

# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

*(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*



## “Chosen to Be Loved”

**Order of Worship November 10, 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:** God is love. This is a remarkable statement. John is saying that for God love is not a passing sentiment; it is who God is. Love is not something that comes and goes; it is who God is. It is His essential nature. God cannot be unloving, because He is love. People have lots of questions about God—what is He like? And the best way to answer those is to look at Jesus. Jesus said, “If you have seen me, you have seen the Father.” This is the God that Jesus revealed. This God is Father, He is good and generous, He is trustworthy and just. And He is LOVE.

*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.

***Welcome 2025!***

**There are 2025 calendar available on the Usher's Table at the back of the church. Feel free to grab one! Graciously donated by Washburn-Mcreavy Funeral Home.**

# The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: **When God says I love you, he's saying that you** matter to him. You are a person of worth, and you are so valuable to him. Regardless of what others think, in his eyes, you are wonderful!

**+ CONNECT +**

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

**"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

LSB 702

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My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.  
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart; my zeal inspire!  
As Thou has died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire!

**While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,  
Be Thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.**

When **ends life's transient dream, when death's cold sullen stream  
Shall o'er me roll,**  
Blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

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

**"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.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 103:1-5, 8-12

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

L: The Word of the Lord.  
C: Thanks be to God!

#### EPISTLE READING

1 John 4:9-16

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

L: The Word of the Lord.  
C: Thanks be to God!

#### HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:13-17

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.  
C: Glory to You, O Lord!

No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

*For God So Loved the World*

**"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."**

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.  
C: Praise to You, O Christ!

#### SONG OF THE DAY

#### **"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.

MESSAGE

**"Chosen to Be Loved"**

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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.

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

### **"To God Be the Glory"**

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To God be the glory, great things He has done;  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. Refrain

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. Refrain

#### 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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Mark Your Calendars:  
Thanksgiving Day Service,  
Thursday, November 28 at 10 am  
Bring your family and friends! See you there.



## OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

11/10 Sun	Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost	
	10:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion, with Pastor Matthew Cephus
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship
	6:00 pm	NA
11/11 Mon	7:00 pm	Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)
	7:00 pm	AIAnon (upstairs)
11/13 Wed	11:00 am	Bible Study, <i>The Chosen, Part 4 Wrap-Up</i>
11/14 Thurs	5:30 pm	Thursday Evening Bible Study
11/15 Fri	5:00 pm	Living Word Music Rehearsal
11/16 Sat	10:00 am	Living Word Worship & Fellowship
	4:00 pm	Living Word Board Meeting
	6:00 pm	Living Word Prayer Night
11/17 Sun	Twenty-sixth 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: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Altar Care: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Counters: Sandy Westling and Tom Harris

Attendance: 11/03/2024: 34

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The Evangelism Team is planning a special event for the holidays and needs your help collecting glass jars (no lids necessary). Between now and the beginning of December, please save any glass jars you might otherwise recycle. They can be any size, think salsa, spaghetti sauce, jelly, fruit – you get it. 😊 However, jars must be glass, no plastic. Thank you!!

BIRTHDAYS: 14<sup>th</sup> Betty Hietala, 17<sup>th</sup> Chris Hadrath  
ANNIVERSARIES: None

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

Tom Lyrenmann thank you for prayers while hospitalized and continued prayers for recovery and health

Roselyn Norman lower back surgery (11/19). Pray for success and speedy recovery **in Jesus' name.**

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 Finished radiation treatments at Mayo, feeling good, but a bit tired

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

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

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

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

## **TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR**

November 10 "My Name Is Now Yours" (Genesis 35:10-11)  
Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola  
God comes to renew us with His forgiving love, rename us in Baptism, and remain with us through His Word.

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

November 17 "Album-Worthy" (Genesis 35:3)  
Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)  
If everything you've ever thought or done was captured in a photo, how many of them would you save for all to see? Hear how God redeems all our snapshots--even those that don't seem "album-worthy."

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: *Proper 27 - Mark 12:44*

**"For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."** From Old Testament times right through to today the Lord has urged us to give to His work in the church in proportion to how He has blessed us. He has also called us to sacrificial giving, that is, giving that actually costs us something. That's the shape of true Christian generosity.

## **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:**

"For no one of those who are alive today knows where he was during the first two years, when he lived either in the womb ... Yet he lived at that time, and he was a body joined to a soul—a body adapted to all natural functions." *Martin Luther – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://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 In Search of Dignity** — Two factory workers struggle to find meaning after they are replaced by machines. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Larry Harvala from St. John's Lutheran Church in Park Rapids, MN, presenting a message titled "God Supplies" based 1 Kings 17:8-16. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) select the "Twin Cities" tab.

***Thank you for your generosity!***  
***Gloria Dei donated 70 pounds of food to the Salvation Army Food Shelf  
for the month of October.***

***Last Day for Collection of Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes is  
Sunday, November 17!***



The Board of Social Ministries is collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts for *Operation Christmas Child*.

Here is what you do: (1) Find a Shoebox - You can use any empty shoebox or shoebox-sized plastic container. (2) Girl or Boy? - Decide whether you will pack for a girl or a boy and the age category: Age groups are 2 - 4, 5 - 9, 10 - 14. (3) Fill with Gifts. (4) Pray for the child who will receive your gift. (5) Follow your box - remember to include \$10 (per box) for shipping. (6) Drop-

Off - Bring your shoebox gift to Church no later than Sunday, November 17. Shoeboxes will be delivered on Monday, November 18.

Do Not Include – Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or 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.

**Neighborhood Fix-It Hub, November 12 @ 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

Learn to fix your broken stuff for free at the library. Every other Tuesday, 4-7 pm, last items accepted at 6:30 pm. Upcoming dates: Nov. 12, Nov. 26. Work with a friendly, skilled volunteer to try to fix your broken household stuff, gain confidence and new repair skills and incorporate sustainability into your life. This event is family friendly. If volunteers are limited, there may be a limit on the number of items that can be worked on each week. Volunteers are needed to assist with repair and sewing. If you are interested in lending a hand, contact Nancy Lo at [nancy.lo@hennepin.us](mailto:nancy.lo@hennepin.us) or 612-348-9195.

**FREE Community Dinner at St. Timothy's; November 12<sup>th</sup> @ 5 pm – 6:30 pm**

Join St. Timothy's on Tuesday, November 12, from 5 pm to 6:30 pm (or until the food is gone) for their drive through community dinner. All are welcome! St. Timothy's Lutheran Church is located at 825 51st Avenue NE, in Columbia Heights.

Free Community Dinner at Faith UMC - November 14 @ 5 pm - 6 pm  
Faith United Methodist Church, 2708 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE, will hold a free community dinner every second Thursday of the month from 5-6 pm. Everyone is welcome. Upcoming dates are November 14 and December 12.