

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

9 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

March 19th, 2023

The Works of God Displayed in Jesus.



Jesus Heals the Man Born Blind.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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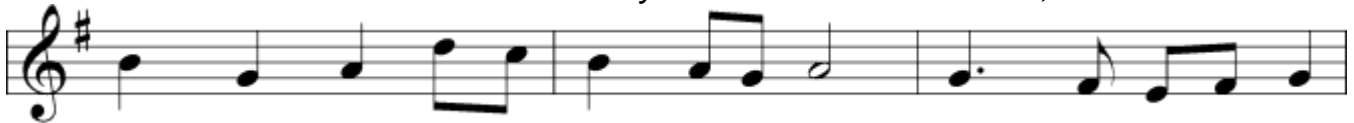
PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #545

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

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1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our
4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be;
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,



Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the
Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.
pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** The Lord is light and darkness cannot overcome Him.
God promises, that by His great mercy,
He will blot out the darkness in our lives.
Confess your sins, your darkness to your Father,
and receive His grace.

Silence for reflection

- P** Holy Lord, giver of light,
C **Darkness dwells within us.**
We have sinned against You and one another.
Save us Lord, shine Your loving light and purify our hearts.
Through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, Amen.
- P** Jesus Christ has come to shine His perfect light in your lives.
By His great love He has given Himself for you on the cross
and has destroyed darkness. By the light of His resurrection
your sins are washed out, you are forgiven!
- C** **Amen!**

HYMN #849

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

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1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

PSALM 142

With my voice I cry out to the Lord;

with my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord.

I pour out my complaint before him;

I tell my trouble before him.

When my spirit faints within me,

you know my way!

In the path where I walk

they have hidden a trap for me.

Look to the right and see:

there is none who takes notice of me;

no refuge remains to me;

no one cares for my soul.

I cry to you, O Lord;

I say, "You are my refuge,

my portion in the land of the living."

Attend to my cry,

for I am brought very low!

Deliver me from my persecutors,

for they are too strong for me!

Bring me out of prison,

that I may give thanks to your name!

The righteous will surround me,

for you will deal bountifully with me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. This is why it is said:

“Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth.

His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind.

Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath.

Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man replied, “and I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others asked, “How can a sinner perform such signs?” So they were divided.

Then they turned again to the blind man, “What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” The man replied, “He is a prophet.”

To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Who is he, sir?"

the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."

Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY#571 "God Loved the World So That He Gave"

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1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To You, O blessed Trinity,
 Be praise now and eternally!

SERMON

THE OFFERING HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

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Be Thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 Be Thou my Wis - dom, and Thou my true Word;
 Rich - es I head not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
 High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



Nought be all else to me save that Thou art
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
 Thou mine in - her - it - ance, now and al - ways;
 May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!



Thou my best thought by day or by night,
 Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son;
 Thou and Thou on - ly first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heat, what - ev - er be - fall,



Wak - ing or Sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my Light.
 Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
 High King of heav - en, my Treas - ure Thou art.
 Still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

A TIME FOR PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

✠ THE LORD'S SUPPER ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:
“Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you.
This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying:
“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
G And also with You.

DISTRIBUTION

We welcome to the Lord's Table all those who are sorry for their sins, trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior and believe His body and blood are present in, with and under the bread and wine.

*If you have any questions or are unsure about what is taking place,
please talk to Pastor Meyer after the service is over. Welcome to the Lord's Table!*

INSTRUMENTAL DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

G Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #643

“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”

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1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,



The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.



The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,



The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing



To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR March 19, 2023

**Prayer Requests: The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear? *Psalm 27:1***

- Caleb, 3 year old great grandson of Jeanine Hulke, successful treatments for cancer.
- Mimi Swanson is home and recovering after stem cell transplant.
- Ricky Karnitz, husband of Diane, was hospitalized and receiving physical therapy following a stroke.

This week at Gloria Dei:

TODAY – March 19 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion
9:00 am Facebook Live
10:00 am Coffee & Refreshments Spielman Family Serves
10:10 am Brief Voters Meeting
10:15 am Education Hour Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

WEDNESDAY – March 22

5:30 pm Soup Supper
6:30 pm Midweek Lent Service

FRIDAY – March 24

NO Chat N Chow – Spring Break

SUNDAY– March 26 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion
9:00 am Facebook Live
10:00 am Coffee & Refreshments Church Council Serves
10:15 am Education Hour – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Elder: Larry Raisbeck

Usher: Ken Ling

Altar Guild: Lani Fagerstrom

Pianist: Nadine Meyer

Technical Director: Brian Zitzow

Last Sunday March 12, 2023:

General Fund Offering: \$3,098.75; Lent Supper \$132.00;
Easter Flowers \$100.00

Needed weekly to meet budget: \$4,328.00

Offering: If you are unable to attend worship in person,
please mail your Sunday Contributions to –
P.O. Box 126, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472 Thank you!!

Attendance Last Sunday: 28; Midweek Lent 42

Chat-N-Chow: NA

Online Viewership: Sunday Service 178 Facebook; 38 YouTube

Wed. Service 86 Facebook; 18 YouTube

E-GIVING: If you would like to give electronically, please contact the church office about “Joyful Response”

VOTERS’ MEETING: There will be a very brief Voters’ meeting TODAY downstairs, after worship, to elect a congregational voting representative for the upcoming Synodical convention. All voting will be done online, so no travel necessary. Our representative will need to familiarize themselves with the candidates up for election.

LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP is located in Henning, MN and offers summer camp week and weekends for all ages and interests. Choose from Classic, Horse, Splash, Family and many more camps. Pick up a brochure in the office to learn more about this beautiful camp and what it has to offer.

LENTEN SERMON SERIES:

“What Did the Disciples Give Up For Lent?”

March 22 - John - I’m giving up resentment for Lent.

Lord teach me how to get over it.

March 29 - Judas gave up.

Dealing with Depression and Suicide.

These services go no longer than 35 minutes. Make it an evening with a free supper at 5:30 pm and worship at 6:30 pm.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

April 2: Palm Sunday 9:00 am Worship & New Member Welcome

April 6: Maundy Thursday Worship w/Holy Communion 6:30 pm

April 7: Good Friday Worship 6:30 pm

April 9: Easter Sunday Worship 9:00 am

LENTEN SUPPER SIGN UP: Lenten Midweek suppers will continue to be held on Wednesdays, through March 29 at 5:30 pm Thank you to all who have signed up and served.

EASTER FLOWERS: If you signed up for flowers, please submit your payment by placing a check or cash in the offering plate designating it for flowers or pay Lynn in the office on Wednesdays or Fridays. All flowers are \$20 each. If you have not ordered flowers yet and would like to, there is still time but we may not be able to guarantee your selection. Thank you!!!

CHAT N CHOW takes place on scheduled Fridays throughout the school year. Gloria Dei is the host site and four other local churches along with Gloria Dei take turns serving lunch to high school juniors and seniors at 11 am each week. Volunteers to help with preparing and serving the meal and provide desserts are needed for Gloria Dei's final date is April 21. Please talk to Sandie Zeidler, Barb Fuller or Liz Berg if you are able to assist with this ministry. Thank you!!!

LWML GUILD meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month at 1 pm. All ladies of Gloria Dei are welcome. Meeting consists of social time, devotion and business discussion. We hope to see you there.



RECORD OF FELLOWSHIP PADS: Members and visitors please take time to complete the registration pad in your pew. If you are a visitor, please let us know who you are and how to contact you.

Members update any contact information. We thank you for worshipping with us.



OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR HOURS:



Wednesdays: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Fridays: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

These hours are subject to change.

Please call ahead if you wish to see Lynn in the office.

Thank you.

LAKES AREA FOOD SHELF: Is located at 29316 Patriot Ave, Pequot Lakes. For more information, please contact George & Colette Miller at 218-820-2928.

PERIODICALS are currently located in the card rack near the restrooms.

LIFE QUOTE: “When we ignore the baby in the womb and focus instead on what is now being labeled as the rights of the mother and women’s health care, we are turning our backs on God. Never has God authorized killing and called it a right. Never has God condoned promoting abortion and called it health care. His love for life is written throughout Scripture. What are we doing when we ignore His sacred Word?” *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

SUNDAYS AFTER 2 PM



Worship Video

is uploaded to



Please follow the link on our website: www.gdlcpequot.org

New Series: Hey God, what about...?

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| April 16 | ? | How do you know there is a God? |
| April 23 | ? | How is God "good" when there is so much evil and suffering in the world? |
| April 30 | ? | What will heaven be like?
What about hell? |
| May 7 | ? | Do all religions lead to the same God? How can we be sure? |

Join Us!