

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



“Wonderous Living Through a Foolish Message”

Order of Worship Sunday May 11, 2025 – 10 AM
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Welcome to God's House!

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: Mother's Day is a day to express our love and gratitude to all the mother figures in our life, including our mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and aunts, etc. But I think the true significance of Mother's Day in a sentence is: God used your mother to bring you into this life because He has a specific purpose for you as He does for all of us. God knew the exact DNA he needed to create a unique you. There may be some **like** you, but there is no one who is a carbon copy **of** you. Even identical twins are not identical.

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.

Gloria Dei's Wednesday Bible Study will be taking a short break while Pastor Matthew travels to Liberia on a Mission trip. We will resume on May 28. See you then!

Fourth Sunday after Easter

AS WE GATHER: On this Mother's Day, let's cherish and honor our mothers, grandmothers, and all the women who have been like mothers to us, recognizing their irreplaceable role in our lives and communities. Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful mothers!

+ *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"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**

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: 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 +

HYMN OF PRAISE

"We Praise You, O God"

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We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o'er-take us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us;
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 31:10, 14-17, 26-31

The Woman Who Feared the Lord

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from afar. She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the

teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 1:3-9

Guard the Deposit Entrusted to You

I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:42-51

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and

asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

SONG OF THE DAY "Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

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'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His Word;
Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er;
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust Him more!

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that He is with me, Will be with me to the end.

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er;
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust Him more!

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MESSAGE

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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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.

+ 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.

CLOSING SONG “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.

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

5/11 Sun		Fourth Sunday after Easter – Mother’s Day
	10:00 am	Worship Service with Guest Daniel Carlson
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship
	6:00 pm	NA
5/12 Mon	7:00 pm	Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)
	7:00 pm	AIAnon (upstairs)
5/14 Wed	11:00 am	<u>NO Bible Study</u>
5/16 Fri	5:00 pm	Living Word Music Rehearsal
5/17 Sat	10:00 am	Living Word Worship & Fellowship
	4:00 pm	Living Word Board Meeting
	6:00 pm	Living Word Prayer Night
5/18 Sun		Fifth Sunday after Easter
	10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion, Pastor Matthew Cephus
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship
	6:00 pm	NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Reading: Karmon Christopherson

Ushers: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Altar Care: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Counters: Shirley Holzinger and Verlayne Sather

Attendance: 5/04/2025: 39

BIRTHDAYS: 11th Karmon Christopherson; 11th Tom Lyrenmann
ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: Shirley Holzinger – In Memory of Mom
FLOWERS: OPEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Meridel Christopherson, Tom Farrell, Gwen Johnson, Robert & Dolores Kluwe, Roselyn Norman, Larry Schlais, and all our shut-ins

Pat Scott, diagnosed and suffering from MRSA, moving to rehab facility for recovery
Verlayne Sather, upcoming MRI

Nanc Rixe knee replacement surgery scheduled for June 16

Karen (Shirley H's neighbor) diagnosed with CML cancer and young friend **Allie Piercer** with Leukemia

Doug and Alec Schwandt (Pam's Brother and Nephew) health issues

Trent Johnson (Roxie's son) undergoing cancer treatment for diaphragm cancer

Roxie Johnson (Morelli's niece) heart issues, pacemaker implanted, prayers as she recovers and gets stronger

Amanda (Sandy Westling's niece) recent car accident, irritated old injuries from previous car accident. Suffering extreme pain, back problems and headaches, all while taking care of her family. Prayers she finds relief from her pain.

Kim Morelli prayers for healing from recent surgery

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

James Norman, Sr. (James' dad) Continued prayers, prostate cancer seems to be getting worse, hi is having increasing pain and decreased mobility

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

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

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

May 11

"How to Be Happy"

(John 15:11)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Lasting happiness is found in surrender, rather than control.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

May 18

"Truth That Takes Us In"

(John 15:9)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Jesus is the Truth Who will take you in to live like He lives, planted in God His Father's love.

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: *Fourth Sunday of Easter - John 10:27*

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." On their own sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd's voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is, let us follow the Shepherd!

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"As Christians, we know that God's commitment to upholding life started long ago—before photos—before the beginning of time even. From His ordered creation of the world to His ordered creation of you in your mother's womb, God's work has always been life-affirming. Grafted into His family through Baptism, we have become children of God and inheritors of eternal life." *Michelle Bauman, 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 "**Out of Bondage**" - A Christian approach to alcoholism. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Kristian Bjornstad from St. John Lutheran Church in Good Thunder, MN, presenting a message titled "**The Lamb Who is Our Good Shepherd**" based on **Revelation 7:17**. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

May/June Spring Offering will go to Food Shelf

The **May/Spring Offering** will go directly to the **Central Avenue Salvation Army food shelf**, located at 2727 Central Ave NE, Minneapolis. **Use your "May Mission Offering" envelopes to make a donation.** Your donation will help those in our community who need it most.

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. For the month of April, GDLC donated 65 pounds of food to the Salvation Army food shelf! Donated food items are put to immediate use, helping to feed the hungry in our neighborhood.

Friends School Plant Sale

Mother's Day Weekend, Minnesota State Fair Grounds, Grandstand Bldg
Friday, May 9, 9 am – 8 pm; Saturday, May 10, 10 am – 6 pm
Sunday, May 11, 10 am – 2 pm

The Friends School is a kindergarten through 8th grade Quaker school in St. Paul's Midway neighborhood and their plant sale has become one of the biggest fundraising plant sales in the U.S. This three-day sale, almost entirely run by volunteers, offers more than 2,000 plant varieties at affordable prices. And every purchase helps support a great cause — the Friends School of Minnesota. Some call it the great Minnesota get-together for gardeners! *On Sunday, all remaining plants are 1/3 off.*

Drive-Through Community Dinners

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church Drive Thru Community Dinner is Tuesday, May 13 – 5:30-6:30 pm (or until the food is gone). Free and open to all. Spread the word!!

Scout Troop 132 Pancake Breakfast – May 18 @ 8:30 am – 12:00 pm

26th Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for Scout Troop 132 based out of NE Minneapolis. Proceeds go to help the Troop with the cost of summer camp fees. Sunday, May 18, 8:30 am-12 pm, Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, 1701 St. Anthony Parkway. \$10 for adults, \$7 for youth (6-12), free for under 6. Tickets can be purchased on site. Foods include regular pancakes, allergen-free pancakes (top 9), scrambled eggs, fruit, sausage, juice, coffee, and milk.

