

For God so loved
the world that he gave
his only Son,
so that
everyone
who believes
in him
may not
perish but may have
eternal life.



John 3.16

Third Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship

March 11, 2018 10:00 am

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Welcome to God's House today!!!

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 help to you, please speak with the pastor after the service. We invite all guests to sign the Guest Register. We pray you will feel God's love for you and be empowered to live as God's child this week.

Today's Focus - Jesus Is Lifted Up on the Cross so We might Live

The people sinned by speaking **“against God and against Moses,”** and the Lord called them to repentance by sending fiery serpents, which **“bit the people, so that many people of Israel died”** (Num. 21:4–6). When the people confessed their sin, the Lord provided a means of rescue from death. He instructed Moses to **“make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole,”** so that **“if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live”** (Num. 21:8). Thus God sent His Son into the world, in the likeness of our sin and death, and lifted Him up on the pole of the cross, that whoever looks to Him in faith **“may have eternal life”** (John 3:14–16). By His cross, **“the light has come into the world,”** not for condemnation, but **“that the world might be saved through him”** (John 3:17–19). While we **“were dead in the trespasses and sins”** in which we once lived (Eph. 2:1),

Children are welcome in worship! If childcare is needed, an unattended nursery is open during worship services. It is located across from the restrooms next to the Church Offices.

Is there something you'd like us to pray for today? ***“Prayer Request”*** cards are in each pew. Please hand your request to an usher before the service or during the offering. They will give them to the pastor to include in the prayers for today.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. We joyfully share our conviction that this is The Lord's Table. We receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, together with the bread and wine in a manner our human reason cannot understand. (Real Presence) By communing together with our Lord:

- 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. Persons unable to approach the Altar may be communed in the pew, please notify the Pastor or Elder if you wish this service.

The white wine is denatured (alcohol removed)

4th SUNDAY IN LENT

AS WE GATHER: God's grace in the midst of suffering and brokenness. In the wilderness, the Israelites impatient and cranky with God. Their impatience led them to distrust God and Moses; so they refused to recognize God's grace toward them. For all our 21st century sophistication there are some striking similarities. They complained, so do we. They lacked patience, so do we. They failed to trust God, so do we. Our journey, like theirs, takes patience and grace. As we trust in His way, God makes us alive in Christ. He removes our transgressions and His grace snatches us out of eternal death's grasp. The very gift God promised.

✠ WE ENTER TO WORSHIP AND BE BLESSED ✠

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

*"As the Deer"
"I Love You Lord"*

*Psalm 42
Laurie Klein
Psalm 107:1-9*

INVOCATION

OUR CONFESSION

GOD'S ABSOLUTION

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Grace Alone"

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

✠ THE LORD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 21:4-9 **ESV**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 2:1-10 **ESV**

GOSPEL ANTHEM *"What Grace Is Mine"* Tune: *"O Danny Boy"*

HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

ESV

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY

"How Deep the Fathers Love For Us"

SERMON

"Mean? No, Merciful"

John 3:14-21

✠ OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

OFFERTORY

"Create in Me"

Hopkins

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

*"Lord, Grant My Wish To Know"
+ Silent Prayer +*

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ POSTLUDE

✠ WE DEPART TO SERVE ✠

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

March 11 "Condemned Already" (John 3:19-21)

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
Some things just work better in the dark. You know, things like watching for shooting stars and getting a good night's sleep or dreaming about the future. People love the darkness for a lot of reasons, and not all of them are good.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

March 18 "Thrown into the Arms of God" (Mark 10:32-45)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

The desire to advance your own interests can alienate you from others and God. Serving others without thought of reward is God's way forward for followers of Jesus.

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

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: March 11

"My heart goes out to those struggling with guilt from the secret sin of abortion—a burden carried by millions. These women and men should not be deprived of the forgiveness Jesus earned for them when they have a repentant heart. We need to speak up and let them know they can have the forgiveness Jesus bought for them through His life, death, and resurrection." *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life Regional Director of Minnesota – www.lutheransforlife.org (For those who have made an abortion decision, there is a [Word of Hope](#), Lutherans For Life's post-abortion healing ministry. Call 888.217.8679 or email info@word-of-hope.org.)*

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

2 Timothy/Titus

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

DISCIPLESHIP

NEW ENTRY DOOR LOCK

If you have had problems getting your "A" key to work in the inside entry door lock, you can rest assured it will work now. The lock has been re-pinned.

TOGETHER IN MISSION



At the Annual Voter's Meeting in November 2017, Gloria Dei voted to become a TOGETHER IN MISSION congregation. This partnership agreement means because of our desire to participate more directly and personally in God's mission of bringing the Good News of salvation to the very ends of the earth, we committed ourselves to support the mission endeavors of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod through LCMS

Mission Advancement in partnership with **Missionary Kayla Hoem while she is in Spain.**

Our agreement to support Missionary Kayla Hoem is the amount of **\$600** per year OR **\$150 per quarter**, payable quarterly for one year. This also includes praying in private and weekly in public worship for Missionary Kayla and the work of the Spain/Latin America Team; and to communicate with Missionary Kayla through letters, cards, and e-mails.

LCMS Missions in Latin America & the Caribbean **January 24**

Missionary Kayla Hoem arrived here in Santiago late last night. Today she will begin a brief orientation before moving on to Spain, where she will assist the mission with communications. Here is a link for more information about Kayla and the work she will be doing:

Most recent Facebook update - March 3

Yesterday I got to Seville, and today after updating my donor list, I realized that I'm over 93% funded for my 2 year commitment! After fundraising for around 6 months, it is such a blessing to be able to focus on the work God has for me here!! Thank you to everyone who is supporting me financially and in prayer!!!

If you would like to participate in the quarterly door offering scheduled for **March 12**, it would be best to use the **Together in Mission** envelopes with **your envelope number written** on it so as to get credit on your annual statement.

Thank you in advance for your donation to this important cause!

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

3/11 Sun	Fourth Sunday in Lent
	8:45 am Education Hour
	10:00 am Worship
	6:00 pm NA
3/12 Mon	6:30 pm AIAnon 1
	8:00 pm AA/AIAnon 2
3/13 Tues	9:00 am Fellowship Kitchen Cleaning
	6:30 pm All Boards Meeting
3/14 Wed	10:00 am BIBLE STUDY
	6:30 pm Lenten Midweek 4
	6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Study
3/15 Thurs	12:00 pm KOA/50+ "Ireland Trip"
3/16 Fri	5:00 pm TLWCC Music Practice
	8:00 pm AA/AIAnon
3/17 Sat	10:00 am TLWCC Worship
	6:00 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
3/18 Sun	Fifth Sunday in Lent
	8:45 am Education Hour
	10:00 am Worship w/HC
	6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Ushers: Morelli Family

Counters: Derald and Chris Hadrath

Altar Care: Shirley Holzinger

Attendance: 3/04/2018: 33

Offerings -- Regular \$3,575; Loose Plate \$30; Lenten

\$355; Street Repair \$200

Total: \$4,160

Needed each week for 2017: \$3,477.59

STEWARDSHIP: March 11: Lent 4 | Ephesians 2:10 – *"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."*

Even the good we do in this world is a gift from God, prepared beforehand for us to do. And this too is a gift! For isn't doing good also a good thing for the one who does it? So from first to last, from the Lord's free salvation given to us to the good works He's prepared for us to walk in, it is all a gift of God's grace.

BIRTHDAYS: 17th Mary Schneider

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: None

FLOWERS: None

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jean Brede, Karmon Christopherson,
Millie Demcho, Millie Eckhardt, Rose Ehnes, Deb Forsberg,
Harriet Harris, Ada Samson, Dorothy Woll, Margaret Maxwell,
Nanc Rixe

REQUESTED PRAYERS:

Larry Derksen (Shirley's brother) – recovery from surgery

Dr. Lori Ongeri (Debra Forsberg's niece) – for a baby boy

Jeffrey Lucero (Debra Fosberg's nephew) – Ulcer

Vera Gade (Pastor's mother) recovering in Rehab in Shakopee

John Gillund (Patty & Meridel's brother) aneurysms in
stomach/legs

Dick Gillund (Patty & Meridel's brother)

Elaine Gillund – surgery and radiation

Brandon Johnson (son of Lori Sharbono) continued good results

Roxie Johnson (Morelli's niece) heart issues & upcoming surgery

Steve Kaiser (friend of Patty Lyrenmann's brother) – COPD

Beverly Papcek (Grunnes' cousin) – numb leg, but not cancer

Amy Price (Morelli's niece) – treatments for stage 4 cancer

Jimmy Royal & Dave (friends of Dick Gillund)

Marvin & Norma Thor – poor health/stomach cancer

Mary Phillips and Dan Crocker – Chronic Illness

Nancy Tousant (Krystal Kruse's co-worker) – Cancer; will be
starting chemo/radiation.

"IN OUR PRAYERS" AND "REQUESTED PRAYERS"

If you have family members or friends who require our prayers,
please use the prayer request cards found in the pews or at the
Ushers' counter and give to the office. They will be added to the
Prayer list. Any updates to the current list? Let the office know

Direct Your 2017 Thrivent Choice Dollars by Mar 31, 2018

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice
Dollars® have until **March 31, 2018**, to direct them. Go to
Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836
and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

Month of February the amount of **\$326** was directed to Gloria Dei!

**2018 Midweek Series:
The Servant Songs of Isaiah
Midweek Services are on Wednesday at 6:30 pm
Lent Service Schedule**

Mar 14 Midweek 4 (The Suffering Servant) "The Servant Suffers"
Mar 21 Midweek 5 (The Triumphant Servant) "The Great Reversal"
Mar 29 Maundy Thursday Noon & 6:30 pm
Mar 30 Good Friday Noon & 6:30 pm

March For Meals Campaign

Eastside Meals on Wheels encourages you to take part in their **March for Meals Campaign**. On **Thursday March 22**, if you dine at **Ginger Hop** (201 East Hennepin), **Maeve's Café** (300 13th Avenue NE.) or **Culver's of St Anthony** (4004 Silver Lake Road), they will donate a portion of their receipts. **Be sure to let them know you are there to support Eastside Meals on Wheels**. All donations will help pay for meals for our isolated neighbors in Northeast, Southeast, South Minneapolis and the St Anthony Village areas. Thank you for your support!

For more information about Eastside Meals on Wheels, meal delivery, donating or volunteering at MEALS ON WHEELS, INC. please call Eastside at 612-277-2529.

SALVATION ARMY FOOD SHELF

Please remember those less fortunate by filling our grocery cart. **During the month of February 90 pounds of food was donated to our Minneapolis NE Central Ave location.**

High demand items are 100% juice; low sugar cereal; canned chicken, salmon and/or pork; low sugar canned fruit; soups (low sodium); dry or canned beans; granola bars and dried fruit; rice (white, jasmine, or brown); salad dressings; condiments and spices. Hygiene items: toothpaste; toilet tissue; shampoo; bar soap; deodorant. Your support is appreciated.

Same Program – New Name!

"Worship for Shut-Ins" is now named "Worship Anew"

Broadcasting a 30-minute weekly workshop service via television,
internet and a DVD subscription

Visit us at WorshipAnew.org | Call toll-free 888-286-8002

Catechesis Note for the Week

Why Are There Different Numberings of the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1)?

The answer to this question becomes clear when we allow God's Word to guide us. No one doubts the *number* (10) of the Commandments, (though there are not numbered or called Commandments, but the 10 words, matters or sayings.) Exodus 20:1-17; Deuteronomy 5:7-21; and mentioned as 10 in Deut. 4:13 and 10:4;).

The Jewish Talmud, makes the "prologue" (Exodus 20:2) "*I am the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Slavery.*" the first "saying" or "matter". It then combines 20:3 "*You shall have no other gods before Me.*" & verses 4-6 "*You shall not make for yourself an idol...*" as the second saying. Verse 7, becomes the third saying, "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD..." and so on.

Josephus (a 1st century Jewish historian) followed the Septuagint (the Greek Old Testament) used by the Eastern Orthodox Church and later John Calvin, (the Reformed tradition):

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| 1) Foreign gods (Ex 20:2-3) | 6) Murder |
| 2) Idolatry (Ex 20:4-6) | 7) Adultery |
| 3) Name of God | 8) Stealing |
| 4) Sabbath | 9) False Witness |
| 5) Parents | 10) Coveting |

St. Augustine followed the Talmud (Hebrew) in combining verses 3–6, but omits the prologue as a commandment and divides the prohibition on coveting in two and following the word order of Deuteronomy 5:21 rather than Exodus 20:17:

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| 1) Foreign gods & idolatry
(Ex 20:3-6) | 6) Adultery |
| 2) Name of God | 7) Stealing |
| 3) Sabbath | 8) False Witness |
| 4) Parents | 9) Coveting (material things) |
| 5) Murder | 10) Coveting (relationships) |

Unfortunately, churches do not number them the same but the 10 matters are the same but with different emphasis.

Today's Scripture Readings

NUMBERS 21:4-9: Surely evidence such as God's powerful deliverance of the Hebrews from helpless slavery in Egypt, the parting of the Red Sea, and the destruction of Pharaoh's army should have convinced them of their safety under his care. Yet repeated rebellion and continue carping criticism met his gracious providence. The punishment in today's readings brought death through snake bite. A similar bronze figure raised on a pole called for the obedience of simple faith to overcome the consequence of sin and to bring healing.

EPHESIANS 2:1-10: St Paul never had any doubts about the effective presence of a personal power of evil. Satan is active in that disobedience and sinful indulgence which brings about human separation from God. Be gratefully mindful therefore that God has by his own gracious miracle made us alive 'in Christ' when we were spiritually dead. We have been saved through our faith in Jesus; remember our own works have not saved us, but his eternally planned new creation has fitted us for a new life of holiness in his Son. That is part of his purpose.

JOHN 3:14-21: You would think that if salvation is free simply through looking up to Jesus who was 'lifted up' for our sin that many more would be saved. Sadly that is not the case. John tells us that the last thing the Father wants is to condemn the world. Otherwise he would not have sent his Son. However, the personal love of sin and darkness, together with pride in not wanting it to be exposed, prevents all too many from receiving his light for their salvation. It then tragically becomes judgment instead. Our prime aim then is to bring our sin into the light of the Father to permit his salvation through his Son (which has removed our condemnation) to transform our deeds also into light.

Lessons for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 119: 9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:32-45