

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



“The Lord Has Need of You”

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Palm Sunday

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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: Our focus today will be on the triumphant entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey.

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. e.

You have heard of Jesus, but do you know him? Join us for Bible Study

- Wednesday, March 27 at 11 am for mid-week service and bible study, followed by fellowship.
- **NO** Thursday, March 28 bible study.
- Please join GDLC for Maundy Thursday Service and Good Friday Service at 5:30, respectively.

Palm Sunday

AS WE GATHER: Palm Sunday reminds us about the day Jesus entered Jerusalem triumphantly. He didn't come to establish an earthly kingdom but first the spiritual kingdom. HOSANNAH IN THE HIGHEST!

+ CONNECT +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SOLO

"These Forty Days of Lent"

Bruce Cross

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 to our Heavenly Father who truly loves us and ready to forgive.

C: **Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

+ NURTURE +

Refrain:

**All glory, laud, and honor To You Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.**

You are the king of Israel And David’s royal Son,
Now in the Lord’s name coming, Our King and Blessed One.

Refrain

The company of angels Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation In chorus make reply.

Refrain

To You before Your Passion, They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.

Refrain

As You receive their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev’ry blessing, Our good and gracious King.

Refrain

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

The Coming King of Zion

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! 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.

I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-35

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

The Triumphal Entry

And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

SONG OF THE DAY

"Near the Cross"

Author Fanny Crosby/Tune Near the Cross

Jesus, keep me near the cross, There a precious fountain;
Free to all, a healing stream, Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain:

In the cross, in the cross Be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find Rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star Shed His beams around me.

Refrain

Near the cross! O lamb of God, Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day With its shadow o'er me.

Refrain

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, Hoping, trusting ever;
Till I reach the golden strand, Just beyond the river.

Refrain

MESSAGE

"The Lord Has Need of You"

Pastor Matthew Cephus

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.

PREFACE TO HOLY COMMUNION

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

L: It is our duty and delight at all times and everywhere to give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for You have enlightened us by the working of the Holy Spirit. Grant that the Spirit, who has called and gathered us, would guide us in all things, that we be enabled to speak the Gospel to others and rejoice in sharing the gift of salvation that is our treasure. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, with You and the Holy Spirit, is one God, through whom with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take this, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you, Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy, You would strengthen us through the same, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Ride On, Ride on in Majesty"

LSB 441

Text and Tune: Public Domain

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road, With palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on His sapphire throne Awaits His own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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

3/24 Sun

Palm Sunday

10:00 am **Worship with Holy Communion + Distribution of Palm Branches, Pastor Matthew Cephus**
11:45 am Royal Family Worship Service
3:00 pm Alpha Class
6:00 pm NA

3/25 Mon

7:00 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)
7:00 pm AIAnon (upstairs)

3/27 Wed

11:00 am **Mid-Week Service and Bible Study w/Fellowship**

3/28 Thurs

5:30 pm **Maundy Thursday Joint Service**
NO Thursday Evening Bible Study

3/29 Fri

5:30 pm **Good Friday Joint Service**
7:15 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

3/30 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship
6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

3/31 Sun

The Resurrection of Our Lord

11:00 am **Joint Worship with Holy Communion,**
Guest Pastor William Utech Preaching
6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Reading: Julie Cross

Ushers: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli

Altar Care: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli

Counters: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli

Attendance 3/17/2024: 35

Gloria Dei Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday, March 28 Worship Service, 5:30 pm

Good Friday, March 29 Worship Service, 5:30 pm

Easter Sunday, March 31 Joint Worship Service, 11 am with guest Pastor William Utech

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

March 24

"Repurposed Joy and Junk"

(Mark 14:1-11)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

There are artists who can take old junk and turn it into something new and beautiful. Dr. Michael Zeigler tells how Jesus repurposes both the junk and the joy in our lives.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

March 31

"Eucatastrophe"

(Mark 16:6-7)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The top three best-selling books all present visions of hope, but how they hope to achieve it is a much different story.

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: *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 Sabbath (Saturday) to the Lord’s Day of the New Testament (Sunday). For the Lord has made all things new: In rising from the dead as the new Adam, He has begun a new week for a new creation. 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. Especially after the sort of year we’ve had since last Easter, it sure is good news to hear that the Lord makes all things start afresh!

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

“The disciples and the first century Christians may have felt like they were on the losing side. They had their doubts and fears. Maybe you do, too. They may have lost some earthly things. You may, too. But Jesus takes away the fear and the doubt. You have hope in His resurrection. You have hope even through the trials of life. You have a living hope in your living Lord.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – 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 **“Holy Land Tour pt. 2”** – A video tour of locations in Jesus’ earthly ministry, led by SD pastor Nabil Nour who grew up in Israel. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. James Norton from Bethlehem and Zion Lutheran Churches in Fall Creek, WI, presenting a message titled **“Does the Cross Make Sense?”** based on **1 Corinthians 1:18**. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the “Twin Cities” tab.

BIRTHDAYS: None

ANNIVERSARIES: 26th Rick and Vicki Tousignant

ETERNAL CANDLE: Sandy Westling – In Memory of Mom and Grandma

FLOWERS: OPEN

Wade Billmeyer has made the decision to have a second surgery for a benign brain tumor. It is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27 at the Mayo Clinic. Rehab will follow. Please keep Wade in your prayers and ask our Heavenly Father to strengthen and comfort him with the power of healing.

PRAYER CONCERNS

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Robert & Delores Kluwe, Larry Schlais, Aaron Morelli and all our shut-ins

Pastor Jim Gullickson (Sandy Westling's friend) hospitalized after stroke. Paralyzed on left side, feeding tube (unable to swallow food). Prayers for recovery; he will need a lot of PT, OT and Speech Therapy.

John (Meridel and Patty's brother) transplanted kidney issues, continued prayers

Butch Morelli – Blocked carotid artery, surgery postponed; continued prayers

Amy Rich (Morelli's DnL) – ongoing treatment after successful surgery for breast cancer

Nonie Wakeman (Shirley Slagle's SnL) diagnosed with Lung Cancer

Karen (Karmon's sister) Recently diagnosed with cancer (Warren's wife)

James Norman, Sr. (James' dad) Being treated for Stage 4 cancer

Kurt Nowacki (Bruce & Julie Cross' Brother-in-Law) recently diagnosed with 'myopathy,' a degenerative muscle disease

Bruce (Wenda Schwoch's BiL has stage 4 prostate cancer and **Ashley** (Wenda's niece) continued prayers

John (Karmon/Meridel SnL) has been diagnosed with chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML), prayers for good results on continued cancer treatments

Roxie Johnson (Morelli's niece) heart issues, pacemaker implanted, continued prayers

Warren (Karmon's BnL) Receiving chemo and radiation for Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

Ty (Wade Billmeyer's Friend of a friend) continued prayers

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

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.

Kitchen Clean Up a Success!

Thank you to **EVERYONE** who helped with the Annual Kitchen Clean-Up!
"Many Hands Make Light Work" Nehemiah 3

Thrivent Choice Dollars Expire March 31!

Thrivent Choice Dollars, expire on March 31. During the month of February, GDLC received \$141 and with your generosity, we received \$777 for 2023.

Only about 1/3 of Thrivent members take advantage of this benefit, which means charities lose 2/3 of the Thrivent Choice Dollars. It is simple and doesn't cost you anything but your time. You must renew the distribution of your Choice Dollars every year. Your choice of a prior year does not carry over. There are two ways to direct your Choice Dollars. Go to www.thrivent.com and click on Generosity or call 1-800-847-4836 and say "choice dollars" at automation.

Thank you for considering GDLC when making your Choice Dollars donation.

Easter Bake Sale & Craft Fair

Sunday, March 24, 8 am-2 pm in Kolbe Center at Holy Cross Church, 1630 4th St. NE. Baked goods, handmade crafts, assorted snacks, edible sugar eggs for sale. Free cookie decorating and crafts for children Saturday 1-3 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Ukrainian Easter Egg ("Pysanky") Festival

St. Michael's & St. George's Ukrainian Orthodox Church invites you to attend their annual Ukrainian Easter Egg Festival on **Sunday, March 24, 11 am–2 pm**. The event will feature the sale of traditional Ukrainian decorated Easter eggs, Easter breads and baked goods, hand-crafted artwork, a traditional Ukrainian dinner (eat-in or take-out) and homemade "pierogies". Admission is free. The Church Hall is at 505 Fourth Street NE.

The Last Supper, A Dramatic Retelling

Experience the life of Jesus and his best friend Peter in a whole new way. This drama recounts the life of the disciple Peter. He is a fisherman who gets called into a revolutionary movement that changes the world. Suitable for all ages. First Lutheran Church of Columbia Heights, 1555 40th Ave. NE. **Thursday and Friday, March 28 & 29, 7-8:30 pm.**

Egg Hunt – Neighborhood Egg Hunt on **Saturday, March 30, at 9:30 am.**

Waite Park, 1810 34th Ave. NE. Register at Waiteparkchurch.org.