

# **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

*(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*



## **Part II “Chosen to Be Loved”**

*(Knowing How Much God Truly Loves Us)*

**Order of Worship November 17, 2024 | 10 AM**

**Pastor Matthew Cephus**

**3014 McKinley Street NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418**

**612-781-1989**

**[www.gloriadeilcms.org](http://www.gloriadeilcms.org)**

**email: [info@gloriadeilcms.org](mailto:info@gloriadeilcms.org)**

**Music/Guitar: Daniel Carlson**

# 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:** The problems and hardship of life can make us temporarily forget that no one can ever love us as God loves us. Our own disobedience can make us think God ceases to love us. Our text from Jeremiah is written in the context of Israel's running after idols. Despite their disobedience and lack of loyalty, God still declared His love for them. He goes even further and declares that His love is everlasting.

*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-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: Remember, God is love. All of His attributes flow from His essence. God is merciful because He is love. God is kind because He is love. God is longsuffering because He is love. God is forgiving because He is love.

## + *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

"Amazing Grace"

LSB 744

*Text & Tune: Public domain*

Amazing grace – how sweet the sound – that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see!

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail and mortal life shall cease,  
**Amazing grace shall then prevail in heaven's joy and peace.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

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 and everlasting Father, we acknowledge and confess before you that we are poor sinners, prone to evil and ever falling short of goodness. We have transgressed your commandments and are worthy of your anger. But, O Lord, we repent and are sorry from our hearts that we have so displeased you. We pray that your grace may bring help to our distress. Forgive us all our sins, through the sufferings of your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to bring forth the fruits of righteousness and a pure life that are pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ. Amen

## FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

*+ NURTURE +*

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### **"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.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:3,31-34

### *The New Covenant*

The Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; **therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."**

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

#### EPISTLE READING

Romans 5:1-2; 6-11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

#### HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:14-18

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

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. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

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

SONG OF THE DAY

"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

MESSAGE

Part II: **"Chosen to Be Loved"**

Pastor Matthew Cephus

(Knowing How Much God Truly Loves Us)

**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

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

LSB 809

*Text & Music: © 1923, renewed 1951 Hope Publishing Co.*

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

## 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 +

+ + +

*Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®, copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used with permission. Hymns are copied with permission: CCLI # 689918*

---

## OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

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
11/18 Mon	7:00 pm	Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)
	7:00 pm	AIAnon (upstairs)
11/19 Tues	5:00 pm	GDLC Council Meeting
11/20 Wed	11:00 am	<u>NO</u> Bible Study
11/21 Thurs	5:30 pm	Thursday Evening Bible Study
11/22 Fri	5:00 pm	Living Word Music Rehearsal
11/23 Sat	10:00 am	Living Word Worship & Fellowship
	6:00 pm	Living Word Prayer Night
11/24 Sun	Last Sunday of the Church Year	
	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: 11/10/2024: 23

BIRTHDAYS: 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

---

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. 😊 However, jars must be glass, no plastic. Thank you!!

## **TODAY'S 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."

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

November 24

"Jesus Sees What's in the Heart"

(Mark 12:41-44)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe

Jesus sees what's in our hearts. What's in His heart? God saw that we needed a Savior.

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 28 - Hebrews 10:14*

**"For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified."**

Our Lord Jesus has provided the one offering for sin. What we offer to the Lord is not a sacrifice for sin; we cannot buy our way into heaven with our money, works or effort. **Rather, what we give to the Lord's work in the church is a thank offering, a sign of our dependency on God and all He has given us.**

## **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:**

**"If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world." C.S. Lewis (*Mere Christianity*) – 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 **"Which Way Grows the Vine"** — A father struggles to accept the consequences of his actions and set an example for his son. 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.

## ***TODAY is the Last Day for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection!***



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.

### **HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH**

*All hands (and able bodies) are needed to help decorate the church for the holidays.*

*Plan to come by church on Tuesday, December 3 beginning at 9:30 am.*

*All help is welcome, do whatever you can - the more the merrier! The Coffee Pot will be on.*

### **Maybe it's time for a Closet Cleanout?**

Mary Piper is collecting gently used Men's jackets/coats, gloves, scarves, hats and socks. The items can be dropped off on her front landing 2955 Benjamin or put in the box in the lobby. All donations will go to The Freedom Store in Minneapolis via Dr. Jim Seeman. He is a District correctional ministry coordinator. Jim hits the streets weekly with supplies for the homeless, so they are especially in need of men's coats for the coming cold weather. The store serves the poor, homeless and recently released prisoners.

*The Salvation Army Christmas Tree has been set up in the Narthex. GDLC will be collecting toys and gifts for children and teens now through December 9. Gifts will be delivered to the Salvation Army on December 10.*



Mark Your Calendars:

Thanksgiving Day Service,

Thursday, November 28 at 10 am

Bring your family and friends! See you there.

**Thank you Al & Aaron for the yard work (mulching the leaves)!**

**Thank you Larry for getting our heat working correctly!**

**Thank you Gwen for the new holiday planters!**