



**Many people
spread their cloaks
on the road,
and others spread
leafy branches
that they had cut
in the fields.**

Mark 11.8

PALM SUNDAY
Sunday of the Passion

Order of Worship

March 25, 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 – The order of Service today is for both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. It is time when joyful celebration takes place under the shadow of death. We know what the crowds who shouted "Hosanna" to welcome Jesus did not know, that He was going to his death. We recall the time when He was greeted as a king who would give freedom to an oppressed people. Hosanna means "Save us now!" Yet here we also remember the struggle and suffering of Christ - the shadow of the cross later in the week that is cast back over the palms of the triumphal procession. Preparation with readings and prayers will help you greatly to enter into this season and to be ready to celebrate the great events of Thursday night, Good Friday, and Easter Day for which there will be special services.

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)

	<i>Peter Denies Jesus - v66-72</i>	
HYMN	"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"	LSB 440
	<i>Jesus Delivered to Pilate - Mark 15:1-5</i>	ESV
HYMN	"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"	LSB 449
	<i>Pilate Delivers Jesus to Be Crucified – v6-15</i>	
HYMN	"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"	LSB 449
	<i>Jesus Is Mocked – v16-20</i>	
HYMN	"O, Dearest Jesus, What Law . . ."	LSB 439
	<i>The Crucifixion – v21-32</i>	
HYMN	"O Dearest Jesus, What Law . . ."	LSB 439
	<i>The Death of Jesus – v33-39</i>	
HYMN	"O Dearest Jesus, What Law . . ."	LSB 439
SERMON	"It's NOT April Foolishness"	Philippians 2:8
	✠ OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠	
OFFERTORY	"Create in Me"	Hopkins
OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING THE		
OFFERING PRAYER		
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH		
BENEDICTION		
HYMN	"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"	LSB 441
	<i>+ Silent Prayer +</i>	

ANNOUNCEMENTS
POSTLUDE

✠ WE DEPART TO SERVE ✠

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

March 29 Maundy Thursday

Noon & 6:30 pm

March 30 Good Friday

Noon & 6:30 pm

**"We do not think ourselves
into a new way of living as much as
we live ourselves into a new way of thinking."
Henri Nouwen**

TODAY'S 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."

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

April 1 "They Were Afraid, You Know?" (Mark 16:1-8)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

It takes a lot to overcome fear, a lot of words, in fact a lifetime of words. Let this Easter Day be a new beginning of trusting Jesus' words of resurrection and life!

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 25

"Moreover, when Christ, the Son of God, was to be conceived in His mother's womb and become incarnate, He certainly had to be already present in essence and in person in the Virgin's womb, and had to assume humanity there." *Martin Luther (LW 37:62)*

• www.lutheransforlife.org

STEWARDSHIP: Palm Sunday Zechariah 9:9 – "***Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he,***

humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." No king ever rode to war like this. But no king had ever come to wage battle by dying. In His Passion, our Lord Jesus gives everything He has and is; He does this to bring us from death to life and to make us His own people.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Titus

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

DISCIPLESHIP

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

**Meridal Christopherson, Verlayne Sather, Shirley Holzinger,
Gwen Johnson, Pat Scott, Tom & Patty Lyrenmann,
Dale Raschke and Pam Morelli**

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

3/25 Sun	Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion
	8:45 am Education Hour
	10:00 am Worship
	6:00 pm NA
3/26 Mon	6:30 pm AIAnon 1
	8:00 pm AA/AIAnon 2
3/28 Wed	10:00 am BIBLE STUDY
	6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Study
3/29 Thurs	12:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship
	6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship
3/30 Fri	12:00 pm Good Friday Worship
	6:30 pm Good Friday Worship
	8:00 pm AA/AIAnon
3/31 Sat	10:00 am TLWCC Worship
	6:00 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
4/01 Sun	Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of Our Lord
	8:45 am Education Hour
	10:00 am Worship w/HC
	6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Ushers: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Counters: Verlayne Sather and Shirley Slagle

Altar Care: Shirley Holzinger

Attendance: 3/18/2018: 24

Offerings -- Regular \$1,596; Loose Plate \$50; Lenten

\$125; Together in Mission \$105; Flowers \$48

Total: \$1,924 Needed each week for 2017: \$3,477.59

Time is Running Out!

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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!

BIRTHDAYS: 28th Millie House, 31st Eleanor Grunnes,
31st Juliana Morelli

ANNIVERSARIES: 26th Rick and Vicki Tousignant

ETERNAL CANDLE: Sandy Westling

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

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.**



From all the people with developmental disabilities across the country who are served by Bethesda's ministry, thank you to the members of Gloria Dei for your generous gift of \$200.00!

Your continued prayers and gifts of support are essential to our success and are greatly appreciated. For more information about how we are working together to make a difference in the lives of people with developmental disabilities please visit us at

www.BethesdaLutheranCommunities.org

May you be blessed with all of the joys of this beautiful Easter season!

Peter Ferry, Mission Support Counselor,
Bethesda Lutheran Communities

Science of Meditation – April 3 @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Tuesday, April 3, 6:30-8:30 pm St. Anthony Library, 22941 Pentagon Dr.

This **free meditation seminar**, "Science of Meditation," focuses on the physical benefits of meditation, by Arlene Samsel. It's been proven through many studies that meditation is a verifiable science that improves one's focus and benefits one's physical, emotional and spiritual health. Learn this technique regardless of belief system, age, background or culture. It's a great help in dealing with one's "ups and downs" of life. This interactive presentation provides practical steps, tips and benefits of a basic, simple, nondenominational meditation one can use immediately and daily for a more peaceful life. Info: 651-636-4935

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.

TOGETHER IN MISSION



Thank you everyone who so graciously donated nearly \$400 over the last few weeks to our Missionary, Kayla Hoem. *Below is an update from Kayla.*

Training in the Dominican Republic

Late January I attended orientation in the Dominican Republic - the location of the Latin America and Caribbean regional offices. I was there for just under three weeks and got to meet our awesome regional and national teams as well as see

all of the incredible ways God is working in the Dominican.

I attended a home visit with two of our pastors. Every Wednesday, despite her health problems, Señora Carmen invites her family and neighbors over for church on her porch. This particular Wednesday five kids showed up to listen to the sermon, and it was encouraging to see God reach an entire community through this matriarch.

Another highlight for me was at Saturday morning kids' bible class. Most of the kids had pretty rough home lives, so it made me so happy to see them in this safe space participating in the activities and having fun. The teachers told me that the kids' behavior had improved since they started coming to class, and that some of the kids' parents had even started attending church!

I'm back in Spain!

March 2nd was my first day back in Seville, and it is so good to be back after almost two years! I'm working on getting settled in - finding an apartment, opening a bank account, figuring out my phone situation - as well as defining my new role as a church worker. I look forward to meeting more of our congregation scattered throughout the country, starting my first projects to better serve our members and reach out to our neighbors, and watching God's Word accomplish that for which He sent it

Prayer Requests

that I find an apartment and get settled in soon // that God would bless the Easter retreat we're hosting in Alicante for members of our church // for my family and friends back in MN, especially my parents Steve and Heather // for safety during Holy Week

There is still time, if you would like to help Kayla fulfill her funding, she is 94% there, please use the **Together in Mission** envelopes with **your envelope number written** on it so as to get credit on your annual statement.

Catechesis Note for the Week

What is the significance of Palm Sunday?

Palm Sunday began with Jesus and His disciples traveling over the Mount of Olives. The Lord sent two disciples ahead into the village of Bethphage to find an animal to ride. They brought [the donkey] to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it" As Jesus ascended toward Jerusalem, a large multitude gathered around Him. This crowd understood that Jesus was the Messiah; what they did not understand was that it wasn't time to set up the kingdom yet—although Jesus had tried to tell them so

The crowd's actions along the road give rise to the name "Palm Sunday": "*A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road*" The people also honored Jesus verbally shouting, '*Hosanna to the Son of David!*' '*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*' '*Hosanna in the highest heaven!*'" (Matthew 21:9).

In their praise of Jesus, the Jewish crowds were quoting Psalm 118:25–26, an acknowledged prophecy of the Messiah (Christ). The allusion to a Messianic psalm drew resentment from the religious leaders. The prophet Zechariah had prophesied the event we now call Palm Sunday: "*Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!... See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey*" (Zechariah 9:9). The prophecy was fulfilled in every particular, and it was indeed a time of rejoicing, as Jerusalem welcomed their King. Unfortunately, the celebration was not to last. The crowds looked for a Messiah who would rescue them *politically* and free them *nationally*, but Jesus had come to save them *spiritually*. First things first, and mankind's primary need is spiritual, not political, cultural, or national salvation.

The multitudes waved the palm branches and shouted for joy, yet they missed the true reason for Jesus' presence. They could neither see nor understand the cross. It is a tragic thing to see the Savior but not recognize Him for who He is. Yet, there is coming a day when every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (Phil 2:10–11). The worship will be real then as John records a scene in heaven (Rev 7:9) where palm-bearing saints will shout, "*Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb*"... *and who can measure sum of their joy?*

Today's Scripture Readings

ZECHARIAH 9:9-12 *The donkey that Jesus rode into Jerusalem signaled the fulfilling of the Old Covenant and the ushering in of the New Covenant in His blood. This "new colt" the foal of a donkey was a sign that Jesus is the Christ, the new King and Savior to whom the Old Testament Scriptures pointed and for whom the faithful Old Testament Church was waiting.*

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11: *St Paul uses Christ as an example of humility for the Philippian Christians. He who existed in full measure as God did not hesitate to lay aside his rights and majesty by assuming human form. This he did in order to undergo the humiliation and curse of human death, thus to serve the greatest need of humanity. After the cross, however, comes the crown. He now exercises every power, prerogative and glory of the Godhead which is his rightful due. Every knee must bow, whether in wondrous gratitude for free salvation, or in facing final judgment upon its persistent rejection. This reading conveys both the humble majesty of the entry to Jerusalem and the purposeful assumption of rejection and the sorrows of his passion.*

MARK 14:1 – 15:47: *The Passion gospel reading can be taken either in a longer form which covers the happenings from the Passover celebration through to the death of our Lord, or in a shorter form which focuses on the trial and crucifixion. In either instance, the gospel account does not principally treat the doctrinal implications of the death of our Lord, but rather gives a historical description of the events themselves. It is left to a pagan Roman army officer to see in Jesus' death the true sonship of God.*

Lessons for Easter Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8



Palm Sunday