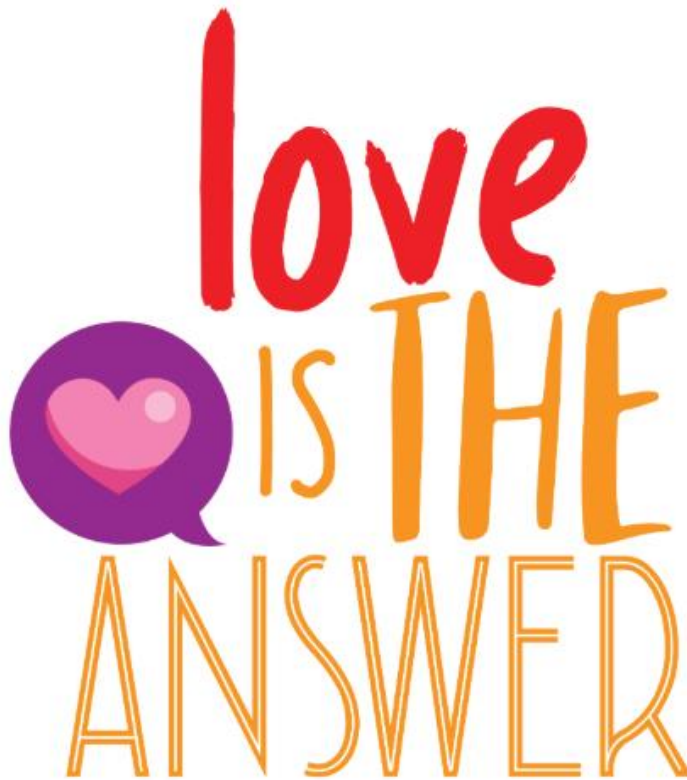


Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



"Love is the Answer"

**Order of Worship April 19, 2026 | 10:00 AM
Elder Jason Matasovsky Preaching**

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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: Just as Christ loves us, we are to also spread his love. It's a daily, sacrificial lifestyle of serving others, offering encouragement, and building genuine relationships to reflect Jesus' compassion, ultimately fulfilling the call to love neighbors and share the hope of salvation.

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 Third Sunday of Easter

AS WE GATHER: Sharing the love of Jesus involves demonstrating God's grace through intentional, sacrificial, and practical actions, mirroring His compassion to others.

+ *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

LSB 770

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What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear-
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged-- Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness-- Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--- Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

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

"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 READINGS

Psalm 136:1-12, and 26

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who alone does great

wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever; the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever; the moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, for his steadfast love endures forever; and brought Israel out from among them, for his steadfast love endures forever; with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READINGS

1 John 4:7-12 and John 3:16

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 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.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READINGS

Romans 8: 37-39; Isaiah 54:10; Ephesians 3:17-19 and Psalm 136:26

L: The Holy Gospel.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

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.

“For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,” says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

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.

Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

“There is a Redeemer”

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There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

**Refrain: Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit ‘til the work on earth is done.**

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.

Refrain

When I stand in glory, I will see His face, and
There I’ll serve my King forever, In that holy place.

Refrain

MESSAGE

“Love is the Answer”

Elder Jason Matasovsky

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 “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

4/19 Sun		Third Sunday of Easter
	10:00 am	Worship Service w/Elder Jason Matasovsky Preaching
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship
	6:00 pm	NA
4/20 Mon	7:00 pm	Beginners AAnon (downstairs)
	7:00 pm	AAnon (upstairs)
4/21 Tues	5:00 pm	GDLC Council Meeting
	7:30 pm	SLAA Group Meeting
4/22 Wed		<u>NO Bible Study</u>
4/23 Thurs	6:00 pm	Neighborhood Block Meeting
4/24 Fri	5:00 pm	Living Word Music Rehearsal
4/25 Sat	10:00 am	Living Word Worship & Fellowship
	6:00 pm	Living Word Prayer Night
4/26 Sun		Fourth Sunday of Easter
	10:00 am	Worship Service w/Guest Pastor Don Andrix
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship
	6:00 pm	NA

SERVING TODAY

Elders: Daniel Carlson and Jason Matasovsky

Reading: Sandy Westling

Ushers: Tom Harris and Dale Raschke

Altar Care: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli

Counters: Sandy Westling and Tom Harris

Attendance: 4/12/2026: 25

Offerings Loose Plate \$0; Easter Sunday \$60; Regular \$7,295; Rent \$1,500;

Online \$150

Total \$9,005.00

Needed each week for 2026: \$2,542

BIRTHDAYS: 21st Pam Morelli

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: Shirley Holzinger – Family Birthdays

FLOWERS: OPEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Wade Billmeyer, Karmon & Meridel Christopherson, Tom Farrell, Robert & Dolores Kluwe, 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 19

"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.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

April 26 "Second Chances and First Impressions" 1 Corinthians 15:47-49

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God is the God of second chances, not for Himself but for others.

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: *Third Sunday of Easter - 1 Peter 1:18-19*

"You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot." Christ ransomed us and bought us back from the slavery into which we were born. We do not belong to ourselves, to the devil or to the world. We belong to Jesus. Therefore, we live our lives not in accordance with our own wisdom, but in line with God's Word.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"Sin has made an impact on human conception: Babies are conceived that the parents do not want, and parents who desperately want children do not conceive. Yet, I do not believe for one moment that there is ever an unplanned pregnancy. God personally knows every child even before conception. He has a plan to create, redeem, and call that child into a relationship with Him." *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, DVM – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • 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 **"A Girl's Best Friend."** Focusing on the here and now creates problems for a mother and her daughter and prompts spiritual questions for all. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Jeffrey Williams from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, MN, presenting a message titled, **"Their Eyes Were Opened,"** based on **Luke 24:13-35**. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

GDLCS 75th Anniversary Celebration – May 17, 2026

Help us share the news about this special event. If you know someone who would like to attend, please let us know. Interested parties can either call the church office at 612-781-1989 OR email info@gloriadeilcms.org with their contact information. Your help in connecting with our extended community is greatly appreciated!

As a reminder, remember to return your RSVP, especially if you plan to attend the luncheon. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

72nd Annual Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, April 26 (7 am – 12 pm)

It's for the Kids! Live Music by Joe Macko, Famous NE strolling accordion musician; All you can eat!; World famous Sentyrz sausage links; No one goes home hungry!

Sponsored by the Kiwanis International and the Lions International.

See the Morelli's for tickets.

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

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.



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