

# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

*(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*



## THE JOURNEY #1: "NOT THE DESTINATION"

**Order of Worship June 7, 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:** Abraham is often held up as a model of faithfulness because when God told him to go, he went. No questions. No "yeah buts." He didn't even know where he was going. But he started moving anyways. Abraham understood something about God many of us miss: God is the God of the journey, not the destination. And trusting God as we walk into the unknown is challenging for so many of us because we crave clarity. But when we bring that mentality to life with God, things don't go so well. By the end of this new series, The Journey, you'll understand how to adopt a journey mindset, what it looks like to journey well with God, and how to spot the things holding you back from moving forward in faith in the midst of the unknown.

*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.

# Second Sunday after Pentecost

**AS WE GATHER:** A journey with God is a spiritual path of faith, discovery, and deeper connection with the divine. It involves daily practices like prayer, reading scripture, and serving others, ultimately helping you find peace, purpose, and guidance during every season of life.

+ *CONNECT* +

## WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN**    **"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"**    **LSB 791 vs. 1, 2, 3**  
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All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell; Come ye before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid He did us make.  
We are His folk, He doth us feed, and for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise; approach with joy His courts unto.  
Praise, laud, and bless His name always, for it is seemly so to do.

## 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      "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"      LSB 791 vs. 4,5**

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For why? The Lord our God is good: His mercy is forever sure,  
His truth at all times firmly stood and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heav'n and earth adore,  
From us and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore.

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Genesis 12:1-4**

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

L:      The Word of the Lord.

**C:      Thanks be to God!**

## **EPISTLE READING**

**Hebrews 11:8-10**

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

L:      The Word of the Lord.

**C:      Thanks be to God!**

## **GOSPEL READING**

**John 1:29-31**

**L:** The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel."

**L:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

## **HYMN OF THE DAY "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" LSB 702 vs. 1, 2, 3**

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My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.  
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart; my zeal inspire!  
As Thou has died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,  
Be Thou my guide; Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

## **MESSAGE The Journey #1: "Not the Destination" Rev. Dr. Matthew Cephus**

### **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**

#### **"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**

**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

**6/08 Mon**

7:00 pm    Beginners AlAnon (downstairs)  
7:00 pm    AlAnon (upstairs)

**6/09 Tues**

7:30 pm    SLAA Group Meeting

**6/10 Wed**

**11:00 am**    **Bible Study**  
6:00 pm      Neighborhood Block Meeting

**6/12 Fri**

5:00 pm    Living Word Music Rehearsal

**6/13 Sat**

10:00 am    Living Word Worship & Fellowship  
6:00 pm      Living Word Prayer Night

**6/14 Sun**

**Third 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: Katie Beth Carlson**

**Ushers: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann**

**Altar Care: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann**

**Counters: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann**

**Attendance: 5/31/2026: 18**

**BIRTHDAYS:** None  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** None

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** Sandy Westling – Bob’s birthday

**FLOWERS:** OPEN

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Wade Billmeyer, Karmon & Meridel Christopherson, 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

**Alec Schwandt** (Morelli’s nephew) heart surgery procedure successful, thank you for all the prayers

**Jennifer** (Amy Rich’s sister) recovering from recent breast cancer treatments

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

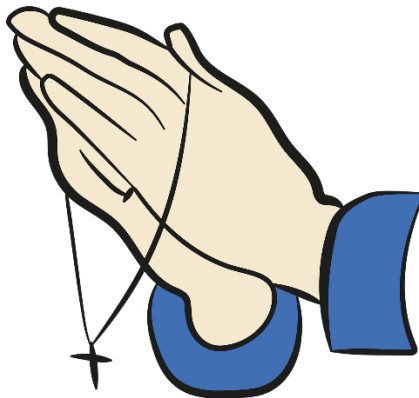
**Roxie Johnson** (Morelli’s niece) heart issues, upcoming surgery to replace small valve

**Kim Morelli and Amy Rich** (Morelli’s DnLs) both doing well with current cancer treatments, thank you for your continued prayers

**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**

**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.

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

**June 14, 2026**

**"Journey Through Anxiety"**

**Matthew 6:25**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Anxiety is like a "Check Engine" light for the soul that leads us to take all our concerns to the Lord in prayer.

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 after Pentecost - Matthew 9:9*

"As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he rose and followed him." When Jesus talks, Matthew listens and acts. Jesus says, "Follow me," and Matthew follows. What does this tell us about Matthew? It tells us that he believes in Jesus. Our actions flow out of our faith. Show me what a man does, and I'll tell you what he really believes. Our sinful actions uncover our false beliefs and our need for repentance and a return to the forgiveness we find in Jesus. Our godly actions display our faith in Jesus. What kind of faith (or false belief) do your financial actions display?

## **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:**

"Remember that our Savior was born into a human household ... He is our Friend, our Brother, He will help us in our time of need, especially when we seek Him out in God's Word and fervently in prayer. As you relate to others in your home, ask God's Holy Spirit to give you wisdom in difficult situations, mercy in abundance when forgiveness is needed, and love to cover all your family's interactions." *Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, former speaker of "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**Main Street Living** 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](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) select the "Twin Cities" tab.

## **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.

*38 pounds of food was donated to Salvation Army Food Shelf during May.  
Thank you to everyone who so graciously gave!*

## **Gloria Dei Needs Your Help**

Ushers are always needed, especially in the summer months! If your schedule permits and you are available to usher during any of the Sunday services, please mark yourself down for the Sunday that works best for you. The sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board in the front lobby.

## **Mark Your Calendars for the Fifth Annual Take It to the Streets Event!**

On Saturday, July 25th, Royal Family and GDLC will host the annual "Take It to the Streets" BBQ. It will be held on the church's front lawn, starting at 3 pm. Join us for food hot from the grill, salads and desserts, plus live gospel music, dancing, games, and a bouncy house. Bring your friends and family. This free event is open to the community.

## **Free community dinners at St. Timothy's | June 9 @ 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm**

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 825 51st Ave. NE, in Columbia Heights, serves a free community dinner the second Tuesday of each month from 5:30-6:30 pm (or until the food is gone). It's free and everyone is welcome, please spread the word!

## **Free Community Meal**

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 **June 11**, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12 and December 10.

*Gloria Dei will host Bible Study each Wednesday at 11 am, continuing with the Book of Ephesians. Bring your family, friends and neighbors. See you there!*

## A Blessed Month of June

Lord, thank You for the gift of a new month. Go before me in June and let Your blessing rest on my home, my relationships, my work, and my thoughts. Keep me from living this month in fear, hurry, or distraction.

Father, where I feel tired, disappointed, or spiritually dry, meet me with fresh mercy. Let June be a month of renewal in my heart, not just a change on the calendar. Amen.

