

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



"Answered from the Silence"

Order of Worship Sunday October 12, 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: God's faithfulness is rooted in His unchanging divine character, which He cannot act against. This unwavering attribute is a central foundation of faith, guaranteeing that He keeps His promises and acts for His glory and our good, providing a stable and secure relationship for those who trust Him.

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.

Join Wednesday bible study at 11 am featuring The Chosen, Part 5.

See you there!

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: Always remember that God is faithful. He's always reliable, trustworthy, and true to His word and character--never changing His mind or abandoning His people. He's got you covered.

+ *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

LSB 761 v. 1-3

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Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands, can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

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 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 +

SONG OF PRAISE "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" LSB 524
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How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the heart's unrest;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul and to the weary rest.

Dear name! The rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place;
My never-failing treasury filled with boundless stores of grace.

O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, my Prophet, Priest and King,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 62:1-12

My Soul Waits for God Alone

To the choirmaster: according to Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence? They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood. They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse. *Selah*

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. *Selah*

Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For you will render to a man according to his work.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 4:1-10

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

“As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest,’”

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” And again in this passage he said,

“They shall not enter my rest.”

Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.”

For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:28-30

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

"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.

MESSAGE

"Answered from the Silence"

Daniel Carlson

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.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

LSB 918

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Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy pow’rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer, be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell’s destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee.
I will ever give to Thee.

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

10/12 Sun

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am Worship with Daniel Carlson Preaching

11:45 am Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm NA

10/13 Mon

7:00 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)

7:00 pm AIAnon (upstairs)

10/15 Wed

11:00 am Bible Study – The Chosen, Part 5

7:30 pm SLAA Group Meeting

10/17 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

10/18 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

4:00 pm Living Word Board Meeting

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

10/19 Sun

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion,
w/Rev. Dr. 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

Altarcare: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Counters: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer

Attendance: 10/05/2025: 18

BIRTHDAYS: None
ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: OPEN
FLOWERS: OPEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Aaron Morelli upcoming testing

Al Morelli GI procedure scheduled for 10/13

Gwen Johnson, prayers are working! Upcoming radiation, then cancer free!

Pastor Martin Cornes' father-in-law, Dan, recently diagnosed with cancer; has undergone surgery. He is now staying in a transitional care facility; discussions regarding future treatment options are forthcoming

Lori Sharbono Surgery for brain aneurysm went well, prayers for healing

Roselyn Norman healing from right knee surgery on September 23

Roger Kropelniki (Ken Biebighauser's BnL) underwent esophagus surgery and is suffering from lung issues

Karen Charpentier (Ken Biebighauser's sister) going through cancer treatment

Diane Sharbono undergoing cancer treatment

Dorie (Shirley Holzinger's sister-in-law) rehabbing from successful bypass heart surgery, also addressing some unexpected 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 and Amy Rich (Morelli's DnLs) continued prayers for good health after cancer treatments

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) dealing with continued health concerns

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

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN DANGEROUS AREAS

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

October 12 "When a Cakewalk Becomes a Crucible" (Numbers 14:30-31)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Forgiveness isn't a formality with God. Forgiveness is formative. It changes us.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

October 19 "God's Help Dwells in Us" (Numbers 11:29)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez

The Holy Spirit is the Helper who comes to dwell in and with us, to encourage and empower us.

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: *Proper 23 - Luke 17:19*

"And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'" Only one of the 10 lepers who were cleansed returns to give thanks to Jesus. Why is that? Surely the rest were indeed thankful to be freed from such a terrible disease. But only the Samaritan leper had faith, and his faith turned into action, as all true faith does. Our generosity to God's work in the church is likewise our faith in action.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"We care about that precious baby, but we also care about the mom. We care about that woman who is haunted by the guilt and shame of a past abortion ... We care because Jesus cares for us. We love because God first loved us. And this we know! Our Lord Jesus—who died for us and took away all of our sin and guilt and shame—is risen and ascended to the Father's throne. JESUS LIVES! THE VICTORY'S WON!" *Pastor Paul Clark, LFL of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Main Street Living each Sunday at 9 am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2 with an episode of *This Is the Life*. This week's episode is **"Trial by Fire."** When an unexpected tragedy strikes...pray, forgive and move forward. When one door closes, another will open. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Brent Klein from Trinity Lutheran Church in Northfield, MN, presents a message titled **"The Faith of the Outsider"** based on **Luke 17:11-19**. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

The Fall Garage Sale Was a Success!

The favorable weather contributed to a strong turnout of shoppers. In addition to the community's enthusiasm, the dedication of our volunteers made the event run smoothly. Their combined efforts created a welcoming atmosphere for everyone involved and ensured the sale's overall success. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who assisted in every stage of the sale, from donations, pricing, managing the setup, to overseeing operations during the event. Special thanks are also due to **Mary** for generously allowing us to use her garage over the course of the sale; to **Dan** for feeding the crew for three days; and to **Shirley** for keeping the money straight. The garage sale is a great way to stay connected to the community. The event raised \$1,507, which will be allocated towards the new air conditioning unit required for the two offices. Those wishing to further support this project are invited to mark their contributions as "Building Maintenance Fund." Thank you!

German Dinner and Polka Mass

St. Boniface, 633 Second Street NE, will host a polka Mass on **October 12 at 11 am**. Roast pork **dinner** served **11:30 am-3 pm**. Takeout available. Silent auction. Music by the Rod Cerar Orchestra. Dancing encouraged. Tickets available at the door: \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 12 & under. Info: 612-379-2761.

Community Dinner

Join St. Timothy's and the local community on **Tuesday, October 14, 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 Avenue NE, Columbia Heights.

An Invitation to Attend Autumn Woods Gatherings

All events are located at 2600 Kenzie Terrace (use the call box to contact the office if the door is not propped open).

Oct. 17th 4 pm – 5 pm Spooky Spud Night – with a baked potato buffet, serving large baked potatoes with all the fixings, desert and a beverage. The cost is \$5. RSVP by Oct 13th.

Oct. 19th at 5 pm Potluck at Autumn Woods – when signing up for this event, please let them know what dish you would like to bring.

October 22nd Chat and Chowder at 12:00 pm – with catering from TST Catering, featuring ham sandwich with lettuce & cheese on a French roll, fruit, chips, and a cookie, all for \$11. Please RSVP by Monday morning Oct 20th.

To sign up for these events, please call their office at 612.781.8301 or text 952.207.4293 or email awmarketing@lanel.com.

Collection for Operation Christmas Child Has Started!



The Board of Social Ministries is sponsoring *Operation Christmas Child* for the 2025 holiday season. Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. By filling ordinary shoeboxes full of toys and other fun items, you can be part of giving boys and girls what may be their first gift ever! Local churches in more than 100 nations hand out these Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts at festive

outreach events where the Gospel is presented in a child-friendly way. Each box bursting with items such as a soccer ball, doll, or stuffed animal becomes a tangible expression of God's love to the child, their family, and their community. Many shoebox recipients also participate in a 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program, *The Greatest Journey*.

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. You may also want to include a personal note and photo—sometimes these are the child's favorite things to receive! **(4)** Pray - Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gifts. **(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 16**. Shoeboxes will be delivered on Monday, November 17.

A few helpful hints to make it easier for you 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.

Do Not Include – SOAP, Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures (or wearable camouflage); 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.

Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas Child seek to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way through each shoebox gift. One of their core values is to never be manipulative. They work in and through volunteers in each country who understand the local culture and context and are respectful to the people they serve. At the same time, they do seek to share the Gospel wherever they go, which can be challenging at times. In some regions, they are not permitted to distribute literature but are still grateful for the opportunity to bless the children with gift boxes carefully prepared by people who want them to know they are loved. Boys and girls do not have to do or say anything to receive their gifts.