

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



"Love is the Key to it All"

**Order of Worship July 12, 2026 | 10:00 AM
Guest 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: We often use the term "minister" to refer specifically to pastors, but the Bible says it is anyone who brings comfort and hope to another person (Matthew 25:31-46). We can all be ministers in the biblical sense when we care for others and invest ourselves in their lives.

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.

**Note: Wednesday Bible Study will be taking the summer off.
No classes in July or August. We will resume on September 16th.**

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: Sharing God's love means reflecting His grace through everyday actions, kindness, and compassion. It's about being the hands and feet of Jesus, serving others without discrimination, and bringing hope to those who need it most.

+ *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN **"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"** **LSB 700 v. 1, 2, 4**
Text & Tune: Public Domain

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit; let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Finish then Thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise!

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

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 & Leviticus 19:18

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

1 John 4:7-17

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.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING

John 13:34-35

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

"How Deep the Fathers Love for Us"

Stuart Townend, 1995 Thankyou Music; admin. EMI Christian Music CCLI #1558110

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son, To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One, Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that left Him there, Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom

Message "Love is the Key to it All" Elder Jason Matasovsky, Preaching

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

"To God Be the Glory"

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To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

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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OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

7/12 Sun

10:00 am **Worship Service**
 w/Elder Jason Matasovsky Preaching

11:45 am Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm NA

7/13 Mon

7:00 pm Beginners AlAnon (downstairs)

7:00 pm AlAnon (upstairs)

7/14 Tues

7:30 pm SLAA Group Meeting

7/15 Wed

NO Bible Study

7/17 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

7/18 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

4:00 pm Living Word Board Meeting

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

7/19 Sun

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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

11:45 am Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elders: Daniel Carlson and Jason Matasovsky

Reading: Julie Cross

Ushers: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli

Altar Care: Morellis and Lyrenmanns

Counters: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli

Attendance: 7/05/2026: 19



BIRTHDAYS: 14th Nanc Rixe

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: OPEN

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

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

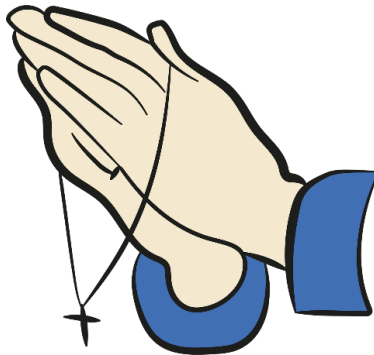
Roxie Johnson (Morelli's niece) heart issues, upcoming surgery to replace small valve

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

July 12, 2026

"Knight, Death, and the Devil"

Ephesians 6:12

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus has triumphed over all the powers of death and hell and He has pledged Himself to be your protector and the armor that you wear.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

July 19, 2026

"From Groans to Glory"

Romans 8: 21-27

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Glenn Nielsen

A day will come when the grief will end, the groans will be silenced. Jesus will return and the dead in Christ will arise with bodies glorified.

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: *Seventh Sunday after Pentecost - Romans 8:12*

"So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh." We owe the flesh, the world and the devil nothing at all. We are not debtors to these enemies; we are freed by the blood of Christ. We are joyful servants in Christ's kingdom — servants that He calls friends. We share our Lord's plans and purposes, and this gives direction and purpose to our lives.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"Realistically, most of us will never be more than ordinary, but that doesn't mean we're useless. God works through the ordinary, the mundane, and the commonplace. He worked through Esther, and He works through you to bless others in ways you may never know." *Grace MacPherson – 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 Will to Live."** A man leaves a large portion of his money to the church and hospital, then has his will contested by relatives. The worship service begins at 9:30 with Rev. Shawn Ethridge from St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Fulda, MN, presenting a message titled, **"The Right Ground,"** based on **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities' tab.

"Take it to the Streets" Picnic and BBQ

Royal Family with Gloria Dei's assistance, will host the annual Take it to the Streets outreach event on **Saturday, July 25 from 3 – 7 pm**. If you would like to bring a dish to share, there is a sign-up sheet on the front bulletin board OR monetary donations can be marked "Take it to the Streets." Help with set up and cleanup is also needed, please see Pastor Matthew if interested.

This FREE event is family-friendly and open to EVERYONE in the community. All activities will take place outdoors on the church front lawn. The festivities begin at 3 pm, so grab a lawn chair and we'll see you there!

Join **St. Timothy's** and the local community on **Tuesday, July 14, from 5 pm to 6:30 pm** (or until the food is gone) for their drive thru community dinner. All are welcome, so please spread the word! St. Timothy's Lutheran Church is located at 825 51st Avenue NE, Columbia Heights.

HeightsNEXT 2026 Summer Garden Tour

HeightsNEXT's annual garden tour will take place **Friday, July 17 at 5 pm**. The tour will start at the Blooming Sunshine Food Forest located at Lomianki Park , 80 39th Avenue NE. Garden tour starts off with a stroll through the Blooming Sunshine Food forest. Maps will be given with information about participating residential gardens. All five gardens are in Columbia Heights. Light refreshments will be served at the last garden on the tour. In case of a storm the garden tour will take place Saturday, July 18 at 2 pm.

Polish Fest - Annual Polish Festival

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Polish National Catholic Church, 420 22nd Avenue NE, will hold its annual Polish Festival **Saturday, July 18, 11 am-6 pm**. The event will feature authentic Polish food (folabki, pierogi, Polish sausage, sauerkraut/kapusta, hot dogs, rye Bread, chips, dessert, pop, Polish beer and coffee) and music. All are invited. Games for adults and children. Info: (763) 226 – 1626.

Community Night & The Big Picnic

In partnership with Silverwood Park and St. Anthony Community Services, The Big Picnic will be held at Silverwood Park on **Wednesday, July 22 from 6-8 pm**. Bring a blanket, pack a favorite meal and gather on the amphitheater lawn for a night of music, art and connection. Enjoy a music performance by Afflatus! Get creative with a free art activity and enter the Best Picnic Contest, with awards for the most impressive picnic setups. If you don't pack a picnic, a food truck and beverage service will be available, and guests are welcome to bring their own beer and wine. The event is free and no registration is required.