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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Service of Light and Darkness **FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024**

WELCOME

Pastor Edd Wunderlich

GATHERING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.





The Word

Kurt Sortland

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

13 See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.

14 Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—

15 so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

53:1 Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

3 He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

4 Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

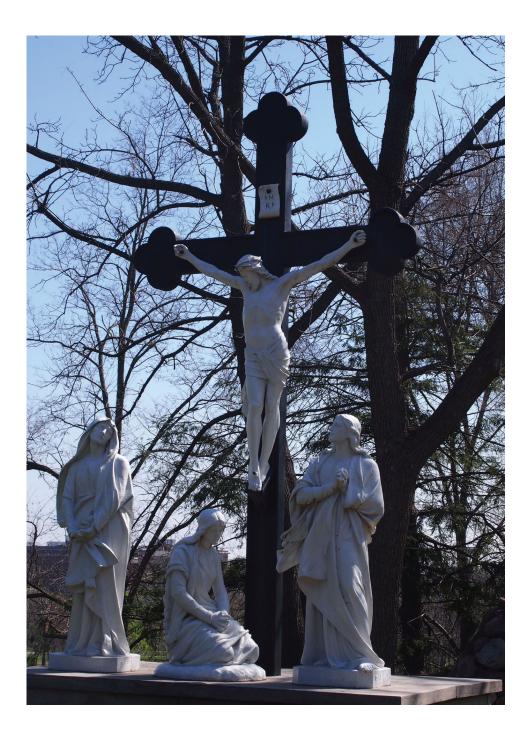
6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

8 By a perversion of justice, he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ...









The Word

FIRST READING continued...

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

9 They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

11 Out of his anguish, he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



The Passion According to St. John

John 18:1-11

Pastor Cynthia S.

First candle may be extinguished.

HYMN: Jesus, I will ponder now ELW 345

John 18:12-27 Pastor Edd W.

Second candle may be extinguished.

VIOLA: Monty Carter ~ Prelude from Cello Suite No. 2, by J.S. Bach



The Passion According to St. John



The Procession of the Cross

John 18:28-40 Pastor Cynthia S.

Third candle may be extinguished.

HYMN: O sacred head, now wounded, ELW 351

John 19:1-7 Pastor Edd W.

Fourth candle may be extinguished.

HYMN: Ah, holy Jesus ELW 349

John 19:8-16a Pastor Cynthia S.

Fifth candle may be extinguished.

CHOIR: "Behold the Lamb of God" by John A. Behnke

John 19:16b-22 Pastor Edd W.

Sixth candle may be extinguished.

VIOLIN & PIANO: Monty Carter & Dr Tracey Johnson "Sicilienne" attributed to Maria-Theresia v. Paradis

John 19:23-30 Pastor Cynthia S.

Seventh candle may be extinguished.

CHOIR: "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross" arr. Dan Forrest

Congregation sings

Were the whole realm of nature mine, Were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

Behold the life-giving cross,

on which was hung the Savior of | the whole world.

Oh, come, let us | worship him.

Behold the life-giving cross,

on which was hung the Savior of | the whole world.

Oh, come, let us | worship him.

Behold the life-giving cross,

on which was hung the Savior of | the whole world.

Oh, come, let us | worship him.

We adore you, O Christ, | and we bless you.

By your holy cross, you have re- | deemed the world.

Sung Accapella CLOSING HYMN

Were you there

ELW # 353

ALL DEPART IN SILENCE



The Passion According to St. John

BIDDING PRAYER continued...

Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

LORD'S PRAYER

All pray the 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.

John 19:31-42

Pastor Edd W.

Eighth candle may be extinguished.

HYMN: What wondrous love is this ELW 666



The Prayers

SILENT REFLECTION

BIDDING PRAYER

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world. Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God,

you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ.

By your Holy Spirit guide the church

and gather it throughout the world.

Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name,

and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for name/s our bishops, for name/s our pastor(s), for name/s our deacon(s), for name/s and all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God,

your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy.

Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors,

other ministers, and lay leaders.

Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church,

and help each of us in our various vocations

to do faithfully the work to which you have called us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

Silent prayer. ...



The Prayer

BIDDING PRAYER continued...

Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church.

Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism.

Give them new birth as your children,

and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ. *Silent prayer*.

Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity.

Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son.

Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith,

and keep us united in the fellowship of love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God,

long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses.

Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace

all those who call out to you under different names.

Bring an end to inter-religious strife,

and make us more faithful witnesses

of the love made known to us in your Son.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen. ...



The Prayers

BIDDING PRAYER continued...

Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for God's creation.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those in need.

Silent prayer. ...