

# April 2, 2023

## Palm Sunday

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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:** Dearest Jesus, my suffering Savior, it hurts me to contemplate the brutality of your suffering and death. My revulsion runs even deeper when I acknowledge that I am the cause of it. As I walk with You to the cross, reinforce the gravity of my sin that made your bitter passion necessary. Then console me with the enormity of your love that compelled You to be my Savior. Give me a focus on the cross throughout this solemn week that leaves me singing, "In the cross of Christ I glory!" Amen.

**COMMUNION:** Since Gloria Dei values very highly the special treasure that God gives us in Holy Communion, and since Scripture also says that one can receive Communion to his own great harm (1 Corinthians. 11:23-32), we ask that only those who are members of Gloria Dei, or another WELS or ELS congregation come to the altar for the sacrament. Instruction classes to become a communicant member are available throughout the year. Please contact Pastor Himm for more information.



## Come Let Us Worship

**Hymns:** 412, 414, 396, 413

**Children:** "Love"

**Choir:** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

**First Lesson:** Zechariah 9:9-10

**Second Lesson:** Philippians 2:5-11

**Gospel:** Matthew 21:1-11

**Message:** Matthew 21:1-11

### Jesus Final Steps Led to a Donkey

#### THOSE WHO ARE SERVING YOU THIS MORNING:

**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

#### THOSE WILL SERVE YOU ON APRIL 6:

*7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service*

**USHERS:** Joe King, Kent Kerwin, & Mark Moore

**COMMUNION SET UP:** Mortimer

**COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Gary Richmond & Mark Moore

**POWER POINT ASSISTANT:** Calvin Bessolo

**COUNTERS:** Mortimer & Metz

#### THOSE WILL SERVE YOU ON APRIL 7:

*7:00pm Good Friday Service*

**USHERS:** Logan Moore, Tom Furnner, & Scott Mortimer

**POWER POINT ASSISTANT:** Brenna Moore

**COUNTERS:** Neuwirth & Moore

#### THOSE WHO WILL SERVE YOU ON APRIL 9:

**USHERS:** Harold Fox, Allen Mortimer, & Rocky Bessolo

**POWER POINT ASSISTANT:** Mitchell Bessolo

**COUNTERS:** Mortimer & Major

**CLEANER FOR APRIL 16:** Mortimer



**OUR LOVE FOR GOD’S WORD & WORK**

<u>March 26</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Worship	107	General	\$3,336.00
Adult Sunday School	23	Helping Hands	500.00
Children’s Sunday School	14	Missions	100.00
Thursday Morning ABC	9		

<u>March 29</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Worship	55	General	\$728.00
		Flowers	32.00

**Weekly General Fund Budget \$4,567.00**

**\*Quarterly Mission Project: Friends Network**

**Daily Bible Reading**

Date	Old Test.	Psalms	Proverbs	New Test.
April 2	Deuteronomy 17-19	78: 56-72	2	Acts 13
April 3	Deuteronomy 20,21	79	3	Acts 14
April 4	Deuteronomy 22,23	80	4	James 1,2
April 5	Deuteronomy 24,25	81	5	James 3-5
April 6	Deuteronomy 26,27	82	6	Acts 15
April 7	Deuteronomy 28	83	7	Galatians 1,2
April 8	Deuteronomy 29,30	84	8	Galatians 3,4

**THIS WEEK AT GLORIA DEI**

Monday	6:30pm	Confirmation Class
	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	9:00am	Adult Bible Class
	6:00pm	Pizza & Salad Supper
	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday	7:00pm	Good Friday Service
Saturday	8:30am	Women’s Bible Study

**FELLOWSHIP:** Thank you to the Davies family for providing this morning’s refreshments.

**FLOWERS:** Today’s Altar Flowers are given by the Hulls in celebration of their 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Happy anniversary Ron & Lisa!

**MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL:** There is a sign-up if you plan to attend the Salad and Pizza meal at 6pm. There will be a free will offering to cover the cost.

**GUILD ACTIVITIES:** “The Great British Bump Off” Mystery dinner will be **April 29**, at **5:00pm**. Dinner and desserts will be served. Families are \$60, adults \$20, kids \$10. Come find out who killed the judge and get great dessert advice! On **May 21**, we will bring back the Gloria Dei Auction & Potluck! Bring in your new, or **gently used** donations for this great event. Items should be brought to church by **May 6**. Signup sheets will be posted soon. Questions regarding either event can be addressed by Cassie Moore, Laura Mortimer, or Kay Himm.

**Birthdays This Week**

April 6 Eric Bessolo

**Anniversaries This Week**

April 5 Ron & Lisa Hull

**HIS FINAL STEPS**

**Holy Thursday: His Final Steps Led to the Upper Room.** Make plans to attend our annual Maundy Thursday Communion Service on **April 6 at 7:00pm**. We will have pizza and salad prior to the service at 6:00pm, with a free will offering to cover expenses.

**Good Friday: His Final Steps Led to the Place of the Skull.** Many have stated that the Good Friday Tenebrae Service is the most emotional and moving service of the year. Join us at **7:00pm** on **April 7** for this Service of Darkness. Remember that the celebration of Easter loses its luster without fully comprehending the darkness of Good Friday. This is a great service to invite others to attend.

**Easter Sunday: His First Steps Led Outside His Tomb.** Easter is the most important celebration in the Christian Church Year. It is the linchpin on which our faith rest. Without Jesus rising from the dead, as He said He would, our faith would be useless. But Jesus has indeed risen! We will celebrate this glorious event throughout the morning of Easter Sunday, **April 9**. We whole-heartedly encourage attending all of the festivities. The truth of Easter and what it means for our daily lives and our salvation compels us to celebrate the entire morning, yes, the rest of our lives.

**8:30 am – Easter Breakfast**

**9:30 am – Celebration Service**

**11:00 am – Easter Egg Hunt**