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October Worship Schedule

October 1 | 18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 8 | 19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 15 | 20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 22 | 21th Sunday after Pentecost

October 29 | Reformation Day (observed)

Attention! Mark Your Calendars

A Congregational Meeting will be held following the 10 am Service on **Sunday, October 22**. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss placing a call to Pastor Matthew Cephus to fill the role of Gloria Dei's pastor (this is a half-time position). Questions are welcome and an open discussion will take place. At the conclusion of the meeting, there will be a vote via paper ballots. All members should plan to attend this important, decision-making meeting.



Thoughts on Stewardship and the Good Samaritan

In life, we think of owning many different things: our money, our car, our home, etc. As we find out through experience, though, these things can actually come to own us – but that's another story for another day. When we look at what God's Word has to say, we find that it takes us in a different direction than what we may have first thought about owning things. We read this: "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it" (Psalms 24:1). The deeper truth here is that we really own nothing. We merely manage what belongs to our Creator God who has entrusted the precious gift of life into our hands for a time. The question becomes how we will manage this gift.

In the Bible, one of Jesus' well-known parables is that of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37, ESV). Take a moment and read through this passage of Scripture. Of the four Gospel writers, Luke alone records this parable of the man going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, who was attacked by robbers who took everything he had and left him for dead by the side of the road. The telling of this parable was occasioned by a lawyer who asked Jesus two very telling questions: 1) "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" and 2) "And who is my neighbor?" Those two questions are connected, as we shall see. We can look at the parable, and come to an understanding of ownership of things, from three different perspectives: 1) the robbers; 2) the priest and Levite; and 3) the Good Samaritan.

First, the robbers, who in robbing and beating the man, embody an understanding of ownership that is, **"What's yours is mine and I'll take it."** We see this often in life. People, who by force or contrived legal means, take from others what is not theirs to take. It goes by many names: robbery, theft, larceny, etc. People may have worked hard to have these things, and they can be taken away in a moment. Of course, things can be replaced; people cannot. Respecting others and what is theirs is what the Seventh Commandment tells us: "You shall not steal."

Second, the priest and Levite who did not render aid to the injured man lying by the side of the road, but passed by on the other side, embody an understanding of ownership that is, **"What's mine is mine, and I'll keep it."** Their fear and suspicion held them back from giving help when and where it was needed. We can hold the things of this world too closely and miss the greater good that might be done through them for the sake of others who are around us.

Third, the Good Samaritan who stopped to help the injured man, who took him to an inn and cared for him, embodies an understanding of ownership that is, **"What's mine is yours, and I'll share it."** The Good Samaritan, we are told, "had compassion," and went through considerable trouble and expense to give assistance. He interrupted what he was doing and where he was going. He paid for the innkeeper's services out of his own pocket. In other words, this cost him time, money, and personal involvement. The Good Samaritan points us to what God has done for us: rescuing us when we were dead in our sins and trespasses (Colossians 2:13) binding up our wounds not with oil and wine, but with the precious blood of Jesus; and in sending Jesus to be the One who rescued and redeemed us, had great compassion upon us all.

The attorney who asked Jesus those questions was then called by Jesus to go and do as the Good Samaritan had done. Jesus calls us to do the same; to see our neighbor as anyone who needs our help. As we think about what it means to have ownership of things in life, that understanding of **"What's mine is yours, and I'll share it,"** is what God would have us do. This is what will prove to be a blessing to others.

May our use of the many things that our Creator God has placed into our hands be used not just for our own benefit and pleasure, but to render help to our neighbor—anyone and everyone.

Matthew

Super Sunday! September 24 Joint Service w/Gloria Dei & Royal Family

Thank you Guest Pastor Aaron Kuehn for leading our Super Sunday Joint Service!

Following the service, everyone enjoyed a Potluck Luncheon !







It's in the Way that You Use It

Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially-designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it.

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should “not misuse the name of the Lord.” In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use:

“We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.” (SC I)

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it ... and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Jehovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom.

It's all in the way that you use it!

- LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



Shoeboxes for kids



Operation Christmas Child

The Board of Social Ministries is sponsoring *Operation Christmas Child* again this year. In Christian love and spirit, please consider giving a shoebox to a child overseas who may not otherwise receive a gift this Christmas season.

Here is what you do:

- **Find a Shoebox** - You can use any empty shoebox or shoebox-sized plastic container. Operation Christmas Child also has red and green preprinted boxes that are available. If wrapping your gift, be sure to wrap the box and lid separately so that it can be easily opened without ruining the wrapping. It is preferred that you secure your shoebox gifts with rubber bands vs. tape. This way gifts can be processed more efficiently at their Processing Centers.
- **Girl or Boy?** - Decide whether you will pack a box for a girl or a boy and the age category: Age groups are 2 - 4, 5 - 9, 10 - 14.
- **Fill with Gifts** - Select a medium to large "wow" item such as a soccer ball with a pump or stuffed animal, an outfit of clothing to wear, a small musical instrument (such a harmonica or woodwind recorder) then fill with other fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies.
- **Pray** - Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note and photo. If you choose to enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself, your family, or group and your name and an address, the child may write back.
- **Follow your box Labels** - Donate **\$10** online and receive a label to follow Your Box and discover the destination of your shoebox gift. If you use a basic label, remember to **include \$10 (per box) for shipping (checks make payable to Samaritans Purse /Operation Christmas Child**.
- **Drop-Off** - Bring your shoebox gift to Church between **Sunday, October 15 through Sunday, November 12, 2023**.

Below is a list of items to make it easier for you to purchase items to fill the shoeboxes:

Start with a quality "wow" item such as a stuffed animal, soccer ball with pump, or clothing outfit that will capture the child's attention the instant he or she opens the box. Then fill the remainder of the shoebox with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. For more information and gift suggestions according to age and gender visit OperationChristmasChild.com.

Toys - Play cars/trucks/boats, foam balls, finger puppets, dolls, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, Slinky, Etch-A-Sketch, interactive toys that include push buttons, lights, noise (include extra batteries), plastic tools, plastic dinosaurs.

Personal Care Items - Comb/hairbrush, toothbrush, washcloth, bar soap (packaged or in a container), adhesive bandages (colorful ones -- do not include liquid antibiotic ointment), reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, (consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, markers, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space).

Clothing and Accessories - Shirts and pants, Pillowcase dress (loose-fitting sundress), underwear, shoes and socks, Flip-flops, sunglasses, hat/scarf/mittens, tote bag/purse, hair bows, friendship bracelets (woven with yarn or embroidery thread).

Craft and Activity Items - Pencils/pens, small manual pencil sharpener, colored pencils w/case, Crayons, markers, coloring pads, coloring books, picture book, notebooks, glue stick (do not include liquid glue), small adhesive tape, watercolor set, Playdough (consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough), stickers, building blocks.

Do Not Include - Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WCCO 830 AM Radio

Heard each Sunday morning at 6:05 am

Hosted by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler (unless otherwise noted)

October 1 "The Way Through the Maze" (Psalm 25:4-5)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy

When life becomes a bewildering maze, Jesus is our way through and our way out.

October 8 "Whatever and Wherever, Thank You, Lord!" (Psalm 23)

Guest Speaker: Pastor Keith Haberstock

"The Lord is my Shepherd..." That's how the 23rd Psalm begins. It goes on to describe the ways in which our Good Shepherd leads, comforts, and protects the sheep of His flock. Every line gives us a reason to be thankful.

October 15 "Help the World Rejoice" (Psalm 81)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
A musical about a choir of nuns led by a lounge singer provides the setting for Dr. Michael Zeigler's message, based on Psalm 80.

October 22 "Matching Pace" (Psalm 96:13)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Hear about the Savior Who walks beside us, at our pace, and teaches us to walk with others.

October 22 "Matching Pace" (Psalm 96:13)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

October 29 "TBD"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Main Street Living | Sundays 9 am

Main Street Living is an LCMS program that features pastors from the WFTC, Channel 29/9.2, viewer area. Channel 10 on Comcast.

The first half hour is a reproduction of *This is the Life*, a Lutheran Hour Ministries program made popular in the 60s, 70s, and 80s. The second half hour is a modified Lutheran worship service, which is produced locally. For more information see their website: www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab OR to watch the program go to mainstreetliving.com.



Official Acts Bev Svac Funeral, September 19, 2023

Time of Grace

Time of Grace tv program airs globally via various outlets, but you can also search topics and watch the program at timeofgrace.org/tv-program. Each episode is a 30-minute study of God's Word with Pastor Mike Novotny. Pastor Mike Novotny has served God's people in full-time ministry since 2007 as a pastor in Madison and now Appleton, Wisconsin. He also serves as the lead speaker for the Time of Grace television program and contributes to the written resources of Time of Grace Ministry.

Sundays KARE (NBC 11) 10:30 am
www.timeofgrace.org

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CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS AS OF 8/31/2022

August Total Income	\$6,737.94
August Total Expense	\$14,078.07
August Net Loss	\$7,340.13

YEAR TO DATE

1st Quarter Net Loss	\$1,071.25
2nd Quarter Net Loss	\$10,057.21
3rd Quarter Net Loss	\$4,964.45
YTD Net Loss	\$16,092.91





October Happenings

Weed it and Sweep

Get your gloves on, grab those grabbers and help beautify the city. The Northeast Chamber of Commerce is partnering with East Side Neighborhood Services for the biannual community clean-up. Come with your colleagues, friends, family and neighbors. Cleaning materials and light snacks will be provided. East Side Neighborhood Services, 1700 2nd St. NE, **Friday, October 6, 12-5 pm.**

HeightsNEXT Central Ave. fall clean up

Meet Saturday, October 7, 9 am at Columbia Heights Public Library, 3939 Central Ave. NE to pick up safety vests and garbage bags, then get your street/park assignment. (Park assignments are made for families with young children who participate.) Each group goes to their area and safely picks up trash from the sidewalks and vegetation along the sidewalks (or park). Dress for the weather. Wear gloves to pick up trash safely. The event will be canceled only if there is dangerous weather; this happens rain or shine. All ages are welcome, but children must be supervised. Families with young children will be assigned to parks.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fall-central-avenue-cleanup-tickets-499796884937>

St. Anthony Fire Department open house

Meet firefighters, tour the fire trucks, and learn various safety messages. Lunch provided. Take-home bags for kids. Saturday, October 7, from 1-4 pm. 3505 Silver Lake Rd. This is a **Free** event.

Heights Fire Dept. open house

The Columbia Heights Fire Department will host an open house Saturday, October 14, as part of National Fire Prevention Week. Spray a fire hose, meet Dalmatian dogs, enjoy free ice cream, water a fire demonstration. The action at 825 41st Ave. NE begins at 11 am.

Craft and Bake sale

Residents of Walker on Kenzie Senior Apartments, 2626 Kenzie Terrace, will hold a craft and bake sale Friday and Saturday, October 6 and 7 between 10 am-6pm.

FREE Community Dinner at St. Timothy's

Join St. Timothy's and the local community on **Tuesday, October 10, from 5 pm to 6:30 pm** (or until the food is gone) for their drive thru community dinner. Please invite your family, neighbors and friends. Everyone is welcome!

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church is located at 825 51st Ave. NE, in Columbia Heights.



Polka Mass and German dinner

October 8 @ 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Polka Mass and German dinner, Sunday, Oct. 8, at St. Boniface Catholic Church, 633 Second Street NE. Polka Mass at 11 am followed by German dinner (serving noon-3 pm) featuring roast pork, potato dumplings, sauerkraut, red cabbage and dessert. Takeout available. Silent auction. Music by Rod Cerar Orchestra. Dancing encouraged. Tickets: \$15 adult, \$10 senior/child portion. Info: 612-379-2761.

Lowry NE Flea Market

Saturday, October 14 (rain date: Sunday, October 15), **10 am-5 pm**. Antiquified, 2430 California St NE. (Corner of Lowry Ave NE and California)

Elizabethan Era Music by Candlelight

Holy Cross Catholic Church, 1621 University Avenue NE, will host a concert of Elizabethan era **7:30 pm on Saturday, October 14**. Enjoy a haunting concert entitled "In Trembling Shadow" featuring soprano Sarah Jackson, lutenist Thomas Walker Jr. and gambist Mary Burke. This free concert features great music of Sixteenth Century England in the candlelit splendor of Holy Cross Catholic Church.

Empty Bowls for SACA

Wednesday, October 25, 4-7 pm, John Murzyn Hall, 530 Mill Street NE. Enjoy a meal of soup, bread, and dessert made by local restaurants, live entertainment from local organizations and an art sale (NEW this year) with all proceeds going to SACA Food Shelf. Free will donation. Every person who donates receives a handmade bowl to take home as a reminder of hunger in the community.



Gloria Dei and Royal Family will be collecting warm clothing items for those in need. Distribution dates will be announced. Please bring in gently used or new coats, jackets, sweatshirts, hats, gloves, mittens and scarfs. Bring in your donations at any time and fill our large boxes found in the Fireside room.

Thank You!

***If you have Thrivent Insurance, don't forget Thrivent Choice Dollars!
Call every month! Call 1-800-Thrivent (1-800-847-4836).***

When asked for a subject, say "Choice Dollars." When asked for a choice, press 1. Then answer the next question with your birth date, when the representatives answers, let them know you want to direct your choice dollars to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 3014 NE McKinley St, Minneapolis.

Thank you for your generous giving!



Special Occasions for Special People





<u>Happy Birthday</u>		<u>Happy Anniversary</u>	
9 th	Shaina Sather	7 th	Derald & Christine Hadrath
10 th	Pastor Matthew Cephus		
11 th	Al Morelli		
11 th	Pastor Martin Cornes		
11 th	Candy Brevig		
17 th	Britney Betterman		

OCTOBER SERVANTS

Elders: Karmon Christopherson

Altar Care and Usher sign-up is located on the lobby bulletin board.

<u>Counters:</u>	<u>Ushers:</u> Please see sign-up sheets to volunteer!
1 st Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer	1 st Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer
8 th Sandy Westling and Tom Harris	8 th
15 th Shirley Holzinger and Verlayne Sather	15 th
22 nd Pat Scott and Shirley Slagle	22 nd
29 th Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli	29 th

FLOWERS		CANDLES	
1 st		1 st Shirley Holzinger - Anniversary	
8 th		8 th	
15 th		15 th	
22 nd		22 nd	
29 th		29 th	

If you sign up for flowers or candles after the newsletter is published, be sure and let the office know. We want to make sure that flowers are ordered and you are properly acknowledged in the bulletin notes.

Thanks



October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 18th S. after Pentecost 10 am Worship w/HC 10:30 am Royal Family Sunday School 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 2 – 4 pm Financial Peace University 6 pm NA	2 7 pm AIAnon	3 6 – 8 pm Financial Peace University	4 11 am GDLC Service and Bible Study & Fellowship 6 – 7:30 pm Royal Family Bible Study	5 5:30 pm GDLC “Knowing the Bible” Bible Study	6 <i>Pastor’s Day Off</i> 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	7 10 am 12 pm Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
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15 20th S. after Pentecost 10 am Worship w/HC 10:30 am Royal Family Sunday School 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 2 – 4 pm Financial Peace University Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Drop Off Begins (10/15 – 11/12) 6 pm NA	16 5 pm GDLC Council Mtg 7 pm AIAnon	17 5 pm GDLC Council Mtg 6 – 8 pm Financial Peace University	18 11 am GDLC Service and Bible Study & Fellowship 6 – 7:30 pm Royal Family Bible Study	19 <u>NO</u> 5:30 pm GDLC Bible Study	20 <i>Pastor’s Day Off</i> 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	21 10 am 12 pm Living Word Worship & Fellowship 4 – 5 pm Living Word Board Meeting 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

HOLY BAPTISM — OCTOBER 1-15

Water and Word wash us into Christ's death and resurrection. "Baptism ... now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 3:21). We daily remember our Baptism through repentance and forgiveness in the cross of Christ. Through our Baptism, we are brought into the Church, the Body of Christ. As we pray, we rejoice in God's gift of Baptism and continue to rejoice in the gifts of forgiveness, the Holy Spirit and eternal life granted to us in Word and Sacrament.

Remember God's gift of Baptism as you pray:

- 1.** Thank God for His gifts of Word and Sacrament, that through these means God freely gives His grace to sinners by faith.
- 2.** Thank God for the gift of Baptism, that His Word works through the water to join us to Christ's death and resurrection.
- 3.** Thank God for the gift of Baptism, that His Word combines with the water to deliver forgiveness and eternal life.

4. Rejoice that the Holy Spirit gives faith and sustains us in the faith.

5. Thank God for the gift of Baptism for adults, that those who are instructed in the faith and who were not baptized as children may receive the gift of forgiveness and life in the waters of Baptism.

6. for parents, that they might faithfully raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, teaching them His Word and bringing them to the Sacrament.

7. for sponsors, that they might faithfully work with parents to teach the faith to the baptized.

8. for all the baptized, that in daily repentance all might cling to God's promises of forgiveness and eternal life in Christ.

9. for all the baptized, that they might daily cling to their Baptism and hope in Christ alone.

10. for all the baptized, that the Spirit would keep the Church strong in persecution.

11. for all the baptized, that they witness to all about the death and resurrection of Jesus.

12. for all who are not baptized, that the Spirit would draw them to Christ in faith.

13. Thank God for the Baptism of Jesus, that He took on our sins to suffer in our stead.

14. Thank God for calling you to be His adopted child and heir of eternal life.

15. That Christ would return quickly, that the Church might dwell with Him in righteousness, holiness and blessedness.



THE LORD'S SUPPER — OCTOBER 16-31

Bread and wine, body and blood feed us with the food that endures to eternal life. Christ gives His body and blood to His body the Church. Those who have faith in the words, “given and shed for you” receive what those words promise, the forgiveness of sins.

Remember God's gift of the Sacrament of the Altar as you pray:

16. *Thank God for the Sacrament of the Altar, that it is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine.*

17. *Rejoice that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given.*

18. *That God would grant us faith in His Word, that we worthily receive the Sacrament and live in repentance.*

19. *Thank God for daily bread, even the bread of life that we receive in the Sacrament.*

20. *for preparation before receiving the Sacrament, that all might receive it trusting in the Words of Christ.*

21. *Thank God for the Church and the Office of the Holy Ministry.*

22. *for the unity of the Church, that schisms might cease, and all might be united in the true faith.*

23. *that we, who are many, may see ourselves as the one Body of Christ.*

24. *for the Church, that she remains faithful to the truth of God's Word.*

25. *for the LCMS, that we might believe, teach and confess all things according to God's will.*

26. *with thanksgiving that God continues to strengthen us through His Word and Sacraments.*

27. *for those who do not belong to the Church, that God would call all to faith.*

28. *for the sustenance of the Sacrament of the Altar, that God would grant faith unto eternal life.*



29. *that after receiving Communion, all would amend their sinful lives by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

30. *that God would keep all Christians from being led*

astray by false teachings, and instead bring them to a deeper knowledge of Him.

31. *for the endurance of faith until Christ returns.*

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