



## Lenten Worship and Resources

**Weekend Worship:** Saturdays | 5 p.m. & Sundays | 7:30, 9 & 10:30 a.m.

**Midweek Worship:** Wednesdays | 12:15 & 6:30 p.m.

We pray that you join us for the weekend and midweek services throughout the Lenten season as we explore the scriptures through the "Always Better" sermon series. We will take a close look at areas where we fall short in order to be forgiven and be empowered to hate sin and love God even more.

### Lenten Sermon Series Notes

Please pick an "Always Better" sermon note booklet. These booklets will be a great place to take sermon notes during each of the Lenten midweek and weekend services.



### Women's Devotion:

Stop by the Women's Ministry display to pick up a Lenten Devotion written by our own Penny Schramm. This devotion will take women on a Lenten journey to help them declutter their homes and make more time and space for friends, family and Jesus!

**Lutheran Hour Ministries:** We have Lenten devotions in small and large print that will add further depth to personal devotion time.



## Easter and Holy Week Worship Times

This is a great time to decide who we want to invite to celebrate our risen Lord! Who is on your invite list?

### Holy Week Worship Services

April 9 - Maundy Thursday (Sanctuary-Traditional) at 12:15 p.m.

April 9 - Maundy Thursday (Sanctuary-Blended) at 6:30 p.m.

April 10 - Good Friday (Sanctuary-Traditional) at 12:15 p.m.

April 10 - Good Friday (Sanctuary-Blended) at 4:30 p.m.

April 10 - Good Friday (Sanctuary-Blended) at 6:30 p.m.

### Easter Worship Services

Saturday, April 11 at 5:00 p.m. (FLC-Contemporary)

Sunday, April 12 at 7:30 a.m. (Sanctuary-Traditional with Communion)

Sunday, April 12 at 9:00 a.m. (Sanctuary-Traditional)

Sunday, April 12 at 9:00 a.m. (FLC-Contemporary)

Sunday, April 12 at 10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary-Contemporary)



## Compassion Update and Thank You

Thank you to everyone who was part of our recent Compassion International Event these past few weeks. There were 40 children sponsored during our recent Compassion Event! Imagine! Your investment of time, money and prayers will show these children that they are not alone and that God cares for them deeply. Thank you for making a difference in a child's life.

If you did not pick up a packet, but would like to sponsor a child, please go to [www.compassion.com](http://www.compassion.com).

### Message: "Always Better: Making Something Out of Nothing"

**Scriptures:** Psalm 49:1-10, Matthew 19:16-22

As a result of what you have received from God's Word today, what do you think He is giving you to believe or do this week?

### Additional Notes:



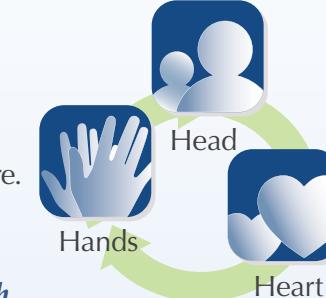
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Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Matthew 19:21-22



### Visiting Today?

**Welcome to worship!** We are glad you're here. If you have any questions, please stop by the Connection Center or contact Pastor Ben Johnson 777-3903 or [ben.johnson@gdlc.church](mailto:ben.johnson@gdlc.church).



**Infants-4 years old:** Our fully-staffed nursery is located through the doors at the southwest corner outside the Sanctuary.

**Cry Room:** We have a room outside the Sanctuary designated for parents and young children where the service can be seen and heard.

**PreK-Grade 5:** Grace Place, our children's educational time, will not be held on March 14-15 and 21-22.



### "Making Something Out of Nothing"

Let's face the reality of our reality today! First of all, we must admit that even the poorest of us in this congregation is blessed beyond belief in comparison to the rest of the world. When we consider how much we have versus how little others have...we have to admit it...we are blessed! Amen? Amen. But that brings up the great curse of our lives...yes...our blessings can in fact be a curse. We can have a tendency to make something out of nothing when we make our blessings out to be more important than the giver of our blessings. The rich young man in our Gospel today did that very thing but the lesson of his life for us is that Jesus is "Always Better" than anything this world has to offer. Rich or poor or somewhere in between...Jesus is "Always Better"...always!



**SUNDAY, MARCH 29**  
**CALLING ALL FAMILIES!**  
**REGISTER TODAY!**  
Turn page for more info...



## My Five Friends

In a congregation the size of Gloria Dei, it's easy to be anonymous or to have your little enclave of friends, never to reach outside your "circle" to anyone new. We want to encourage you, in the months of March, April and May, to make five new friends here at Gloria Dei! Perhaps you'd exchange cell numbers and have coffee? Perhaps you'd agree to meet at worship for a couple weeks to sit together? Perhaps you'd just make a concerted effort to greet your new found friends each week, touching base and checking in before you worship Jesus? Be creative...but also be assertive...step out of your comfort zone and connect with My Five Friends starting today!



## New! Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Starts Tuesday, April 7 | 7:30-8:30 a.m.

REGISTER at  
[WWW.GDLC.CHURCH](http://WWW.GDLC.CHURCH)

Men: You are invited to a Bible Study on 1 and 2 Thessalonians by N. T. Wright. The following is a description of the study: "First impressions stick with us. Paul's first impression of the Thessalonian Christians was an especially powerful one: The gospel message he preached grasped their hearts and minds and transformed their lives. That memory moves Paul to write to the young church that's bubbling with a sense of the power of the living God."

Registration is a must. Books will be provided at no cost. Register today online at [www.gdclc.church](http://www.gdclc.church). If you have any questions, please contact Mike Martens at [mike.martens@gdclc.church](mailto:mike.martens@gdclc.church).



## Men's Ministry: Mother's Day Project

Sunday, April 19 | 2-4 p.m.

REGISTER at  
[WWW.GDLC.CHURCH](http://WWW.GDLC.CHURCH)

Men: join us with your kids to honor MOM with a Mother's Day gift by painting a ceramic keepsake at Gloria Dei. Bulldog Ceramics will fire the items and return them before Mother's Day. To view the five ceramic keepsakes, pick up a postcard or view on the registration page at [www.gdclc.church](http://www.gdclc.church). Registration is required by April 5. Each item is \$20.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Martens at [mike.martens@gdclc.church](mailto:mike.martens@gdclc.church) or Jenn Fuller at [jenn.fuller@gdclc.church](mailto:jenn.fuller@gdclc.church).



## Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® by March 31

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars® have until March 31, 2020 to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. Thank you for helping support Gloria Dei in this way!



## Spring Fever! Glass Art

REGISTER at  
[WWW.GDLC.CHURCH](http://WWW.GDLC.CHURCH)

Thursday, April 2 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Join us to create a unique canvas using resin, glass pieces, and vinyl. Cost is \$10. Registration is required. Childcare is provided upon request a week before the event. Registration is required.



## Creative Fellowship: Wood Cross

REGISTER at  
[WWW.GDLC.CHURCH](http://WWW.GDLC.CHURCH)

Friday, April 3 | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Women are invited to join us to create a beautiful wood cross using reclaimed and remnants of wood from an old fence at Gloria Dei. We will design, glue, staple, and cut the wood to create an open cross in wood. Cost is \$5, but space is limited. Registration is a must. Childcare is provided upon request.



## Mom2Mom - Door Hanger

REGISTER at  
[WWW.GDLC.CHURCH](http://WWW.GDLC.CHURCH)

Saturday, April 4 | 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Moms of any age and stage are invited to join us for a light breakfast, Bible Study and creating a fun door hanger. Cost is \$10. Childcare is provided and registration is required.



## Mom & Me - Stacked Wood Cross

REGISTER at  
[WWW.GDLC.CHURCH](http://WWW.GDLC.CHURCH)

Sunday, April 5 | 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Moms and kids ages 4-12 are invited to join us as we spend time together in God's Word and create a stacked cross to take home. Families will work together to create one project to take home. Cost is \$10 per family. Registration is required.



## Spring Fever - Watercolor Truck

REGISTER at  
[WWW.GDLC.CHURCH](http://WWW.GDLC.CHURCH)

Thursday, April 23 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Women are invited to join us as we explore watercolor paints and have fun painting a vintage truck filled with wild flowers. We'll start our evening with Bible study and then create. Cost is \$20, which includes watercolors to take home and a frame to showcase your painting. Registration is required. Childcare is available upon request when you register.



## Mom2Mom - Yardzee

REGISTER at  
[WWW.GDLC.CHURCH](http://WWW.GDLC.CHURCH)

Saturday, April 25 from 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Moms of all ages and stages are invited to join us for a light breakfast, Bible study and to create an over-sized dice game to play at home. Childcare is available upon request. Registration is required. Cost is \$12.



## Thank you

The last 10 years have been incredible. It has been a joy watching the church grow, and our faith has grown beyond our comprehension. We are so thankful to have belonged to an active church with wonderful friends who have loved us like family. Thank you for everything. You will be sorely missed.

~ Jonathan, Jennifer & Violet Jaschen



**CALLING ALL FAMILIES!**  
Food! Crafts!  
Bounce House!  
Family Activities! Games!

We'll have lots of hands-on activities for families to do together. A light dinner will be served. This event is free! Invite friends!



## Requested Items:

Full size haircare items (shampoo, conditioner, styling products) hand and body lotions, shower gels (not hotel size), cosmetics, cosmetic bags and skincare items. Example: Clinique bonus items. Please place items in one of the four donation bins.



## Camp Okoboji

The Annual Meeting of Camp Okoboji will be held Saturday, April 18. They are requesting the following items to be brought to the Annual Meeting. If you are interested in donating any of the following items, please drop off the donations in the office or in the bins. (Please write "Camp Okoboji" on the labels provided on your donated items.)

- Large cans of green beans or corn, carrots, pork & beans (no peas please)
- Large bags of cereal
- Large cans of sliced olives, pickles, mayo (not salad dressing)
- Oreos, snack crackers (cheese or peanut butter)
- Instant iced tea
- Sugar & Flour
- Heavy paper plates large and small
- 8 oz styrofoam cups
- Paper towels
- Heavy duty aluminum foil (75 sq. ft. rolls)



## Urbandale Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is in desperate need of the following items: canned goods, mashed potato flakes, hamburger helper, Ramen noodle soup, and mac and cheese. Please drop the items in one of the bins. (If you have never been to the Pantry, please consider visiting this amazing organization.)