

## 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.

## Connect with Us!

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### Your Church Staff

#### Pastor

Rev. Edd Wunderlich

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# GLORIA DEI

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY

*in* LENT

FEBRUARY 28 & MARCH 1, 2026

### WELCOME

Pastor Edd Wunderlich

### CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION for LENT

In this season of repentance and reflection, we come before God remembering our need for mercy. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.  
Silence for reflection.

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.**

**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.**

**We have turned inward, trusting in ourselves rather than in Your mercy.**

**We have failed to take up our cross and follow Your Son.**

**For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**

**that we may delight in Your will**

**and walk in Your ways**

**to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you 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

*"The God of Abraham Praise"* ELW 831  
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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Still seeking a black Carhartt jacket. It went missing on Feb. 1st. If you accidentally picked it up, please return it. There is also a black jacket still hanging in the welcome center coat area. Thanks, P. Edd W.

### GRIEVING COMFORT

- Family & friends of Karen Watson: Rena & Gayle Mason
- Family & friends of Ted Dye: Cheryl Christensen
- Family & friends of Steve Voth: Kay Lehr
- Family & friends of Bill Stancil: Jo Ellen Witt

## Prayer List

### HEALING

- \*David Rodriguez: friend of Mark Sherbo
- \*Cheryl Haines: niece of Mark Sherbo
- Marie: Margie Ellgen
- Cathy Massella
- Ann Lohman
- David Schimanski
- Paul Sherbo: brother of Mark Sherbo
- Ryan Nelson: nephew of Mark Sherbo
- Nancy Fansher: Rena & Gayle Mason
- Rosie Payne: friend of the Sherbo's
- Elizabeth Long: neice 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

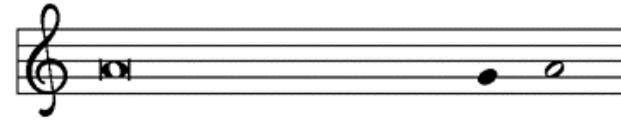
### CONCERN

- John Loveless: brother of Mary Engebretson
- Prayers for rain for the Midwest: Casrol Stenzel
- Judy Sellers
- Bonnie Carpenter: Rena & Gayle Mason



## Kyrie

A:



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



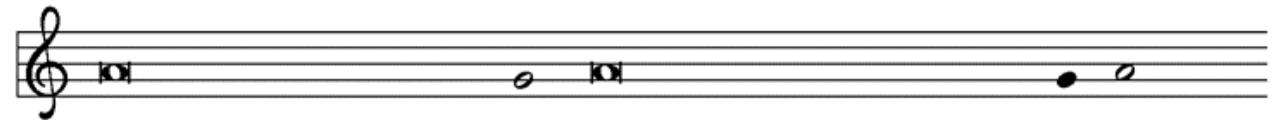
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

## Important Dates!

### Monday - Friday

9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care

### Tuesday

6:45 am NorQuest

### Wednesday

9:30 am Women's Fellowship; 5:30 pm Lenten Supper; 7:00 pm Lent Worship; 8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday

5:00 pm Worship; 7:00 - 9:00 am Harvesters Pantry; 2:00 pm Bowed-String Daffodils Recital

### Sunday (Daylight Saving Time begins)

9:00 am Worship; 10:15 am 7th Grade Confirmation; 11 am GS Mass

## Altar Flowers

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## Sending

As you walk the Lenten road,  
 may the Lord go before you to guide you,  
 behind you to guard you,  
 beside you to befriend you,  
 and within you to renew you.  
 May He bring you through the wilderness of repentance  
 to the feast of His resurrection.  
 In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*"Here I Am Lord"* ELW 574

### DISMISSAL

Go in Peace...Serve the Lord.

**Thanks Be to God!**

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

## CHOIR

*"From Generation to Generation"* arr. Marty Parks



## The Word

5:00 pm Greg Dovel

9:00 am Payten Davis (Lector: \*Treva DeLeon)

### WORD

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



## The Word

### FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

<sup>1</sup> The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4a</sup> So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## The Word

### PSALM READING

Psalm 121

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes | to the hills;  
from where is my | help to come?

<sup>2</sup> **My help comes | from the Lord,  
the maker of heav- | en and earth.**

<sup>3</sup> The Lord will not let your | foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> **Behold, the keep- | er of Israel  
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep; R**

<sup>5</sup> the Lord watches | over you;  
the Lord is your shade at | your right hand;

<sup>6</sup> **the sun will not strike | you by day,  
nor the | moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup> The Lord will preserve you | from all evil  
and will | keep your life.

<sup>8</sup> **The Lord will watch over your going out and your | coming in,  
from this time forth for- | evermore. R**



## Holy Communion

COMMUNION SERVERS

The Fox family

### 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.

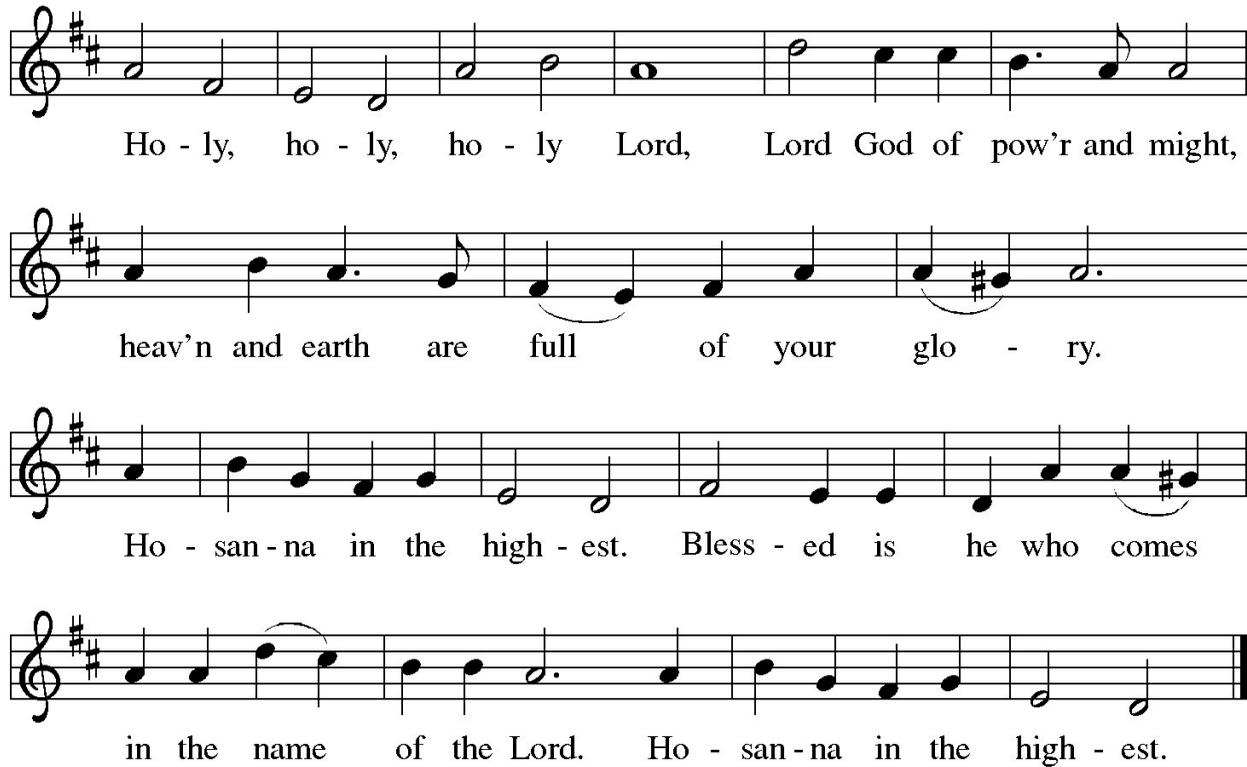
### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 Word

### SECOND READING

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

<sup>1</sup> What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup> Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup> But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**



## Gospel Acclamation

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
 slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.



## 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

### Make me a servant

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F Dm<sup>7</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>7</sup>  
 Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek.  
 Gm<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup>/C C<sup>7</sup> G<sup>b</sup>/F F F<sup>sus</sup><sub>4</sub> F A  
 Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
 Dm Dm/C G<sup>2</sup>/B B<sup>b</sup>m<sup>6</sup>  
 And may the prayer of my heart al - ways be:  
 F/A Gm<sup>7</sup> F/A Gm<sup>7</sup>  
 Make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant,  
 F/C C<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub> F<sup>2</sup>  
 make me a ser - vant to - day.



## Gospel Acclamation

### GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup> "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ...

16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17 “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.



# A Bronze Serpent Saves the Israelites



## Sermon

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### SERMON

Pastor Edd Wunderlich

#### HYMN of the DAY

*“I Want Jesus To Walk With Me”* ELW 325

#### CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



## Prayer and Reflection

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A:

\*Each petition ends with,

A: “Hear us, O God,” C: “Your mercy is great.”

\*The prayer concludes with,

A: “. . . Christ Jesus our Savior.” C: “Amen.”