

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)

BE AN EXAMPLE



SET THE EXAMPLE—"YOU GO FIRST"

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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: It's easy to tell others what they should do. It's more challenging to lead the way first. But we must. In this teaching, we look at how Paul demonstrates this powerful truth in his letter to the Colossians and his reference to John Mark, who deserted he and Barnabas at the most inopportune time and caused a tremendous amount of pain and friction. Paul knew he couldn't ask someone to do something he wasn't willing to do himself. The same is true for us as well.

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 resume Bible Study at 11 am on Wednesday, June 3.

Continuing with the Book of Ephesians.

Bring your family, friends and neighbors. Hope to see you there!

The Holy Trinity

AS WE GATHER: As a child of God, being at peace with one another means actively pursuing harmony, extending grace, and prioritizing love over being right. It reflects the heart of Jesus and builds a strong foundation for the church.

+ *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

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Take my life, and let it be, Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;
Take my intellect, and use, Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

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 unto 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 +

HYMN OF PRAISE

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 4:20-27

My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you. Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 3:12-17

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint

against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 17:1-4

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

"As the Deer"

Psalm 42

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As the deer pants for the water, So my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship You.

Refrain: You alone are my strength, my shield To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship You.

I want You more than gold or silver, Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real Joy-giver And on You I can rely.

Refrain

You're my friend and You are my brother, Even though You are the King.

I love You more than any other. So much more than any thing. **Refrain**

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

"Shine Jesus Shine"

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Lord, the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, light of the World shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, Shine, Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, Blaze, Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, River, Flow Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word, Lord, And let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, Shine on me.

Refrain

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirror'd here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, Shine on me.

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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Thank you to the Anniversary Committee for pulling the 75th Anniversary event together!
It truly takes a village.

Tom Harris, Shirley Holzinger, Gwen Johnson, Patty Lyrenmann, Pam Morelli, Verlayne Sather, Sandy Westling

Tim and Tom Harris for putting together the Video

Julie Cross for the Anniversary Banner

Gwen Johnson, Tom Lyrenmann, Dan Moore, Mary Piper, Larry Schlais for helping with Maintenance

Matt Joy on Technical

Thank you to all who came to our celebration! The day was a huge success. It was fun to see everyone come together to celebrate 75 years of Faithfulness.

May/June Spring Offering

The 2026 May/Spring Offering will go to **Trinity First Lutheran School** located at 1115 East 19th Street, Minneapolis. **Use your "May Mission Offering"** envelopes to make a donation. Trinity First School is in the heart of Minneapolis and provides a Christ-based education to children through the eighth grade. The School is operated as an elementary school that serves children from early entry kindergarten (age 3) through the eighth grade and works to be known as a high-quality educational center for children, their families, and the community. Trinity First is 100% faith focused and faith is integrated into everything they do. 70% of their students are on full scholarships. With class sizes averaging 15 students, they strive to meet each students' needs.

Gloria Dei will participate in the Annual Northeast Garage Sales!

Just a few more weeks left to donate to the Gloria Dei Garage Sale. Now is the time to rid your home of the excess clutter. Gloria Dei's sale will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 18 – 20. As in the past years, Mary Piper will be organizing the sale and the sale will be held in her garage. If you have items you would like to donate to be sold at the garage sale, please bring them to Mary's house on or before Sunday, June 14 (leave them at the side garage door). All proceeds will go to Gloria Dei. If you have an interest in helping with any aspect of the sale, please let the office know OR speak with Mary directly – many volunteers are needed to make this sale a success and all help is welcome! All items not sold will be donated to the local area thrift stores.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

The Holy Trinity

5/31 Sun

10:00 am **Worship Service**
 w/Rev. Dr. Matthew Cephus

11:45 am Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm NA

6/01 Mon

7:00 pm Beginners AlAnon (downstairs)

7:00 pm AlAnon (upstairs)

6/02 Tues

7:30 pm SLAA Group Meeting

6/03 Wed

11:00 am **Bible Study**

6/05 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

6/06 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

2:00 pm **50th Anniversary Vow Renewal, Douglas & Kim Kraska**

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

6/07 Sun

Second Sunday after Pentecost

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: Jason Matasovsky

Ushers: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli

Altar Care: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli

Counters: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli

Attendance: 5/24/2026: 30 (Pentecost Sunday Joint Service)

Trinity Sunday is a designated day observed in honor and contemplation of the triune nature of God-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Traditionally celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost, it underscores the biblical truth that God is one Being revealed in three co-eternal Persons. Although the exact term "Trinity" does not appear in Scripture, the concept arises from the consistent testimony of the Bible, reflecting the Father's will, the Son's redeeming work, and the Holy Spirit's active presence in believers.

This day highlights the believer's call to worship the one true God in fullness, recalling passages such as Matthew 28:19, which teaches, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

BIRTHDAYS: June 2nd Verlayne Sather

ANNIVERSARIES:

ETERNAL CANDLE: OPEN

FLOWERS: OPEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Wade Billmeyer, Karmon & Meridel Christopherson, Tom Farrell, Robert & Dolores Kluwe, Larry Schlais, Pat Scott, Verlayne Sather and all our shut-ins

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

May 31, 2026

"A Friendly Recommendation"

Genesis 1:26

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

What happens when you find out that acquiring everything you've ever wanted... still isn't enough?

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

June 7, 2026

"Peter's Restoration—and Ours"

John 21:1-19

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies

Jesus forgives and restores us and He sends us out to offer this restoration to others, in His name.

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: *The Holy Trinity - Matthew 28:19–20*

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." Behold the threefold Name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are baptized into this Name. We have been made a part of God's family. Now, we are called to live in harmony with our new family, to be godly and live in God's image. As God is loving, kind and generous, so are we all called to be.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"If we want to save more Trinitarian-valued lives, then we need to knock a Humpty Dumpty way of thinking about words off the wall. We need to speak of the reality behind the word 'abortion' and use such a time as this to speak of the reality behind the Word made flesh to dwell among us and in us and for us. You have been called for such a time as this." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – 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 **"No Place to Hide."** A pastor, who has to face the death of his wife, cannot find comfort. The worship service begins at 9:30 with Rev. Terry Grzybowski from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Elk River, MN, presenting a message titled, **"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"** based on **Matthew 9:9-13**. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.