



Fifth Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship

March 18, 2018 10:00 am

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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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)

5th SUNDAY IN LENT

AS WE GATHER: In order for us to get the full impact of the Gospel Lesson for this Sunday, we need to pay special attention to what Jesus says before the confrontation with the disciples "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the gentiles, who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise." The disciples didn't seem to be listening.... So it behooves us to check if we are listening.

✠ WE ENTER TO WORSHIP AND BE BLESSED ✠

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP "Lord Jesus Christ . . ." **LSB 902**

INVOCATION **Psalm 51:10-15**

CONFESSION

ABSOLUTION

INTROIT

Psalm 119:9-16

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

HYMN of PRAISE "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less" **LSB 575**

✠ THE LORD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Jeremiah 31:31-34** **ESV**

NEW TESTAMENT READING **Hebrews 5:1-10** **ESV**

GOSPEL ANTHEM "God's Word is Our Great Heritage" **Tune: LSB 657**

HOLY GOSPEL **Mark 10:32-45** **ESV**

THE NICENE CREED

HYMN "The Law of God Is Good and Wise" **Tune: LSB 579**

SERMON "The Road to Jerusalem" **Mark 10:32-45**

✠ OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

OFFERTORY "Create in Me a Clean Heart" **LSB 192**

OFFERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE AGNUS DEI

Tune: LSB 579

THE DISTRIBUTION Hymns during the distribution

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

THE POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"By Faith"

Keith & Kristyn Getty

+ Silent Prayer +

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

✠ WE DEPART TO SERVE ✠

TODAY'S 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.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

March 25 "And They Crucified Him" (Mark 14:24a)

Speaker Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Next week The Lutheran Hour celebrates the Savior's resurrection.

Today we mourn the unjust murder of the Savior by considering the text: "And they crucified Him."

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 18

"Ultimately abortions are antithetical to the Gospel message the church proclaims, as we marvel over the fact that Jesus says to undeserving sinners: 'I will lay my life down for my sheep,' and so He did, taking on our sin and shame and the debt that stood against us and nailing it to the cross. Abortion instead demands of an innocent life, 'You will lay your life down for me.'" *Pastor Gunnar Ingi Gunnarsson, Loftstofan Baptistakirkja, Iceland – www.lutheransforlife.org*

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Titus

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

DISCIPLESHIP

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

3/18 Sun	Fifth Sunday in Lent
	8:45 am Education Hour
	10:00 am Worship w/HC
	6:00 pm NA
3/19 Mon	6:30 pm AIAnon 1
	8:00 pm AA/AIAnon 2
3/20 Tues	7:00 pm Council Meeting
3/21 Wed	10:00 am BIBLE STUDY
	6:30 pm Lenten Midweek 5
	6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Study
3/23 Fri	5:00 pm TLWCC Music Practice
	8:00 pm AA/AIAnon
3/24 Sat	10:00 am TLWCC Worship
	6:00 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
3/25 Sun	Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion
	8:45 am Education Hour
	10:00 am Worship w
	6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Ushers: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer

Counters: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Altar Care: Shirley Holzinger

Attendance: 3/11/2018: 31

Offerings -- Regular \$1,446; Loose Plate \$40.10; Lenten

\$170; Street Repair \$1,000; Ash Wednesday \$20;

Missionary Kayla Hoem \$290; Lutheran Witness \$20,

Portals of Prayer \$10; Candles \$6, Flowers \$20; Rent

\$2,085

Total: \$4,107.10

Needed each week for 2017: \$3,477.59

STEWARDSHIP: March 18: Lent 5

Mark 10:45 – "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Jesus gives everything He has: He gives Himself. That self-giving is the model for our giving in all aspects of our lives. In our family, in our church, and in the world at large, Jesus calls us to follow His example in self-giving. We can only do this if we are connected to His self-giving in faith.

BIRTHDAYS: 18th Shirley Holzinger, 21st Dale Raschke,
23rd Sandy Westling

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: None

FLOWERS: Sandy Westling

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

SALVATION ARMY FOOD SHELF

**Please remember those less fortunate by filling our grocery
cart. Already for the month of March, 109 pounds of food
was donated to our Minneapolis NE Central Ave location.**

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

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 **March for Meals Campaign** is **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. Thank you for your support! Information about Eastside Meals on Wheels call 612-277-2529.

Silverwood Park Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 24, 1 – 4 pm. Participate in an art-inspired egg hunt, take photos with a bunny and enjoy musical entertainment and art activities. Hunts for ages 0-4 begin at 1:30 pm and 2:30 pm; hunt for ages 5-10 begins at 2 pm and 3 pm. Cost is \$5 for those who preregister and \$6 day of event. Call 763-559-6700 to register and save. 2500 County Road E, St. Anthony.

Women's Expo

The Twin Cities Women's Expo will be Saturday, March 24, 8:30 am – 5pm at the Minneapolis Convention Center Ballroom, 1301 Second Ave S. The event will include speakers and exhibits from a wide variety of women's experiences including work, family, relationships, wellness and community engagement. Info and tickets: twincitieswomensexpo.com

A BIG thank you to everyone who helped with the kitchen spring clearing!

Lessons for Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 118:19-2; Philippians 2:5-11; John 12:12-36

Columbia Heights Blood Drives

Memorial Blood Centers has scheduled two blood drives in Columbia Heights. The first is at State Farm Insurance, 4634 Central Ave NE on **March 22 from 1:30 – 4:30 pm**, the second is at Community Grounds, 560 40th Ave NE, **4 – 7 pm on March 26**. While walk-in donors are always welcome, MBC encourages appointments be made in advance. To register, go to mbc.org or contact the sponsoring organization directly. To donate, you must be in good health.

Seniors on the Go Trip | March 22 from 10 am – 4 pm

Spring Flower Show at Como Zoo & Conservatory

Reservations call Brian 612-370-4770. IF you would like to be added to the Seniors on the Go mailing list for trips and luncheons, please call Brian at 612-370-4770. The next luncheon at Audubon Park is on April 10 (reserve your seat by Sunday prior to the lunch date).

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!

Minnesota South District Leadership Summit

South Shore Trinity, White Bear Lake

Mark your calendar now and plan to join the annual Leadership Summit on **Saturday, April 14 from 8:30 – 2 pm**. The Summit will focus on the book ***Hinges: Opening Your Church's Doors to the Community***, where our congregation will provide feedback on the current standing in eight categories – the Summit will feature guest speakers, group discussion and break-out sessions (lunch will be provided). **Everyone Welcome!** Please be sure to read the book prior to the Summit and if you need a copy, ask the Pastor.

God is calling the church to open its doors outward as the people of God seek to establish connections, form relationships and invite new disciples of Jesus into the life focused on His good gifts.

Catechesis Note for the Week

What Is The Doctrine Of The Atonement?

The foundational truth of Christianity is that Christ Jesus died on the cross for our sins (1 Cor. 15:3). In this way he fulfilled the old covenant sacrificial system, reconciled us to God, and changed our lives forever. That is the **Doctrine** of the **Atonement**.

It's reality is not in dispute as Paul states in 1 Corinthians 15:3,4: ***I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.***

Though the Gospel according to Paul included a sinless and a bodily-resurrected Christ, he gives first place to the fundamental fact that ***"Christ died for our sins."*** In spite of the fact that some religious leaders object vigorously to the Doctrine of the Atonement, that the Death of Jesus Christ was sacrificial and necessary for man's redemption, we proceed on a sound biblical basis to pursue this great subject.

The word **"atonement"** is an Old Testament term. It appears only once in the New Testament Romans 5:11 where it is translated "reconciliation" in the English Standard Version: ***"More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation."*** So it is not just a simple analogy to suggest **"At-One-Ment"** as a way to understand this because the word atonement is used to refer to the atoning death of Christ through which the sinner is reconciled to God, restored to His favor. To atone for means to make amends.

In the Bible atonement is associated with the shedding of blood. God commanded Israel to set aside one day each year... which He called "the day of atonement" (Leviticus 16:29-30). The people were to bring a sin offering, an innocent animal sacrifice ***"whose blood was brought in to make atonement"*** God had said, ***"For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that makes an atonement for the soul"*** The NT states that ***"without shedding of blood is no remission"*** (Hebrews 9:22).

Today's Scripture Readings

JEREMIAH 31:31-34: Jeremiah's repeated condemnations of the people's unfaithfulness to their covenant God are followed in this reading by one of the most remarkable prophecies in Scripture. The marriage-like relationship established by the Lord in the covenant made at Mount Sinai was broken time and time again. God, though, would make a new and better covenant with both Israel and Judah. He would write the 'law' of this covenant into their hearts in such a way that it would transform and keep them permanently both as 'knowing him' and known by him. In the gospel promises, the sin which separates us from God is cleansed. Through Christ the Spirit 'writes' the terms of this covenant through the faith which receives forgiveness and then serves in love.

HEBREWS 5:5-10: To understand this reading we need to remember that Christ Jesus born in the flesh was both fully God and at the same time fully human. The two messianic psalm quotes (Psalm 2:7 and Psalm 110:4) indicate this. The priesthood 'after the order of Melchizedek' denotes a different order of priests than the Jewish Levites. Jesus could only be a priest 'forever' if he were fully God. Yet this priesthood required offering himself as the sacrifice. He therefore had to be fully human in order to die. Verses 7 and 8 powerfully demonstrate the human helplessness and intense suffering of Gethsemane in his prayers. To undergo this work successfully and to achieve universal salvation could only be attained through his perfection as God, but also reached through his perfect human obedience.

Mark 10:32-45 *We cannot make atonement for our sin by our own suffering and death. Only Jesus can make satisfaction for us. Only He can "drink the cup" of suffering and "be baptized with the baptism" of death for our transgressions. And yet, we will share in His suffering and death through our baptism into Christ and through the Holy Communion. These wonderful Sacraments give us the freedom and joy of salvation in Christ, but they also carry the promise that we who confess the name of Jesus will be called upon to suffer ourselves as a testimony to our faith in the One who suffered and died for us. It is sometimes in the suffering and persecution we patiently endure that we are the greatest servant of those who do not believe in Christ. "Greatness" in the kingdom of God comes from receiving the One who came as the suffering servant of all, as Jesus Himself said, "Whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life a ransom for many."*