

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



“Making Tough Changes in My Life”

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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: Despite the potential benefits that a change in behavior can bring, many individuals often find themselves resistant to it. One of the primary reasons why, is the fear of the unknown. Humans are creatures of habit, and we tend to find comfort in familiar routines and processes.

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.

Please note: Pastor Matthew will be attending the Pastor's Conference in Mankato October 7 - 8.

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: To change an old habit can be hard. It's one thing to decide you want to change. It's another to motivate yourself to do it and follow through. The fact is, you can't reproduce the character of Jesus on your own or by your own strength. It is the Holy Spirit's job to produce Christ-like character in you.

+ *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

LSB 809

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Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not; Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

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 God, our Heavenly Father who truly loves us.

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 +

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

LSB 940 1, 2, 5

Text & Tune: Public Domain

Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain, everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord!

Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee.
Though in essence only one, undivided God we claim Thee.
And adoring, bend the knee, while we own the mystery.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 119:9-16

How can a young man keep his way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!

I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes!

With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth.

In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.

I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.

I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4:21-27

Assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger and give no opportunity to the devil.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-34

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

SONG OF THE DAY

"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.

MESSAGE "Making Tough Changes in My Life" Pastor Matthew Cephus

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

"How Great Thou Art"

LSB 801

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O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

Refrain

But when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in –
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

Refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God how great Thou art!"

Refrain

OUR THANKS

"Oh, How He Loves You and Me"

Oh, how He loves you and me; Oh, how He loves you and me.
He gave His life, what more could He give?
Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me; Oh, how He loves you and me.

Jesus to Calvary did go, His love for sinners to show.
What He did there brought hope from despair.
Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how he loves me; Oh, how He loves you and me.

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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OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

10/06 Sun

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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

11:45 am Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm NA

10/07 Mon

7:00 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)

7:00 pm AIAnon (upstairs)

10/09 Wed

11:00 am **Bible Study, *The Chosen, Part 4***

10/10 Thurs

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

10/11 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

10/12 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

10/13 Sun

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

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

11:45 am Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Reading: Verlayne Sather

Ushers: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer

Altar Care: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Counters: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer

Attendance: 9/29/2024: 21

BIRTHDAYS: 11th Al Morelli

ANNIVERSARIES: 7th Derald & Christine Hadrath

ETERNAL CANDLE: OPEN

FLOWERS: OPEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Kim Morelli's mom (Morelli's DnL) Judy Crandal passed away on 9/30 from bone marrow cancer. Her family thanks you for your continued concern and prayers.

Mudy Mason dealing with an autoimmune disease. Pray for strength, peace, hope, believing in God, Family, Mindset.

Roselyn Norman's college friend and sister Famata Kamara and her two sons, Eric Golafaie, and Naide Davis, for deliverance

Amy Rich's mom (Morelli's DnL) Kathy Rich, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer

Wade Billmeyer Continuing proton radiation treatments at Mayco Clinic

Roselyn Norman's neighbor and friend, Tom, was recently diagnosed with State 3 kidney and liver cancer

James Norman, Sr. (James' dad) Prayers for a successful treatment for prostate cancer

Kim Morelli (Morelli's DnL) recovering from breast cancer surgery on May 1

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

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

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

October 6

"Fit to Be Tied"

(Genesis 30:8)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A strong knot in the right place holds everything together. God made Jesus to be the "Master Point" to bind all people to Himself through faith.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

October 13

"Difficult People"

(Genesis 31:6-7)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

With God, all things are possible, even how to deal with that difficult person in your life.

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 22 - Mark 10:6*

"But from the beginning of creation ..." In recent years our country, along with most (formerly) Christian nations of Europe, have lost their way when it comes to marriage. We have ignored the fact that it is God who created us. We always go off-the-tracks when we forget that He made us and that everything good in this world comes from His hand. In big things and in small things, in the life of a nation or the life of an individual, things go dreadfully wrong when we ignore the Creator's instructions for life.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"Having received God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation in His divine services to us in our congregations, we jointly put on His armor (Ephesians 6:10-18) in the public square, proclaiming Christ and Him crucified for the forgiveness of sins, even those of babies still in the womb. In so doing, we advocate for the sanctity of life from the moment of fertilization and pray that God will use us to change the hearts of the abortion-minded in our communities." *Dr. Roni Grad, Catalina Lutheran Church Life Team and National Lutherans For Life Board of Directors member – 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 "**The Deadly Pen.**" A businessman struggles with the guilt of another man's death. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Jeffrey Williams, from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, MN, presenting a message titled "**Salt**" based on **Mark 9:38-50**. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Garage Sale a Huge Success!

Another terrific church garage sale resulted in sales of \$1,856.

Very special thank you to all our helpers of pricing, setup and take down each day, cashiering, providing food and beverages and our terrific garage hostess, without you this would not work. It was a great **team** effort.

Mary Piper, Verlayne, Gwen, Shirley H., Pam, Butch, Aaron, Jeni, Michael, Julie, Dan, Vicki (supplying us with cookies), Roselyn, Matthew and all who donated for the sale.

See you again next June.

Gloria Dei Annual Yard Clean-Up

Saturday, October 19 beginning at 10 am (light lunch served at 12 noon)

Bring a rake and gloves and help with the yard clean up!

Leaves will need raking, Bushes will need trimming, Plants will need to be cut down

"Many Hands Make Light Work" Nehemiah 3

New Lift Needed at GLDC

We have started the process of getting quotes and a new "Lift Replacement" fund has been set up. If you are interested in donating to this new fund, please mark your envelopes "Lift Fund". Thank you!



The Alley church in Cottage Grove (Pastor Martin Cornes) were pleased to hand over to Pastor Matthew Cephus of Royal Family (multiethnic) church and Gloria Dei Lutheran church in NE Minneapolis a much-needed full drum kit and acoustic shield to enhance the worship and help their outreach efforts. Pastor Martin, previously pastor at Gloria Dei, Pastor Matthew, and their churches have continued to work together in partnership for the glory of the Gospel!