

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



THE JOURNEY #2: "TAKE THE NEXT RIGHT STEP"

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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: If God is a God of the journey and not the destination, then how do we journey well when there aren't any roadmaps? By examining Paul's first two missionary journeys in greater detail, we get an idea of how to navigate life's path when we don't have the luxury of an itinerary. By the end of this episode, you'll see how a willingness to take the next right step is crucial to relinquishing our false sense of control and journeying well with God.

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

Third Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: Instead of worrying about the entire journey, anchor yourself in the present, identify what is within your control, and simply trust the Lord and take the next right step. You don't need to see the entire staircase to start climbing.

+ *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN **"Take My Life and Let it Be"** **LSB 783 v. 1-2; 5-6**
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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 will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

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

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

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

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises In me fulfill.

Refrain

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE READING

Acts 13:2-5; 16:6-10

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them.

And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 17:11-14

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

"He Leadeth Me O Blessed Thought"

vs. 1,3,4

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He leadeth me, O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful foll'wer I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

Refrain

And when my task on earth is done,
When by Thy grace the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

Refrain

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Matthew Cephus

The Journey #2: "Take the Next Right Step"

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

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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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You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow’r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to You.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to You.

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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OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

6/15 Mon

7:00 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)

7:00 pm AIAnon (upstairs)

6/16 Tues

5:00 pm **Gloria Dei Council Meeting**

7:30 pm SLAA Group Meeting

6/17 Wed

11:00 am **Bible Study**

Gloria Dei Garage Sale – Thursday, Friday, Saturday – June 18, 19, 20

6/19 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

6/20 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

4:00 pm Living Word Board Meeting

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

6/21 Sun

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Happy Father's Day

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: Verlayne Sather

Ushers & Altar Car: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli

Counters: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli

Attendance: 6/07/2026: 27

BIRTHDAYS: 15th Meridel Christopherson
ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: OPEN

FLOWERS: OPEN

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

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

James Norman His cancer and pain have worsened. He is also losing weight fast.

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

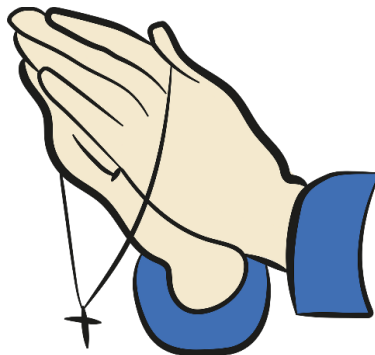
Roxie Johnson (Morelli's niece) heart issues, upcoming surgery to replace small valve

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 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.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

June 21, 2026

"Journey Through Depression"

1 Kings 19:7

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Depression can feel like being "stuck," but we are never truly alone. God meets us with His care and provision.

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 after Pentecost - Romans 5:8*

"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." God did not wait for mankind to make the first move. He did not wait for Adam and Even to come looking for Him — He went and found them. And while we were still sinners, still enemies of God, still set against Him, God looked on us with kindness and generosity, and so loved us that He sent His Son Jesus to suffer, die and rise for us. We now seek to grow up into His image as loving, generous and kind sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"It is important for each of us that we not forget how our country came to be an independent nation. It's even more important that we individually remember how dependent we are upon God's provision, protection, and blessing for those liberties we daily enjoy and use. Take the time to turn to the Lord with a thankful heart. Pray also for the willingness to share in the responsibilities and duties that belong to you as a citizen of the United States of America." *Daily Devotions, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • 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 "**Dead End.**" Because of frustration with his life, a man turns to drinking and another woman. The worship service begins at 9:30 with Rev. Keith Borglum from St. John's Lutheran Church in Montevideo, MN, presenting a message titled, "**Preparing to Meet God,**" based on **Exodus 19:2-8a**. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Stop by the Gloria Dei Garage Sale

The sale will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 18, 19 and 20 from 9 am – 5 pm each day. All proceeds will benefit Gloria Dei. The garage sale is always a great community event. All items not sold will be donated to the local area thrift stores.

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.

If you would like to help beautify Gloria Dei, for the Sunday Services, flowers can be purchased from Pletcher’s Floral for \$28/bouquet + \$12 delivery fee (OR you can pick them up). You can also bring in your own flower arrangement – think your backyard garden or the neighborhood farmer’s markets – both are great resources for summer bouquets. Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in entryway of the Church. Candles are also available at \$6 per Sunday.

Celebrate Northeast Parade

The 97th annual Celebrate Northeast Parade will take place on **Tuesday, June 16, 6:30 pm** along Central Avenue NE from 27th to 18th Avenues. The annual community event celebrates the individuals, businesses, organizations, faith groups, and neighborhood groups that contribute to Northeast Minneapolis.

Columbia Heights Jamboree

The Columbia Heights Lions will host the Annual Jamboree June 25-28. Thursday through Saturday there is a \$2 gate fee for anyone 13 and up; 12 and under are free with a paying adult. Hours are: Thursday, June 25, 5-10:30 pm; Friday, June 26, 3 pm-12 am; Saturday, June 27, 1 pm-12 am. The parade starts at 6 pm Friday; music by DNR in the Beer Garden that evening. Music Saturday evening by Joe Macko followed by fireworks at dusk. Sunday, June 28, a pancake breakfast will be held at Murzyn Hall in the morning; the Carnival is open from 12-6 pm with no cover charge and some special music by Klash Drums at 1 pm in the Beer Garden.