

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



"Our Good Shepherd Pilots Us Through
the Storms"

Order of Worship April 26, 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: God's forgiveness is a free gift of grace, offering complete removal of sin's guilt (past, present, and future) through faith in Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross. It is received by sincerely repenting, acknowledging sin, and trusting in Jesus rather than one's own works. It is not earned but accepted.

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 Fourth Sunday in Lent

AS WE GATHER: God's love is not based on merit; it is freely given, often demonstrated by loving sinners and offering redemption. It is steadfast and constant, not diminishing due to human faults or circumstances.

+ *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

vs. 1,2,3

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I need Thee ev'ry hour, Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine Can peace afford.

Refrain

I need Thee, oh, I need Thee; Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
Oh, bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their pow'r When Thou art nigh.

Refrain

I need Thee ev'ry hour, In joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, Or life is vain.

Refrain

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 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" LSB 575 vs. 1, 2, 4

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My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness
No merit of my own I claim but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

**Refrain: On Christ the solid rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne!

Refrain

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Job 38:1-11

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING

John 10:1-10

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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

**Guest Pastor Don Andrix
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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 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" LSB 711 vs. 1, 2, 4

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Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.

We are Yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way.
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray
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Early let us seek Your favor, early let us do Your will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

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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GDC's 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.

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

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

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
4/27 Mon	7:00 pm	Beginners AlAnon (downstairs)
	7:00 pm	AlAnon (upstairs)
4/28 Tues	7:30 pm	SLAA Group Meeting
4/29 Wed		<u>NO Bible Study</u>
5/01 Fri	5:00 pm	Living Word Music Rehearsal
5/02 Sat	10:00 am	Living Word Worship & Fellowship
	6:00 pm	Living Word Prayer Night
5/03 Sun		Fifth Sunday of Easter
	10:00 am	Worship Service w/Rev. Dr. Matthew Cephus
	11:45 am	Royal Family Worship
	6:00 pm	NA

SERVING TODAY

Elders: Daniel Carlson and Jason Matasovsky

Reading: Katie Beth Carlson

Ushers: Dale Raschke

Altar Care:

Counters: Dale Raschke and Sandy Westling

Attendance: 4/19/2026: 26

TODAY! Sunday, April 26 (7 am – 12 pm)

72nd Annual Pancake Breakfast

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.

Tickets sold at the door.

BIRTHDAYS: None
ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: Sandy Westling – Granddaughter Cassie’s Birthday
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 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.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

May 3

"Planning Is Everything"

Psalms 146:3-4

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Offer up your plans to God in prayer and see what God does with them. Let your plans become prayers that lead you to praise.

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: *Fourth Sunday of Easter - 1 Peter 2:21*

"For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps." Our heavenly Father wants us to grow into the image of His Son and to follow in His steps. Jesus suffered for us not only to redeem us, but also to show us what love looks like and to leave us an example of self-giving, sacrificial generosity. "Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure."

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"Sin and shame and guilt are taken away by one thing only—the blood of Jesus Christ—which cleanses us from all sin. Our sins have already been punished in Him, on that cross. Jesus bodily rose from the tomb so that we would know that now even death itself cannot harm those who belong to Jesus and trust in Him alone, for as He lives, so we live as well." *Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans For Life of Michigan – 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 **"Song of the Night."** A son's accident causes his family to question everything. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Martin Schoenfeld from Rose of Sharon Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove, MN, presenting a message titled, **"Abundant Life,"** based on **John 10:1-10**. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.