

You seek  
Jesus  
of  
Nazareth,  
who was  
crucified.

He has risen!

Mark 16:6

## **Order of Worship**

**April 1, 2018 10:00 am**

# **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

*(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*

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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 – Today is the Day of Resurrection -***

The high point of our faith is the Resurrection since we celebrate every Sunday when we gather to worship and praise God in the truth of the hope of the resurrection. The beginning, middle and end of Jesus' life in the Gospel of Mark are connected by His baptism when the heavens were torn apart, Elijah is present in the person of John (Mark 9:13), a voice from heaven addresses Jesus as "**My Son.**" At the Transfiguration, Elijah and Moses are present, a voice from heaven addresses the disciples and identifies Jesus as "**My Son,**" At the crucifixion, the crowd thinks Jesus has called for Elijah, a centurion says, "Truly, this man was God's Son," These connections make clear Mark's certainty of Jesus' identity as the Son of God, and in consistent present of God's power with Him throughout His life and death.

***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)**

# The Resurrection of our LORD

**AS WE GATHER:** Jesus' resurrection from the dead is the single greatest event in all history. It's the turning point of history and the birthplace of all hope, peace, and true joy. What a day to celebrate! Christ lives! And because He lives, we too shall live! As Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15, ***"For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man."*** When Adam and Eve sinned, death arrived on the scene. When Jesus Christ rose from the dead, death was "swallowed up" in His resurrection victory. Heaven is ours, through Christ. Hope is ours, through Christ! Let the victory celebration begin and never end!

✠ WE ENTER TO WORSHIP AND BE BLESSED ✠

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *"He is Alive!"* Solo: K. Christopherson

**INVOCATION**

**OPENING HYMN** *"Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!"* LSB 457

**STAND** for the Doxology

**CONFESSION OF OUR SINS AND RECEIVING GOD'S**

**FORGIVENESS**

**ABSOLUTION**

**PRAISE RESPONSE**

*Tune: LSB 457*

✠ THE LORD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD ✠

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 25:6-9* **ESV**

**EPISTLE READING** *1 Corinthians 15:1-11* **ESV**

**GOSPEL ANTHEM** *"By Faith in Jesus Christ"* **Ken Bible**

**GOSPEL READING** *Mark 16:1-8* **ESV**

**SERMON HYMN** *"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"* **LSB 490 v.1,3,4**

**SERMON** *"It's not April Foolishness"* **Mark 16:1-8**

✠ OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

**OFFERTORY** *"Create in Me"* **Hopkins**

**OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING** **Psalm 105:1**

**EASTER PRAYER**

✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

**PREFACE**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**RESPONSE**

**"He Lives"**

**Tune: LSB 461**

**THE DISTRIBUTION - DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**"He's Risen, He's Risen"**

**LSB 480**

**"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"**

**Keith & Kristyn Getty**

**THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**EASTER RESPONSE**

*+ Silent Prayer +*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE**

✠ WE DEPART TO SERVE ✠

**TODAY'S 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!

**NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR**

**April 8 "It's Really Real" (1 John 1:1-3)**

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Here's the deal. If Jesus actually rose from the dead, it would be wise to believe in Him because there will be salvation in no one else. If He didn't rise, we're all toast. Tune in to today's message and hear why you can be confident Jesus' resurrection is really real.

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](http://www.lutheranhour.org)

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

**1 Thessalonians**

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY**

**DISCIPLESHIP**

**A MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Rosalina Ehnes is pending family decisions but is expected to be sometime in May

***Fellowship Sunday is April 8<sup>th</sup>***

***Thanks to Deb Panning, Lil Troiden & Diane Volner!***

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:** **April 1** "Jesus has really, truly, physically been raised from the dead! And God stakes His entire reputation on these historical Easter facts! Luke was no liar, the women were not delusional, and the angels are no myth. God proclaims His Easter truth to us so that we may know and believe that in Jesus all our sin is forgiven, death has gone to die, the devil has been defeated, and life lasts forever!" *Pastor Jonathan Kruschel, St. John Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota*  
[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**STEWARDSHIP:** **April 1: Easter** **John 20:1**  
"Now on the first day of the week ..." All is made new by the Resurrection of Jesus! Even the day of worship has transitioned from the Old Testament's Saturday Sabbath to the Lord's Day of the New Testament. For the Lord has made all things new: He has begun a new week for a new creation in rising from the dead as the New Adam. We are also made new in Him – a new heart, a new life, new desires, a new outlook toward God: all this comes from our Risen Lord's grace.



## **Spring High Team Party**

2018 Spring High Tea, a fundraiser for Northeast Senior Services. Enjoy 5 courses of savory and sweet treats matched with 3 teas, all while sipping from real tea cups – feel free to bring a friend.

**When: April 7, 2018 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

**Where: Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran,** 1509 NE 27th Ave

**Tickets: \$25.00**

Reserve your tickets by calling NE Seniors at 612-781-5096.

Northeast Senior Services, Inc. is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that serves seniors in Northeast Minneapolis, Columbia Heights, St. Anthony Village and New Brighton.

***Senior on the Go and Luncheons***

***The Next Luncheon is at Audubon Park on April 10.***

***Please call Brian at this office 612-370-4770 to reserve your seat by Sunday prior to lunch***

## OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

<b>4/01 Sun</b>	<b>Easter Sunday -- The Resurrection of Our Lord</b>
	<b>8:45 am Education Hour</b>
	<b>10:00 am Worship w/HC</b>
	<b>6:00 pm NA</b>
<b>4/02 Mon</b>	<b>6:30 pm AIAnon 1</b>
	<b>8:00 pm AA/AIAnon 2</b>
<b>4/04 Wed</b>	<b>10:00 am BIBLE STUDY</b>
	<b>6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Study</b>
<b>4/06 Fri</b>	<b>5:00 pm TLWCC Music Practice</b>
	<b>8:00 pm AA/AIAnon</b>
<b>4/07 Sat</b>	<b>10:00 am TLWCC Worship</b>
	<b>6:00 pm TLWCC Worship &amp; Fellowship</b>
<b>4/08 Sun</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>
	<b>8:45 am Education Hour</b>
	<b>10:00 am Worship</b>
	<b>11:00 am Fellowship</b>
	<b>6:00 pm NA</b>

## SERVING TODAY

**Elder: Karmon Christopherson**

**Ushers: The Panning Family**

**Counters: Verlayne Sather and Shirley Slagle**

**Altar Care: Morellis and Lyrenmanns**

**Attendance: 3/25/2018: 37**

**Offerings -- Regular \$1,448; Loose Plate \$53; Lenten**

**\$180; Together in Mission \$50; Rental \$150; Flowers**

**\$93.50; Lutheran Witness \$18; Portals of Prayer \$10**

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

### Vegetable Growing Basics Springtime Classes

As part of the U of M Extension, Hennepin County Master Gardeners is delighted to offer Vegetable Gardening Basics this spring in Northeast Minneapolis.

The Coordinator is Sarah Green Toews, Master Gardener Volunteer.

The classes will be held at Waite Park Recreation Center, 1810 34<sup>th</sup>

Ave NE from **7 – 8:30 pm on the first four Mondays in April.**

Week 1 – April 2 Starting Your Garden

Week 2 – April 9 Planting Your Garden

Week 3 – April 16 Planning Your Garden

Week 4 – April 23 Maintaining Your Garden

**BIRTHDAYS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Dorothy Norback, 5<sup>th</sup> Larry Schlais

**ANNIVERSARIES:** 1st Bob & Dolores Kluwe,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Richard & Diane Volner

**ETERNAL CANDLE:**

**FLOWERS:** Eastern Garden

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

**The family of Rosalina Ehnes** who was led to her eternal home  
on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**LaDonna Sund** (Verlayne's Sister/Lori Sharbono's Mom) – Knee  
Replacement surgery scheduled for Wednesday, April 4th

**"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





*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](http://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**

## **Did Jesus Rise From the Dead?**

Jesus taught that life does not end after our bodies die. He made this startling claim: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die like everyone else, will live again." According to the eyewitnesses closest to him, Jesus then demonstrated his power over death by rising from the dead after being crucified and buried for three days. It is this belief that has given hope to Christians for nearly 2000 years.

But some people have no hope of life after death. The atheistic philosopher Bertrand Russell wrote, "I believe that when I die I shall rot, and nothing of my own ego will survive." Russell obviously didn't believe Jesus' words. Jesus' followers wrote that he appeared alive to them after his crucifixion and burial. They claim not only to have seen him but also to have eaten with him, touched him, and spent 40 days with him.

So could this have been simply a story that grew over time, or is it based upon solid evidence? The answer to this question is foundational to Christianity. For if Jesus did rise from the dead, it would validate everything he said about himself, about the meaning of life, and about our destiny after death.

If Jesus did rise from the dead then He alone would have the answers to what life is about and what is facing us after we die. On the other hand, if the resurrection account of Jesus is not true, then Christianity would be founded upon a lie. Theologian R. C. Sproul puts it this way: ***The claim of resurrection is vital to Christianity. If Christ has been raised from the dead by God, then He has the credentials and certification that no other religious leader possesses. All other religious leaders are dead, but according to Christianity, Christ is alive.***

Many skeptics have attempted to disprove the resurrection. Josh McDowell was one such skeptic who spent more than 700 hours researching the evidence for the resurrection. McDowell stated this regarding the importance of the resurrection: *I have come to the conclusion that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is one of the most wicked, vicious, heartless hoaxes ever foisted upon the minds of men, OR it is the most fantastic fact of history. To me, it is the most fantastic fact of history ! Blessed Easter!!!*

# Today's Scripture Readings

**Isaiah 25:6-9:** *The mountain of the Lord, where He provides a feast for all people, is His Church in the eternal glory of heaven. In the resurrection to eternal life, the faithful have the promise that He will swallow up death forever and end all sorrow and suffering. In that day our confession of faith in Christ will be vindicated, as the prophet declares: "It will be said in that day: **'Behold, this is our God; We have waited for Him and He will save us. This is the Lord; We have waited for Him; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.'**"*

**1 Corinthians 15:1-11:** *St Paul explains the resurrection:*

*The gospel is good news of completed salvation ('good news in which you stand') but is at the same time continuing to work salvation in the people to whom he is writing (v 2 'you are being saved'). Basic and foundational to the truth of this message is the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. Paul carefully enumerates personal and irrefutable appearances of the Lord to different disciples and then cites his own supernatural experience of the risen Christ. The resurrection is still for us also the surety for our experience of the unfathomable grace of God.*

**Mark 16:1-8:** *Mark bears witness to the bodily resurrection of Jesus' from the dead. The angel, who appears as a young man clothed in a long white robe, and announces the victory of Jesus over death, reminds us of the young man who ran away naked in the Garden. Because of Jesus victory over sin and death, we need not fear confessing the truth of His victory over these enemies.*

## Lessons for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1- 2:2; John 20:19-31**

