

# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

*(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*



## “That the World May Know”

**Order of Worship April 28, 2024 | 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:** The Gospel has the power to make a dramatic impact in the lives of everyone.

*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, May 1 at 11 am for bible study with fellowship (lead by Sandy Westling)
- Thursday, May 2 at 5:30 pm for bible study with fellowship (lead by Katie Beth & Daniel Carlson)

# Fifth Sunday after Easter

**AS WE GATHER:** We see the world through the compassionate heart and eyes of Jesus. If we love Him, we will keep His commandments—and one of His commandments is to reach others with the Gospel.

*+ CONNECT +*

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING SOLO**

**“Bless This House”**

**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 God our Heavenly Father who loves us.

**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

### "There is a Redeemer"

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There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

**Refrain:** Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain. **Refrain**

When I stand in glory I will see His face, and  
There I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place. **Refrain**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

"Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## EPISTLE READING

**Romans 10:11-15**

As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 20:30-31**

**L:** The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**L:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

### **"This is My Father's World"**

*Franklin Sheppard / Forsberg*

This is my Father's world And to my listening ears  
All nature sings and round me rings The music of the spheres

This is my Father's world I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, Of skies and seas His hands the wonders rod

This is my Father's world The birds their carols raise  
The morning light the, lilliy white Declare their Maker's praise

This is my Father's world He shines in all that's fare  
In rustling grass I hear him pass He speaks to me everywhere

This is my Father's world And to my listening ears  
All nature sings and round me rings The music of the sphere

## **MESSAGE**

### **"That the World May Know"**

**Guest Pastor Bruce Laabs**

## **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**

### **"O Savior, Precious Savior"**

**LSB 527**

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O Savior, precious Savior, whom yet unseen we love;  
O name of might and favor, all other names above,  
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, to Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise Thee and confess Thee, our holy Lord and King.

O bringer of salvation, who wondrously hast wrought  
Thyself the revelation of love beyond our thought,  
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, to Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise Thee and confess Thee, our gracious Lord and King.

In Thee all fullness dwelleth, all grace and pow'r divine;  
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is Thine.  
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, to Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise Thee and confess Thee, our glorious Lord and King.

O grant the consummation of this our song above  
In endless adoration and everlasting love  
Then shall we praise and bless Thee where perfect praises ring,  
And evermore confess Thee, our Savior and our King!

## **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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## **May/June Spring Offering Begins Next Week!**

The May/Spring Offering will go directly to the Central Avenue Salvation Army food shelf, located at 2727 Central Avenue NE, Minneapolis.

**Two ways to Help?** Make a monetary donation (using your "May Mission Offering" envelope) OR fill our cart by bringing in food donations! The Salvation Army is always seeking food, hygiene and monetary contributions to help restock their shelves.

Donated food items are put to immediate use, helping to feed the hungry in our neighborhood. High demand items include 100% juice, healthy cereal, canned chicken, salmon and pork, and culturally specific items like coconut milk, bamboo shoots, jasmine rice and fish sauce. Personal hygiene items such as toilet paper and toothpaste are also highly requested items.

Thank you for your efforts to help in the fight against hunger.





## OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

**4/28 Sun**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**10:00 am**    **Worship w/Holy Communion,**  
**Guest Pastor Bruce Laabs**

11:45 am    Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm    NA

**4/29 Mon**

7:00 pm    Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)

7:00 pm    AIAnon (upstairs)

**5/01 Wed**

**11:00 am**    **Bible Study and Fellowship**

**5/02 Thurs**

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

**5/03 Fri**

**5:00 pm**    Living Word Music Rehearsal

**5/04 Sat**

10:00 am    Living Word Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm    Living Word Prayer Night

**5/05 Sun**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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

11:45 am    Royal Family Worship

4:30 pm    NA Potluck (downstairs)

6:00 pm    NA

## SERVING TODAY

**Elder: Karmon Christopherson**

**Reading: Karmon Christopherson**

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

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

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

**Attendance: 4/21/2024: 31**



**BIRTHDAYS:** May 3<sup>rd</sup> Kevin Morelli  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** May 3<sup>rd</sup> Mike & Deb Panning

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** Sandy Westling – Granddaughter Cassie’s Birthday  
**FLOWERS:** OPEN

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

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

**Kim Morelli** (Morelli’s DnL) recently diagnosed with breast cancer; surgery scheduled for May 1  
**Wade Billmeyer** home/doing well after March 27 surgery on a benign brain tumor. Prayers to our Heavenly Father to strengthen and comfort Wade with the power of healing.

**James Norman, Sr.** (James’ dad) Prayers for a successful surgery

**Jim** (Gwen Johnson’s brother) reoccurring issues due to his time in the Service

**Pastor Jim Gullickson** (Sandy Westling’s friend) Paralyzed on left side due to stroke, feeding tube (unable to swallow food). He will need PT, OT and Speech Therapy.

**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

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

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

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

**Bruce** (Wenda Schwoch’s BnL 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.



## **TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR**

**April 28**

**"We Can't Stop Talking"**

**(Acts 4:20)**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus calls His followers to undergo transformation, endure opposition, and engage others in conversation.

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

**May 5**

**"Rejoicing On the Way"**

**(Acts 8:28-39)**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

God empowers His people to share the Gospel with those they meet along the way.

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: *Easter 5***

John 15:2 – “Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord’s work for us, being grafted by grace into His vine, we desire to be more like Him, to grow into His image. That’s growth in fruit bearing — and it always comes with some pruning.

## **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:**

“It is He who sustains us each and every day. It is He who brings us into the world, and He who draws our earthly lives to a close at the proper time. It is He who was born for us, He who died for us, He who rose for us, and He who reigns on high for us. His is the pattern of our lives.” *Deaconess Bethany Stoeber, Director-at-Large, LFL of Kansas – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**Main Street Living** each Sunday at 9 am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2 with an episode of This Is the Life. This week’s episode is **“The Main Event.”** A boxer who is hit by a car becomes embittered until he meets a cheerful 8-year-old girl. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Terry Grzybowski from Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Elk River, MN, presenting a message titled **“Blessed to Be a Blessing”** based on **Acts 8:26-40**. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) select the “Twin Cities” tab.

## **Pentecost Sunday Ethnic Food Potluck Luncheon**

The May 19 Pentecost Service will be a joint service with Royal Family and begin at 11 am with special guest Pastor Vue Lee preaching (*note the later start time*). The service will be followed by a Potluck Luncheon.

Do you have a favorite dish that you remember from your childhood? OR a favorite dish you make for family on special occasions? Think Hot Dish, Lefsa, Apple Pie, Schnitzel, Pasta, Pierogis, Irish Soda Bread, Hummus, Doughnuts, Pizza, Deviled Eggs – you get the picture! Bring your favorite mouth-watering dish that represents your ethnicity to share. Be sure to mark your calendar to attend!

### **The Lutheran Witness**

If you would like to receive The Lutheran Witness magazine mailed directly to your home, please let the office know before May 31. The cost is **\$24.97** (\$2.27/per issue) for 11 magazines (June/July are a combined edition), you will be invoiced through the church office. Thank you!

### **Book Sale at Pierre Bottineau**

Friends of the Pierre Bottineau Library will hold a book sale on **Saturday, May 4, 10 am-2 pm** at the Pierre Bottineau Library, 55 Broadway Street NE. Hundreds of adult and children's fiction and nonfiction books (most are \$.50 – \$1) in hardcover and paperback. **(Cash only.)** They will also have 'blind date' books for sale and a few vinyl albums. Items are withdrawn from the Hennepin County Library system or donated by the public. Funds raised will benefit the library. If you are interested in assisting with the book sale, contact Maryellen ([pierrebottineau@supporthclib.org](mailto:pierrebottineau@supporthclib.org)).

### **Venite! A Spring Concert**

The choirs of Holy Cross Catholic Church, 1621 University Ave NE, will present a spring concert on **Saturday, May 4, 7:30 pm**. Admission is free, but a \$20 donation is encouraged in support of music at Holy Cross. The program features works by G. Aichinger, G. Allegri, F. Anerio, S. Backman, E.C. Bairstow, A. Beach, W. Byrd, R. Dering, G. Gabrieli, E. Osterman, M. Praetorius, J.P. Sweelinck and J. Travers. In addition, there will be opportunities for festive congregational singing accompanied by organ, brass quartet and timpani. A reception will follow.

It's not too early to start looking around your house for unwanted items to sell at this year's garage sale. The sale will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 13 – 15. If you have clutter you would like to see gone, this is a great way to discard those unwanted items and help the church. All proceeds go directly to Gloria Dei. See Mary Piper with any questions.