

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



"GODLY ADVICE OF A FATHER"

Order of Worship Sunday June 15, 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: Today, our topic is centered around fathers, but this lesson today is for everyone. What do you want for your children or grandchildren 20 years from now? Do you have any idea how much worse this world will look in 20 years? Do you want them grounded in the truth, or do you want them tossed by the ridiculous notions of the world? YOU are the example that they will follow.

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.

Second Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: God truly is the most wonderful Father of all! The fact that He would love the unworthy, save us by His grace and adopted us into His family proves this. Moreover, He looks out for His children and takes care of them in spectacular fashion. I am glad that He is my Father today!

+ CONNECT +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SOLO

"Spirit of Gentleness" Lisa Kleinwolterink
Accompanied by John Kleinwolterink on the Clarinet

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

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Stuart Townend, 1995 Thankyou Music; admin. EMI Christian Music CCLI # 1558110

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son, To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One, Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that left Him there, Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 3:1-8

Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.

Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 12:5-11

And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

"My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives."

It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:48-56

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

Before Abraham Was, I Am

The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

"This is My Father's World"

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

"Godly Advice of a Father"

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

"Almighty Father Bless the Word"

LSB 923

Text and Music: Public Domain

Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which through Your grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root, Spring up and bear abundant fruit!

We praise You for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here May all at last in heav'n appear.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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

6/15 Sun

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Happy Father's Day!

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

11:45 am Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm NA

6/16 Mon

7:00 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)

7:00 pm AIAnon (upstairs)

6/17 Tues

5:00 pm **GDLC Council Meeting**

6/18 Wed

11:00 am **Bible Study**

6/20 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

6/21 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

4:00 pm Living Word Board Meeting

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

6/22 Sun

Third Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am **Worship with Holy Communion,
Pastor Matthew Cephus**

11:45 am Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Reading: Sandy Westling

Ushers: Morelli's

Altar Care: Morelli's

Counters: Shirley Holzinger and Verlayne Sather

Attendance: 6/08/2025: 65 (Joint Service)

A good father is on the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet
one of the most valuable assets in our society. Billy Graham

BIRTHDAYS: 15th Meridel Christopherson

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: OPEN

FLOWERS: Lisa and John Kleinwolterink - Happy Birthday Meridel!

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Mike (Mary Piper's friend) lost his sister-in-law to an aneurysm. Prayers for the family during this unexpected loss.

Barb McDonald niece recently passed away. Healing prayers for the entire family.

Danielle Ohnstad has been recently diagnosed with breast cancer and is currently seeking treatment options. Wishing her and her family strength and hope for a positive outcome.

Diane Sharbono undergoing cancer treatment

Dorie (Shirley Holzinger's sister-in-law) recovering from successful bypass heart surgery and is now in rehabilitation, plus addressing some unexpected issues.

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

Alec Schwandt (Pam's Nephew) continued prayers for health issues

Trent Johnson (Roxie's son) recovering from cancer surgery (stomach)

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

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, he 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) upcoming procedures related to previous cancer diagnoses

For First Responders/Health Care Workers, including James Norman, an ICU nurse

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN DANGEROUS AREAS

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

June 15

"Nothing He'd Rather Be Doing"

(Psalm 8:4)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus is a tireless Searcher with an affinity for finding lost people.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

June 22

"Should I Be Worried About the Devil?"

(Luke 8:26-39)

Guest Speaker: Rev. German Novelli Oliveros

The devil is real, but rather than fretting about the evil he can do, we rejoice in all that Christ has done to defeat him.

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: *Holy Trinity*

From the LSB Service of the Sacrament – "Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored." Three times the angels cry out: "Holy, holy, holy!" It is an indication of the three-ness in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is the Name into which we are baptized. We have been made a part of God's family and are now called to live lives that are in harmony with this new family. We are to be godly and live in God's image. As God is loving, kind and generous, so also are we called to be.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"You have a higher purpose than living for yourself. Your work is His. You live for the one who died and rose for you. You share the good news about Him. That's how God grows His family, adding branches to His tree. You get to be part of this family—a family with a rich past and a glorious future." *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – 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 Sin of Roy Baxter"** - A man is overcome with guilt after making a decision that goes terribly bad. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Eric Zacharias from Zion Lutheran Church in Cologne, MN, presenting a message titled **"Have a Come-to-Jesus Meeting"** based on **John 8:48-59**. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Spring Mission Offering

As a reminder, the annual Mission Offering will continue through June. The funds collected during this year's Spring Offering will go to the Central Avenue Salvation Army, at 2727 Central Avenue NE, Minneapolis. Use the May Mission Offering envelope to make a monetary donation OR you can help fill our "grocery chart" (NON-PERISHABLE FOODS ITEMS ONLY, PLEASE).

Celebrate Northeast Parade – June 17, Starts at 6:30

The Celebrate Northeast Parade on Tuesday, June 17, 2025. The parade is the largest one-day event in Northeast Minneapolis drawing 5,000 people to Central Avenue. Be a part of this 96-year tradition by having an entrant in the parade, becoming a volunteer, or simply enjoying the fun with neighbors, friends, and family. Click the tabs above for more information. Questions? Send us an email parade@mplschamber.com.

Flowing like a River: An Evening of Music and Poetry June 20 @ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Friday, June 20, 6:30-9 pm. Enjoy an evening of music and poetry at Compassionate Ocean Zen Center, 652 17th Avenue NE. As part of their 25th anniversary celebrations, a select group of musicians and poets will perform, flowing seamlessly from one to the next—creating a river of artistic expression. Author and poet Wang Ping will read from her new book "The River Within," accompanied by guitarist and collaborator Jeff Lambert. The second set features jazz musician and composer Davu Seru filling the space with resonant vibrations from a Dora gong.

Drop-In Tech Time

Wednesdays from 11:00 AM-12:30 PM | In-person

If you have a specific tech question and want 1:1 support, please consider stopping by for their Drop-In Tech Time!

They can help with day-to-day questions regarding things like how to search the internet, app functions, making text bigger, etc. You can let them know in advance when you plan on stopping by and they will be ready for you! If you need support and Wednesdays do not work for you, please feel free to call and maybe an alternative time can be found that works better.

For all drop-in tech support sessions, they gather in the Tech Lounge at East Side Neighborhood Services. No cost for this service but donations are welcome.

For questions and to register, contact 612-787-4086 or [**VitalLiving@esns.org**](mailto:VitalLiving@esns.org).