19 beginning at 9:30 am

Bring a bucket and gloves "*Many Hands Make Light Work*" Nehemiah 3

Sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby

Coffee will be on, see you there!

Lenten potato pancake and soup dinner

St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, 2201 Third Street NE, will hold a Lenten Homemade Potato Pancake and Soup Dinner on Friday, March 8, 4:30-7 pm. Dinner is all you care to eat and includes bread, dessert and a beverage. \$15 for adults, \$5 for kids 10 and under. Payment may be made by cash, check or credit card.

Lasagna Dinner & Quilt Raffle

On **Saturday, March 9**, Grace Lutheran Church, 1500 Sixth Street NE, will hold a fundraiser lasagna dinner and quilt raffle. Dine in 5-6 pm; takeout, 5-6:30 pm. The menu includes a generous slice of lasagna, lettuce salad, French bread and a piece of cake. Tickets: Adults \$18; children 5-12 \$8; under 4, free. Family tickets available for \$45 with a two-adult maximum. A vegetarian option is also available. The church doors are on the Fifth Street side, door #3. Park in the south parking lot; entrance on Sixth Street. Reservations: 612-788-2444.

St. Anthony Band Boosters Pancake Breakfast

March 10 @ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Support the St. Anthony band program, Sunday, March 10, 8 am-12 pm. St. Anthony Village High School Commons (Enter Door #16), 3303 33rd Avenue NE.

Adult and Student tickets \$10. Seniors \$8. Children 5 and under, free.

Matter of Balance

"A Matter of Balance," a falls prevention program for seniors 60+ will be held eight consecutive **Tuesdays April 2-May 21, 10 am to 12 pm** at **St. Matthew Lutheran Church**, 4101 Washington St. NE. This program is for you if you are concerned about falls, have had a fall in the past, restrict activities because of concerns about falling, want to improve balance, flexibility, and strength. Registration is required:

<https://yourjuniper.org/Classes/Register/4369>