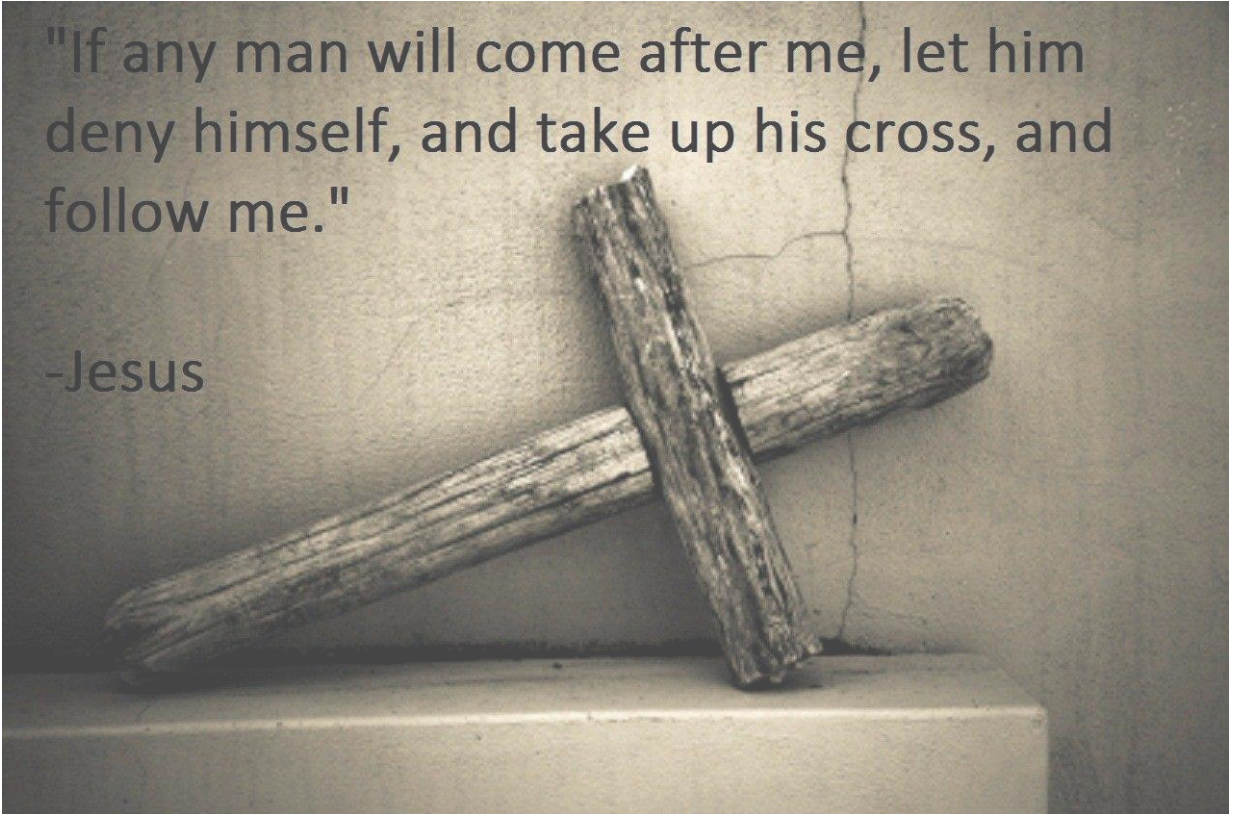


# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

*(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

-Jesus



*"Personal Invitation to Follow"*

**Order of Worship April 12, 2026 | 10:00 AM  
Elder Daniel Carlson Preaching**

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**Pianist: Sue Cvek**

# **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 loves you and wants to use you regardless of who you are or what you've done.

*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.

***Gloria Dei will be taking April off from Bible Study. No Wednesday Bible Study during April (while Pastor Matthew travels to Liberia). We will resume May 6. See you then!***

# The Second Sunday of Easter

**AS WE GATHER:** Through the cross Jesus took away our sins, and through the resurrection we have new life in Him. Our new spiritual life is Christ's life. Because He lives, we live.

+ *CONNECT* +

## WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN**      **"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**      **LSB 427 v. 1, 2,4**  
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In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'er-take me, hopes deceive, and fear annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure by the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

## 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 our Heavenly Father who truly loves us and is ready to forgive.

**C:** **Merciful Father, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We also confess that we have not done all that is possible to promote peace and justice in our world. 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**

### **"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 31:3-8**

The Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when watchmen will call in the hill country of Ephraim: 'Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.'"

For thus says the Lord: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'O Lord, save your people, the remnant of Israel.' Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

## **EPISTLE READING**

### **Romans 8:31-39**

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who

shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

### **GOSPEL READING**

**Matthew 16:24-28**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"**

**LSB 477**

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Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross is victim for the world's salvation bled –  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:  
See the ancient pow'rs of evil in confusion and retreat;  
Once He died, and once was buried: Now He lives forevermore,  
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:  
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia to the triune Majesty!

**MESSAGE**

**"Personal Invitations to Follow"**

**Elder 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 SONG**

**"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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**Invitation to GDLCS 75th Anniversary Celebration – May 17, 2026**  
Invitations have been mailed for Gloria Dei's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Please be sure to return your RSVP, especially if you plan to attend the luncheon. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

If you know someone who would like to attend this special event, you are encouraged to let us know. They can call the church office at 612-781-1989 OR email [info@gloriadeilcms.org](mailto:info@gloriadeilcms.org) with their contact information. This will help us extend invitations and ensure all interested guests are invited. Your help in connecting with our extended community is greatly appreciated!

## **OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR**

<b>4/12 Sun</b>		<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> <b>w/Elder Daniel Carlson Preaching</b>
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship
	6:00 pm	NA
<b>4/13 Mon</b>	7:00 pm	Beginners AAnon (downstairs)
	7:00 pm	AAnon (upstairs)
<b>4/14 Tues</b>	7:30 pm	SLAA Group Meeting
<b>4/15 Wed</b>		<b><u>NO Bible Study</u></b>
<b>4/17 Fri</b>	5:00 pm	Living Word Music Rehearsal
<b>4/18 Sat</b>	10:00 am	Living Word Worship & Fellowship
	6:00 pm	Living Word Prayer Night
<b>4/19 Sun</b>		<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> <b>w/Elder Jason Matasovsky Preaching</b>
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship
	6:00 pm	NA

## **SERVING TODAY**

**Elders: Daniel Carlson and Jason Matasovsky**

**Reading: Jason Matasovsky**

**Ushers: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer**

**Altar Care: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann**

**Counters: Shirley Holzinger and Verlayne Sather**

**Attendance: 4/02/2026: 15; 4/03/26: 23; 4/05/2026: 50**

**BIRTHDAYS:** 5<sup>th</sup> Larry Schlais; 10<sup>th</sup> Wenda Schwoch; 11<sup>th</sup> Diane Volner;  
13<sup>th</sup> Bob Kluwe

**ANNIVERSARIES:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bob & Dolores Kluwe; 3<sup>rd</sup> Richard & Diane Volner;  
11<sup>th</sup> Al & Pam Morelli

**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

**For all our Neighbors who are taking turns on Community Watch Walks**

**Maude Jacomet** (Roselyn's sister) recently lost her husband, keep in prayer for God to comfort her and her bereaved family

**Larry Derksen** (Shirley & Vicki's brother) going through treatment at VA for seizures

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

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

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

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

**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

**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

April 12, 2026

"Early Adopters"

1 Corinthians 15:20

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The risen Jesus is the "display model" of what we will be, through faith in Him.

## NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

April 19, 2026

"Not in Vain"

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti

Because Jesus lives, your future is certain. You can also be confident that your present life has meaning and worth. In the Lord, your labor is not in vain.

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:** *Second Sunday of Easter - 1 Peter 1:3-4*

**"He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you."** We have an inheritance waiting for us, a treasure gathered where moth and rust do not destroy. That should change our perspective on the treasures of this earth. They are fleeting. They come and go. But we can use the treasures of this earth for the work of the kingdom that will not fade away.

## LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"The cross that held Jesus' body exposed all the sin, violence, and injustice of this world for what it is. At once, the cross revealed what kind of world we have and what kind of God we have: a world of gross unfairness but also a God of sacrificial love." *Rev. Gregory Seltz, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty – 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 **"Finders Keepers."** A man finds a large sum of money and struggles with the consequences of keeping it. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. David Petrich from St. James Lutheran Church in Holland, MN, presenting a message titled **"God's Diamonds in the Rough"** based on **I Peter 1:3-9**. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Gloria Dei will no longer be collecting old back issues of **Portals of Prayer**.  
Please recycle them at home. Thank you!

### **SALVATION ARMY FOOD SHELF**

What a great start to April! Gloria Dei recently **donated 55 pounds of food** to the Northeast Salvation Army Food Shelf. Thank you to everyone who contributed. Our cart is always ready to accept your donations. The Salvation Army is in need of food, hygiene and monetary contributions to help restock their shelves. Donated food items are put to immediate use, helping to feed the hungry in our neighborhoods. High demand items include 100% juice, healthy cereal, canned chicken, salmon and pork, and culturally specific items like jasmine rice and fish sauce. Personal hygiene items such as toilet paper and toothpaste are also highly requested.

### **Surge in Fraudulent Social Security Statement Emails**

The Social Security Administration (SSA) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is warning the public about a **significant increase in government imposter scam emails** that falsely claim to provide access to a recipient's Social Security statement. Clicking links within the email may lead to identity theft, financial loss, or compromised data.

These messages are not from Social Security. Anyone who receives one should **delete it immediately** and report it.

Criminals continue to impersonate SSA and other government agencies to obtain personal information or money. A scammer might call, email, text, write letters, or send messages on social media claiming to be from SSA or OIG. A scammer might use the name of a person who really works there and might send a picture or attachment as proof.

Recognizing the signs of a scam gives you the power to ignore criminals and report the scam.

Scams come in many varieties, but they all work the same way. Four Signs of a Scam:

1. Scammers **pretend** to be from an agency or organization you know to gain your trust.
2. Scammers say there is a **problem** or a prize.
3. Scammers **pressure** you to act immediately.
4. Scammers tell you to **pay** in a specific way.



