

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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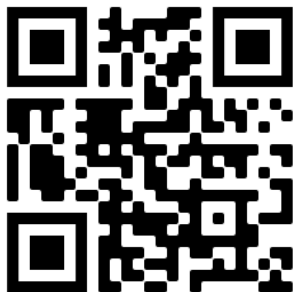
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Communion at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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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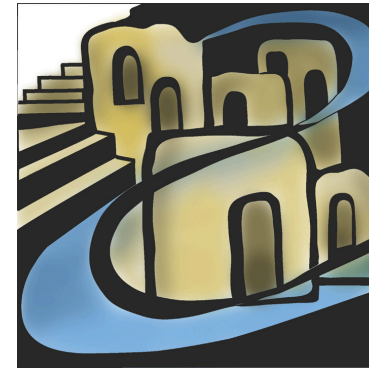
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GLORIA DEI

LUTHERAN CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY

of EASTER

MAY 2 & 3, 2026

WELCOME

Pastor Edd Wunderlich

CONFESSION

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.

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.

FORGIVENESS

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

ENTRANCE HYMN

"O God Our Help In Ages Past" ELW 632
v.1-4



Greetings

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 List

GRIEVING COMFORT

- *Family & friends of Nancy Fansker: Gayle & Rena Mason
- *Family & friends of Bonnie Carpenter: Gayle & Rena Mason
- Family & friends of Kathy Crabaugh: stepsister of Julie Sherbo
- Family & friends of Ravenscraft family: Bob Brunker

THANKSGIVING

- I wanted to thank everyone for the meals but more importantly your continued prayers and friendship as I adjust to a new normal. ~ Nicci Ericksen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Prayer List

HEALING

- *Kathy Nelson: sister of Mark Sherbo
- *Michael Weaver: son of Norma Weaver
- *Brenda Flint: cousin of Cindy McCaffrey
- *Linda Young
- *Tom Tedford: son of MaryGene & Tommy Tedford
- *Don Hill: Gayle & Rena Mason
- The people of the U.S. Northern Mariana Islands: Julie Sherbo
- Kevin Engles: Pam Kerns
- Jo Ellen Witt
- Mary Ann Tavares
- Becca Moermond: sister of Sarah Cline
- 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

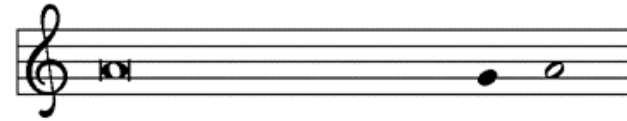
CONCERN

- Annette White: call-in request
- My parents on their mission
- John Loveless: brother of Mary Engebretson



Kyrie

A:



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



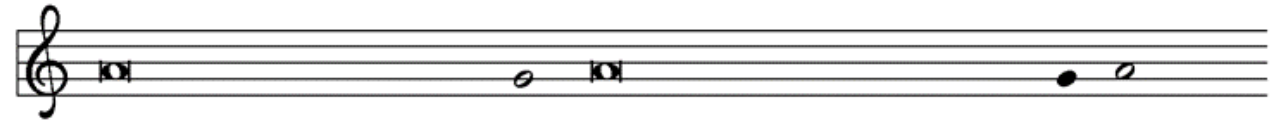
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, 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.



Kyrie Continued




Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Important Dates!

Current Drive

Can Meals Food Drive

Monday - Friday

9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care

Tuesday

6:45 am NorQuest

Wednesday

9:30 am Women's Fellowship; 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday

5:00 pm Worship

Sunday (Mother's Day)

9:00 am Worship; 11 am GS Mass

Altar Flowers

May 3 In loving memory of Roger Lehr ~ Kay Lehr



Sending

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“All Creatures Worship God Most High” ELW 835

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Together With Christ.... **We Care!!!!**

CHOIR MUSIC

“When I Survey The Wondrous Cross” arr. Lloyd Larson

Children's Message



The Word

5:00 pm Greg Dovel

9:00 am Brian Ericksen (Lector: Treva DeLeon)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.



The First Reading

ACTS 7:55-60

⁵⁵ Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Holy Communion

COMMUNION SERVERS

Volunteers Needed

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor Edd Wunderlich

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God

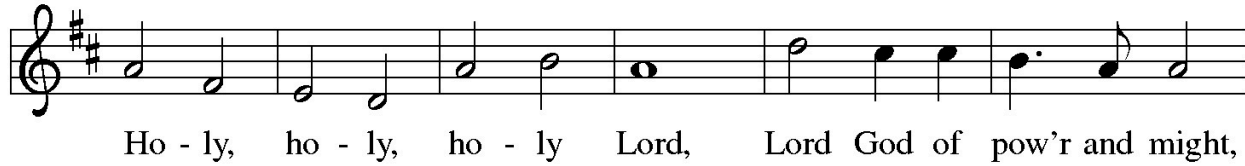
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

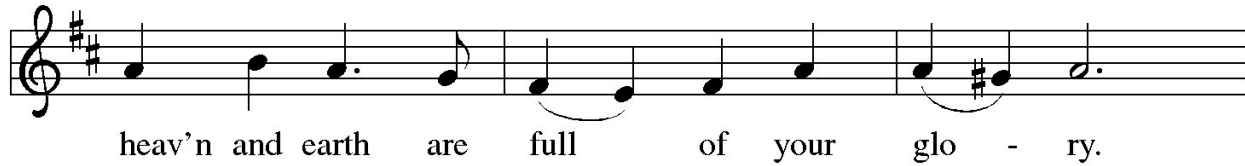
O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
 Amen.



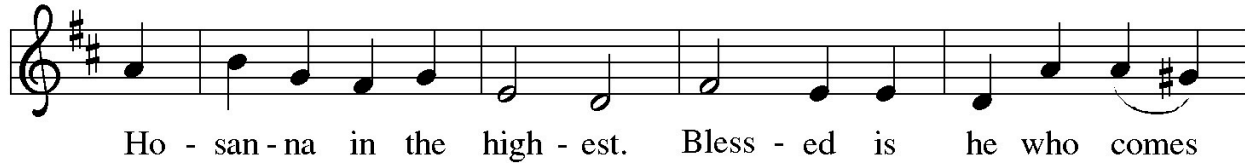
Holy, Holy, Holy



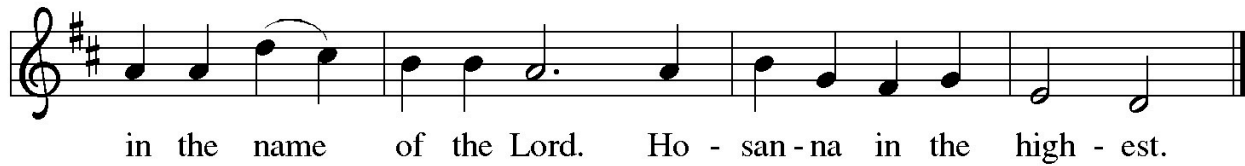
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.



The Psalm Reading

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame; deliver me | in your righteousness.

² **Incline your | ear to me; make haste to de- | liver me.**

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag | and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.

⁴ **Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me, for you are my tow- | er of strength. R**

⁵ Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, | God of truth.

¹⁵ **My times are | in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.**

¹⁶ Let your face shine up- | on your servant; save me in your | steadfast love." **R**



The Second Reading

1 PETER 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,
“The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” ⁸ and

“A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



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.



The Offering

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.



Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.





The Gospel Reading

JOHN 14:1-14 Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Sermon

SERMON

Pastor Edd Wunderlich

“Seeing the Way When the World Turns Against You”

HYMN of the DAY

“For All the Saints” ELW 422



Prayer and Reflection

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A:

*Each petition ends with,

A: “Merciful God,” **C:** **“receive our prayer.”**

*The prayer concludes with,

A: “. . . Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.” **C:** **“Amen.”**