

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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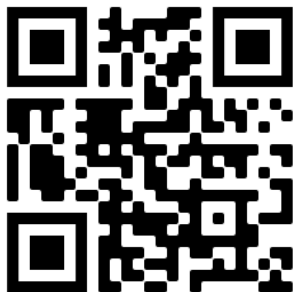
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Communion at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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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GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY

of EASTER

APRIL 18 & 19, 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

"Praise And Thanksgiving Be To God" ELW 458



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 Ravenscraft family: Bob Brunker
- Family & friends of Henry Kester: Cheryl Christensen

THANKSGIVING

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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 List

HEALING

- Jo Ellen Witt
- Kathy Crabaugh: stepsister of Julie Sherbo
- Mary Ann Tavares
- Linda Halverson: cousin fo Mary Engebretson
- 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

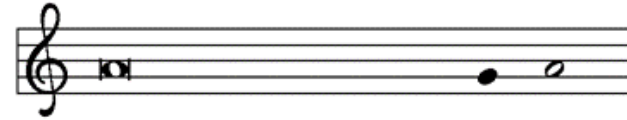
CONCERN

- 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.



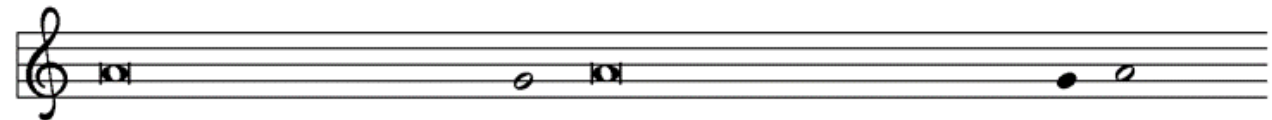
Lord, have mer - cy.



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,



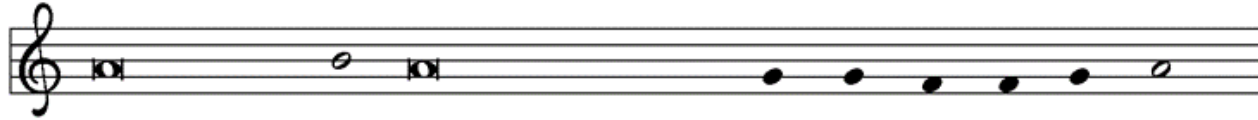
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, 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

Monday

6:00 pm Council Meeting

Tuesday

6:45 am Men's Bible study

Wednesday

9:30 am Women's Fellowship; 6:30 pm GS Mass; 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday

5:00 pm Worship

Sunday

9:00 am Worship Child Sun sch; 10:15 am Adult Sunday School; 11:00 am GS Mass; 3:00 pm Bellus Music Studio Recital

Altar Flowers

In honor of Saylor's 29th & Brad's 60th Birthdays ~ Kelley Grau



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

"Baptized And Set Free" ELW 453

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

"From Generation to Generation" arr. Marty Parks



The Word

5:00 pm Greg Dovel

9:00 am Brian Ericksen (Lector: *Kurt Sortland)

WORD

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



The First Reading

ACTS 2:14A, 36-41

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ³⁶ “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸ Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Holy Communion

COMMUNION SERVERS

Jim & Jackie Finnegan

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 116:1-4, 12-19

- 1 I love the Lord, who has | heard my voice, and listened to my | supplication,
 2 **for the Lord has given | ear to me whenever I called.**
 3 The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me; I came to | grief and sorrow.
 4 **Then I called upon the name | of the Lord:
 "O Lord, I pray you, | save my life." R**
 12 How shall I re- | pay the Lord
 for all the good things God has | done for me?
 13 **I will lift the cup | of salvation and call on the name | of the Lord.**
 14 I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord in the presence of | all God's people.
 15 **Precious in your | sight, O Lord, is the death | of your servants.**
 16 O Lord, truly I | am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your
 handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.
 17 **I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving
 and call upon the name | of the Lord. R**
 18 I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord
 in the presence of | all God's people,
 19 **in the courts of | the Lord's house,
 in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah! R**



The Second Reading

1 PETER 1:17-23

17 If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. 18 You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. 20 He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. 21 Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

22 Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. 23 You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



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.



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.



The Gospel Reading

LUKE 24:13-35

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ... 9



The Gospel Reading

LUKE 24:13-35

continued...

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Sermon

SERMON

Pastor Edd Wunderlich

Receiving God's Promise through Baptism

HYMN of the DAY

"Baptized In Water" ELW 456



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."