

March 26, 2023
Lent 5

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Welcome to Gloria Dei!

We welcome you to worship here at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church! We pray that the message of God's Word comforts your soul and strengthens your faith in the forgiving grace of God that is yours through God's Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. There is a Cry Room located off the Narthex if needed. There are restrooms in the Cry Room and in the Fellowship Hall, which is to your left as you're leaving the Sanctuary.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Dear Lord, how the world yearns for someone to be in control. It yearns for someone to guide and direct this world so that peace prevails, the economy flourishes, disease and poverty are overcome, and the quality of life improves. Today we confess that there is such a king. Because our King entered Jerusalem and there did battle with the forces of evil and overcame them, he is in control of all things. Someday, everything that people seek and more will be given to his subjects in the eternal kingdom of his glory. Help us to never be ashamed at how humble our King looks today. Help us, rather, to confess him, rejoice in his forgiveness, and bear our crosses as we await his return in glory. Amen.

Come Let Us Worship

Hymns: You Pick, 444, 679

Choir: "I'd Rather Have Jesus"

First Lesson: 2 Kings 4:17-37

Second Lesson: Romans 8:11-18

Gospel: John 11:17-27; 38-45

Message: Romans 8:11-18

The IRA That Yields Eternal Dividends

THOSE WHO ARE SERVING YOU THIS MORNING:

USHERS: Harold Fox, Scott Mortimer & Allen Mortimer

POWER POINT ASSISTANT: Josh Thomason

COUNTERS: Mortimer & Major

CLEANER FOR APRIL 2: Davies

THOSE WILL SERVE YOU ON MARCH 29:

7:00pm Lenten Service

USHERS: Rocky Bessolo & Eric Bessolo

POWER POINT ASSISTANT: Luke Mortimer

COUNTERS: Callahan & Furnner

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE YOU ON APRIL 2:

USHERS: Eric Metz, Jim Luisier, & Jim Sharich

COMMUNION SET UP: Mortimer

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Tom Furnner & Wayne Pennell

POWER POINT ASSISTANT: Marshall Bessolo

COUNTERS: Straub & Luisier

CLEANER FOR APRIL 9: Gresock

Daily Bible Reading

Date	Old Test.	Psalms	Proverbs	New Test.
March 26	Deuteronomy 4	74: 12-23	26	Acts 5
March 27	Deuteronomy 5,6	75	27	Acts 6
March 28	Deuteronomy 7,8	76	28	Acts 7
March 29	Deuteronomy 9,10	77	29	Acts 8
March 30	Deuteronomy 11,12	78: 1-20	30	Acts 9
March 31	Deuteronomy 13,14	78: 21-33	31	Acts 10
April 1	Deuteronomy 15,16	78: 34-55	1	Acts 11,12

THIS WEEK AT GLORIA DEI

Monday	6:30pm	Confirmation Class
	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Tuesday	7:00pm	Board of Elders Meeting
Wednesday	6:00pm	Lenten Meal
	7:00pm	Lenten Service
Thursday	9:00am	Adult Bible Class
	7:00pm	Financial Peace University
	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Saturday	8:00am	Women's Bible Study
	10:00am	Easter for Kids – <i>Volunteers please arrive by 9:30am</i>

OUR LOVE FOR GOD'S WORD & WORK

March 19	Attendance	Fund	Offering
Worship	103	General	\$4,560.00
Communed	71	Helping Hands	50.00
Children's Sunday School	16	Flowers	25.00
Adult Sunday School	24		
Thursday Morning ABC	8		
March 22	Attendance	Fund	Offering
Worship	52	General	\$431.00

Weekly General Fund Budget \$4,567.00
***Quarterly Mission Project: Friends Network**

FELLOWSHIP: Thank you to the Bessolo family for providing this morning's refreshments.

FLOWERS: Today's Altar Flowers are given by Barb Lambert in memory of her husband, Doug.

CONCERT: Today is your last opportunity to enjoy *Love Divine*, a faith-uplifting concert of sacred songs and hymns presented by the *Saginaw Valley Lutheran Chorale*. The concert begins at 3:00pm at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, 4705 Brockway Rd. in Saginaw. A free will offering will be taken and a light refreshment reception will follow.

CHURCH WORKDAY: Thank you to all who helped at our church workday yesterday. If you were not able to attend, but still would like to help, check the table in the Fellowship Hall. There are some jobs still left to do.

LADIES GUILD: The Guild is having mystery dinner on **April 29**. It's a cooking mystery, come find out who killed the judge. Families are \$60, adults \$20, kids \$10. There will be signup sheet soon. We will also be having auction. Items for bid need to be at church by **April 16**, with final bids by **April 23**. Winners will be announced at fellowship. We are looking for new or gently used items. The money for both events is going towards retirement festivities and paint for fellowship hall chairs. Questions? Speak to Cass Moore or Laura Mortimer.

Birthdays This Week

March 26	Kane Kerwin
March 26	Frank Portelli
March 30	Helen Harrington
March 30	Madelyn Callahan
March 31	Matthew Bessolo
April 1	Deana Kerwin

HIS FINAL STEPS

2023 Midweek Lenten Series

"His Final Steps." explores Jesus' final days before, during, and after his crucifixion. Different locations, including the temple and Golgotha, serve as themes for each Lenten and Holy Week service, leading up to Jesus' first steps out of the tomb. We are blessed to have six area WELS pastors in this year's Lenten rotation. It's a great time to meet them and get to know them better.

Lenten Meals (*Wednesdays and Maundy Thursday*) will be served at 6pm.
 Worship is at 7pm.

- 3/29 - His Final Steps Led to His Father's House – *Pastor Meyer*
- 4/02 - Palm Sunday: His Final Steps Led to a Donkey
- 4/06 - Holy Thursday: His Final Steps Led to the Upper Room
- 4/07 - Good Friday: His Final Steps Led to the Place of the Skull
- 4/09 - Easter Sunday: His *First* Steps Led Outside His Tomb

