

Welcome!

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is truly a special place. We are a growing congregation with a long history of service in our community. We have opportunities for everyone to connect and deepen their faith in Jesus, such as small groups, music ensembles, service teams, and much more. So jump on in and join us in ministry!

Our church is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

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Communion at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Communion for all who wish to receive it is offered at all weekend services. Worshipers who are physically unable to come forward may receive communion in their seats (please let the usher know). Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also offered at each of the communion stations at all worship services.

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GLORIA DEI

LUTHERAN CHURCH

RESURRECTION of our LORD

EASTER FESTIVAL

9:00 AM, SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

INTROIT

“An Easter Proclamation” arr. Tom Fettke

WELCOME

Pastor Edd Wunderlich

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him, all creation is made new! Indeed, “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34): Christ’s resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God’s faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God’s endless love.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. ...

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS continued...

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I, therefore, declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.



Gathering

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer Concerns

COMFORT

- Family & friends of Henry Kester: Cheryl Christensen
- Family & friends of Karen Boevers: cousin of Bob Happel

THANKSGIVING

- Thank you for the cards and prayers for the last two months. I'm hoping to return to Gloria Dei this weekend.- David Schimanski

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Easter Breakfast----Sunday, April 5th, 8:15-11:15 am.
- Festival of the Resurrection----Sunday, April 5th at 9:00 am
- Friday, April 10th, from 8 am to 5 pm is the Life Line Screening.
- Ellie Bargmann needs a kidney transplant. We are currently collecting donations to raise money for transplant-related expenses. Her website through COTA, Children's Organ Transplant Association, is <https://cota.org/cotaforelliesjourney/our-story/>. COTA is a 503 and a wonderful organization. Thank you, Starla

Prayer Concerns

HEALING

- *Mary Ann Tavares
- *Linda Halverson: cousin fo Mary Engebretson
- *Becca Moermond: sister of Sarah Cline
- Lucis & Blonca: Mark Sherbo
- Bonnie Reabe: Pam Kerns
- Jen Williams
- Rosie Payne: friend of the Sherbo
- Elizabeth Long: niece of Bob Long
- Ellie Bargmann
- Jeff Voth: Kay Lehr
- Jeff Boomgarden
- Starla Bargmann: Ellie Bargmann

MILITARY

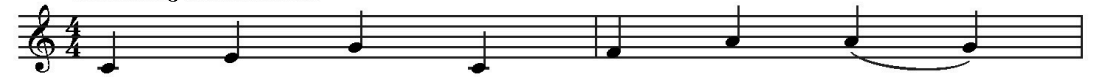
- Wounded Warriors: Gayle & Rena Mason
- Brandon Curtis: Mark Sherbo's nephew
- Dawn Michael: Cheryl Christensen
- Mylo Lassiter: Nephew of Mark Sherbo
- Danny Webster: Mary Engebretson

CONCERN

- *John Loveless: brother of Mary Engebretson

GATHERING HYMN *Christ The Lord Is Risen Today* by Lloyd Larson Incorporating: EASTER HYMN from Lyra Davidica

Please sing when directed.



1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day,
2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done,
3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
4. Soar we now where Christ has led,



All - le - lu - ia! All cre - a - tion,
Fought the fight, the
Where, O death, is
Fol - l'wing our ex -



join. to say
bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
now thy sting?
alt - ed Head,



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
Death in vain for - bids Him rise, Al - le -
Once He died our souls to save,
Made like Him, like Him we rise,



lu - ia! Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth re - ply,
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise,
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.



All - le - lu - ia!



Kyrie

A:

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Easter Lily Dedications

To the glory of God ~ Carol Stenzel

In loving memory of Our Parents ~ Ray & Kris Smither

In loving memory of Maurice & Margaret Lamb & Vickie Sue Groenke ~ Steve & Sandy Fogt

In loving memory Norman & Donna Ruth Fogt

To the glory of God ~ Keith, Julia, & Anya Kuhn

To the glory of God ~ Marilyn Johnson

In loving memory of Jerry Shireman ~ Jennifer Shireman

In loving memory of Dena McMillin ~ Jennifer Shireman

In loving memory of Christopher ~ Bob & Kitty Long

In loving memory of Matthew ~ Bob & Kitty Long

In honor of our Children & Grandchildren ~ Tommy & MaryGene Tedford

In honor of Women's Fellowship Group ~ Tommy & MaryGene Tedford

Easter Lily Dedications

*In loving memory of Marvin & Helen Muller, Alfred &
Alberta Sick ~ David & Carolyn Sick*

*In honor of the Birth of our Grandson, August James Smith
~ Dale & Elaine Brouk*

In honor of Family ~ David & Carol Kuhr

*In loving memory of Don Higginbotham
~ RoseMarie Higginbotham*

In loving memory of Becky Dovel ~ Greg Dovel

*In honor of my Children, my Grandchildren, & my Great-
Grandchildren ~ Darlus Wolff*

*In loving memory of Henry & Mary Schimanski
~ David Schimanski*

To the glory of God ~ Mary Engebretson

In loving memory of our Parents ~ Rena & Gayle Mason

In honor of Family ~ Norma Weaver

In loving memory of Bill Stenzel ~ Carol Stenzel



Canticle of Praise

A:

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

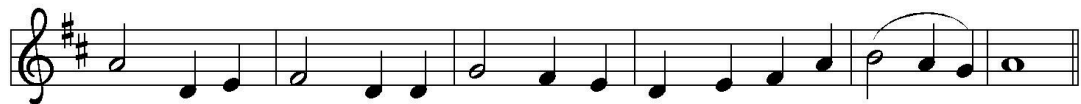
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



Canticle of Praise



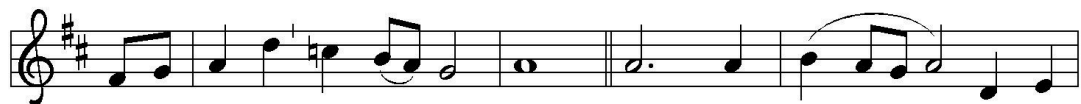
A: God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Easter Lily Dedications

In honor of our siblings and the love they share ~ Julie & Mark Sherbo

In loving memory of Dan Wolf ~ Lorrie Wolf

In honor of Family ~ Connie & Don Bennett

In loving memory of Jack & Jason Efaw ~ Lona Efaw

In honor of our Parents ~ Armand & Jo Matthews

In loving memory of Todd Matthews ~ Armand & Jo Matthews

To the Glory of God ~ Dennis & Lisa Eckold

In loving memory of Bob & Bobbie Nelson ~ Lloyd & Pam Kerns

In loving memory of Jay Williams & Paul Campbell ~ Alan & Jen Williams

In loving memory of Myron & Betty Schultz

In loving memory of Dr. Jeffrey Luerding

SENDING HYMN

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today” ELW #365

DISMISSAL

Christ is Risen! He is Risen...
Indeed, Alleluia!

Together with Christ, We care!

Alleluia!
HE IS ALIVE!

RECESSIONAL



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection, you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHOIR

“Jesus Is Alive!” arr. Larry Shackley

CHILDRENS TIME



The Word

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

34 Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



The Word

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

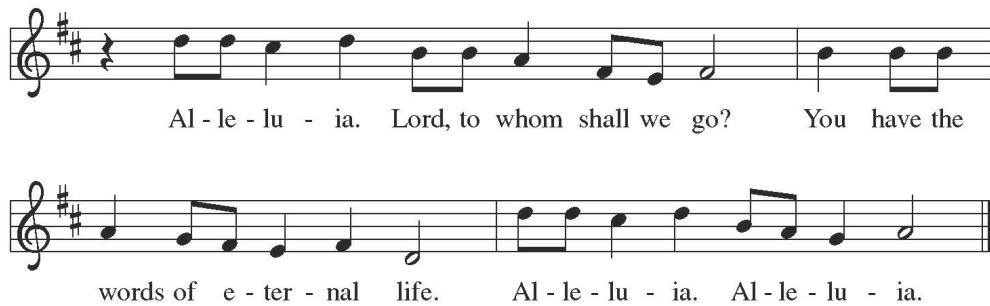
1 If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, 3 for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation



GOSPEL

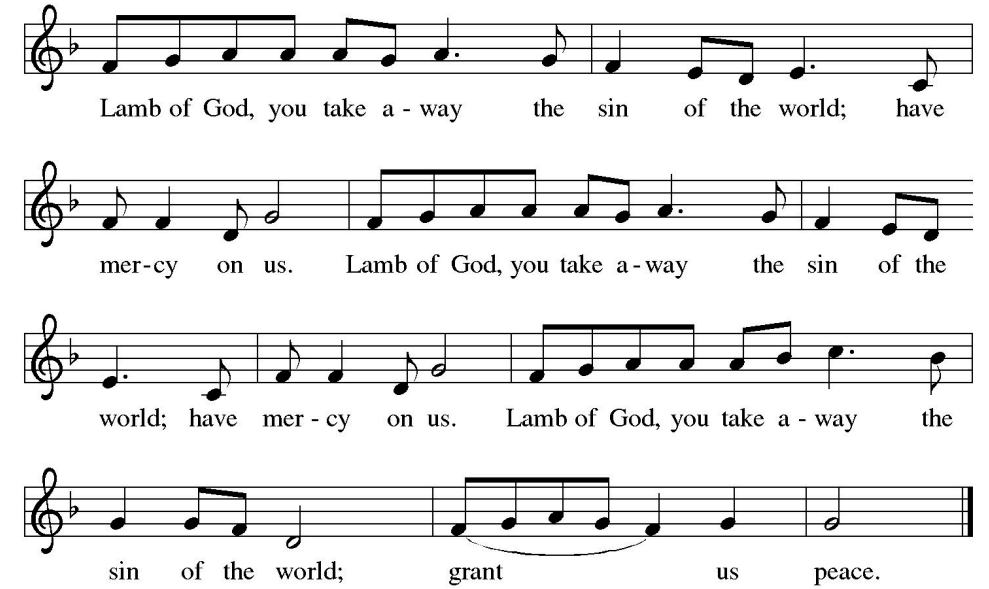
Matthew 28:1-10

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

COMMUNION SONG



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection, you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.



Sending

BLESSING

A:

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. Amen.



Great Thanksgiving

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.



Holy Communion

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor Edd Wunderlich



Sermon

SERMON

Pastor Edd Wunderlich

“It’s a Wrap!”

Hymn of the Day “THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT”
ELW #384



The Creed

CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him, all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



Offering

SOLO

“An Easter Hallelujah”

performed by Ronnie Benford and Payten Davis

ENGLISH TEXT

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand
at the latter day upon the earth.

And tho’ worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.
For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.



Offering Prayer

Let us pray.
Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you
shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give
us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those
in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.



Prayer and Reflection

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A:

*Each petition ends with,

A: “God of grace,” C: “hear our prayer.”

*The prayer concludes with,

A: “. . . Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.” C: “Amen.”



Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.