

# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

*(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*



## THE LORD'S PRAYER - SERIES #3: "Supreme Model of Prayer"

**Order of Worship February 1, 2026 | 10:00 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:** The Father-Son relationship within the Trinity reveals our potential relationship with God. Christ, the Son of God, grants us the privilege of calling God **OUR FATHER** by the grace of adoption (Galatians 4:4-7). As a "son of God," the Christian is called to love, trust, and serve God as Christ does the Father. We must note that God is not our Father simply because He created us. He is only Father to those in a saving and personal relationship with Him, a communion that only comes by the grace of adoption.

*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 us Wednesdays at 11 am for Bible Study featuring the Book of Ephesians***

# The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

**AS WE GATHER:** Prayer is a direct way to talk with God the Father. It deepens our friendship and intimacy with Him and helps to shape our lives by aligning our desires with His will, fostering peace and purpose.

+ *CONNECT* +

## WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING HYMN

### "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

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Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer!  
That calls me from a world of care,  
And bids me at my Father's throne  
Make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
My soul has often found relief,  
And oft escaped the tempter's snare  
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer!  
Thy wings shall my petition bear  
To Him whose truth and faithfulness  
Engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since He bids me seek His face,  
Believe His word, and trust His grace,  
I'll cast on Him my every care,  
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

## 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

**"We Praise You, O God"**

**LSB 785**

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We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;  
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;  
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.  
When perils o'er-take us, You will not forsake us,  
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,  
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us;  
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Psalms 34:1-8**

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **EPISTLE READING**

### **Ephesians 3:14-21**

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **GOSPEL READING**

### **Matthew 6:9-13 KJV**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

## **HYMN OF THE DAY "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" LSB 524 v. 1-4**

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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.

### **MESSAGE**

**Rev. Dr. Matthew Cephus**

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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 SONG      "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'ful 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**

**2/01 Sun**

### **Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**10:00 am**    **Worship Service w/Holy Communion  
w/Pastor Matthew Cephus**

11:45 am    Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm    NA

**2/02 Mon**

7:00 pm    Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)

7:00 pm    AIAnon (upstairs)

**2/03 Tues**

Groundhog Day!

7:30 pm    SLAA Group Meeting

**2/04 Wed**

11:00 pm    Bible Study – Book of Ephesians

**2/06 Fri**

5:00 pm    Living Word Music Rehearsal

**2/07 Sat**

10:00 am    Living Word Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm    Living Word Prayer Night

**2/08 Sun**

### **Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**10:00 am**    **Worship Service w/Holy Communion  
w/Pastor Matthew Cephus**

11:45 am    Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm    NA

## **SERVING TODAY**

**Elder: Karmon Christopherson**

**Reading: Verlayne Sather**

**Ushers:**

**Altar Care:**

**Counters: Shirley Holzinger and Verlayne Sather**

**Attendance: 1/25/2026: 22**

Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble.  
But it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.

**BIRTHDAYS:** 4<sup>th</sup> Deb Panning; 5<sup>th</sup> Derald Hadrath

**ANNIVERSARIES:** None

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** OPEN

**FLOWERS:** OPEN

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

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

**Greg** (Wade's friend) heart valve replacement, prayers for strength and recovery

**Chris Hadrath** knee replacement surgery (1/23). Prayers for a speedy recovery

**Alec Schwandt** (Morelli's nephew) upcoming procedure to remove heart fibulator, prayers for success and healing

**David Jacomet** (Roselyn's BnL) recently diagnosed with lung cancer, Pneumonia, high fever and declining health

**Nanc Rixe** recovering from shoulder replacement surgery

**Jennifer** (Amy Rich's sister) recently treated for breast cancer, recovering

**Danielle Ohnstad** continued prayers as she struggles with breast cancer

**Marie Padmore** (Roselyn's sister) prayers for positive test results

**Aaron Morelli** upcoming testing

**Pastor Martin Cornes'** father-in-law, Dan, recovering from cancer surgery, future treatment discussion are forthcoming

**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) addressing unexpected issues.

**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.

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

**THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN DANGEROUS AREAS**

**NOTE:** Those "in our extend prayers" are removed from the list after eight weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another eight weeks, please contact the church office at 612-781-1989.

## **TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR**

**February 1, 2026**

**"Rotten Tomatoes"**

**1 Corinthians 1: 30-31**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Boasting gone wrong—it's the rotten fruit of rightful praise. It happens when we forget that everything we have is a gift, even the things we think we've earned and deserved.

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

**February 8, 2026**

**"Type C"**

**1 Corinthians 2:12**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

In the Bible, the Holy Spirit meets us, gives us the mind of Christ, and leads us back into the world as children of God.

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:** *Fourth Sunday after Epiphany - 1 Corinthians 1:20*

"Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?" God's ways are certainly not the world's ways, including the way God tells us to manage the resources He's given to us. The world says, "hold on, hold back and gather up." Jesus says to store up treasure in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy and where no thief breaks in to steal. Whose way do you think is best? What is wiser: the wisdom of the financial gurus or the foolishness of God?

## **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:**

"You may have a messy story. Your family may have a dysfunctional past. Your past (or present) may be filled with greed, sexual immorality, or other idols. But Jesus won't let that stop Him from reaching out to you with the message of His unconditional love. You might be far from good, but you are not too far gone for God." *Pastor Mike Novotny, Time of Grace – 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 **"Visitation."** Pastor Andrew Burdick (Dick Sargent) is having problems keeping his congregation together. Bishop Smith (Parley Baer) visits him to identify some troubling leadership spots and to renew faith. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Jeffrey Williams from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, MN, presenting a message titled **"The Paradox of God"** based on **Matthew 5:1-12**. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) select the "Twin Cities" tab.

## **Vital Living: Practice Tai Ji**

These one-hour sessions will help you practice the fluid, mindful movements you learned in Tai Ji Quan. These movements focus on reducing the risk of falls by improving balance, muscle strength, flexibility, and mobility. All participants must have a computer or tablet (with a camera and microphone) or a smartphone. Registered participants will receive Zoom information prior to the class start date. If you need any support with Zoom, ESNS can help you. Classes are Mondays, 9:30-10:30 am, Feb. 2, 9, 16 & 23, via Zoom. East Side Neighborhood Services is located at 1700 Second Street NE. Registration: 612-787-4086 or [VitalLiving@esns.org](mailto:VitalLiving@esns.org).

## **“Evening with Irving Berlin”**

Immaculate Conception Church, 4030 Jackson Street NE, will present an “Evening with Irving Berlin” on **Saturday, February 7**. Full buffet dinner with social hour starting at 6 pm, Dinner at 6:30 and Show 7:45. Tickets \$40. Reserve your ticket(s) by calling 763-788-9062 or visit website [ICCSonline.org](http://ICCSonline.org)

## **Drive Thru Community Dinner at St. Timothy’s**

Tuesday, February 10 from 5-6:30 pm (or until the food is gone). Free and everyone is welcome! St. Timothy’s Lutheran Church is located at 825 51st Ave NE, Columbia Heights. Spread the word!

## **Free Community Meal - February 12 @ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

Faith United Methodist Church, 2708 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE, holds a free Community dinner every second Thursday of the month, from 5-6 pm. Everyone is welcome. Upcoming dates are **Feb. 12**, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10.

