

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

PALM SUNDAY

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
MARCH 28 & 29, 2026

WELCOME

Pastor Edd Wunderlich

ACCLAMATION

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.



Procession

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

Glory to you, O Lord.

...

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



Procession

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Bless these branches and those who carry them.

Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“All Glory, Laud and Honor” ELW # 344

Prayer Concerns

GRIEVING COMFORT

- 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

- Maundy Thursday----Thursday, April 2 7:00 pm at St. James nd on Vivion Road
- Good Friday----Friday, April 3rd 7: 00 pm at Gloria Dei
- Easter Vigil----Saturday, April 4th 5:00 pm
- Daybreak Service----Sunday, April 5th 7:00 am
- 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

Altar Flowers

Mar 29 In loving Memory of Jack Efaw and Jason Efaw ~ Lona Efaw

Prayer Concerns

HEALING

- Lucis & Blonca: Mark Sherbo
- Bonnie Reabe: Pam Kerns
- Jen Williams
- David Rodriguez: friend of Mark Sherbo
- Cheryl Haines: niece of Mark Sherbo
- Marie: Margie Ellgen
- 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



Procession

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHOIR

“A Hosanna For Our Time” by Karen Marrolli
Featuring Monty Carter on the viola

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

4 The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

5 The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. 6 I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

7 The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; 8 he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

9a It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?



The Word

PSALM

Psalm 31:9-16

9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I | am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.

**10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing; my
strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.**

11 I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a
dismay to | my acquaintances; when they see me in the street | they
avoid me.

**12 Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;
I am as useless as a | broken pot. R**

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.

**14 But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O Lord.
I have said, “You | are my God.**

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**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the
healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of
Jesus Christ our 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.

Together with Christ, **We care!**

SENDING HYMN

“Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross” ELW # 335

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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

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

COMMUNION SONG

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.



The Word

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
6 who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,
8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
9 Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name
that is above every name,
10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.



The Sermon

SERMON

Pastor Edd Wunderlich

“The Empire of God and a New Kind of King”

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” ELW 338



The Apostles' Creed

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 THE PEOPLE

A:

*Each petition ends with,

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

*The prayer concludes with,

A: "... our strength and salvation." 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.

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.