



Not Like Other Men

Today's story from Jesus is one that can make you mad on first reading! Who does this Pharisee think he is—silently judging the tax-collector in his heart like that? Well, to be completely honest, he's just like everyone of us. All of us carry with us the sin of pride, thinking we're better than others in a variety of ways. Our "thing behind the thing" today is a reminder that we're actually not supposed to be "like other men." We are to live, recognizing our own sinfulness to our God, who extends His amazing grace to sinful men and women like us.

Visiting today?

Welcome! We are glad you're here. There is a gift for you at the Connection Center!

Got children? Awesome! We have a wonderful nursery for infant-3 years old. Please go through the "nursery" door in the southwest corner of the Gathering Area outside the Sanctuary. We also have an educational time on Saturdays at 5:45 p.m. and Sundays at 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. for children ages 3-grade 5.

Got questions? Please stop by the Connection Center where a friendly person will assist you.

Palm Sunday Breakfast



Palm Sunday, March 25 from 7:30-11:30 a.m.

The youth will be cooking breakfast on Palm Sunday. So, mark the date. Free-will donations will help our teens share God's message of love through mission trips and spiritual growth opportunities.

Lenten Wednesday Worship

Traditional Worship at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Blended Worship at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Youth-led Worship at 6:45 p.m. in the FLC

Join us as we look at a parable at our Wednesday Lenten worship services on Wednesday, March 21. Faith Alive and ReCharge will meet.

Easter and Holy Week Schedule

We are anticipating great insights and increased love for our Savior as we journey with Him during His last week on earth and then experience the empty tomb on Easter.

Holy Week

March 29 - Maundy Thursday (Traditional-Sanctuary) at 12:15 p.m.

March 29 - Maundy Thursday (Blended-Sanctuary) at 6:30 p.m.

(Nursery 6:15-7:45 p.m. and livestream 6:30 p.m.)

March 30 - Good Friday (Traditional-Sanctuary) at 12:15 p.m.

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

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

(Nursery 4:15-7:45 p.m. and livestream 6:30 p.m.)

Easter

Saturday, March 31 at 5:30 p.m. (Contemporary-FLC)

(Nursery 5:15-7:45 p.m. and livestream 5:30 p.m.)

Sunday, April 1 at 7:30 a.m. (Traditional-Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 1 at 9:00 a.m. (Traditional-Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 1 at 9:00 a.m. (Contemporary-FLC)

Sunday, April 1 at 10:30 a.m. (Contemporary-Sanctuary)

(Nursery 7:15-11:45 a.m. and livestream 9 & 10:30 a.m. in Sanctuary)



WEEKLY WORD

Leading ordinary people to an extraordinary life in Christ.

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Let's pray!

Prayer requests can be made on the back of the "Welcome" card located in the pews. Please indicate your prayer request and place the card in the offering plate. We have both e-mail and phone prayer chains available. Contact Pastor Phillips at 276-1700, or Diane Young between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 321-1566 with your request.

Rick Buhrke

Shirley Voshell

Paul Buttenhoff

Shannon Smuck

Maddie Wright

Bob Christensen

Tim McClelland

Ken Lee

Dan DeVries

Jennifer Dehnert

Larry Lewis

Jessica Kramer

Heather Kusel

Mike Burdick

Sandy Foreman

Larry Kinsey

Sarah Smith

Julie Bowie

Cooper Driscoll

Taylor Peterson

Terry Gosch

Duane Haas

Doug Jackson

Elaine Klinefelter and family, who are grieving the loss of Elaine's Dad



The Compassion Event

1. Save the date: April 13-16, 2018

The Compassion Experience will introduce you and your family to the daily realities of children in extreme poverty. The sights and sounds of their lives will come alive as you journey from hardship to hope in this free, immersive experience. **Register your spot today at www.GDLC.CHURCH.**

The experience includes 1,700 square feet of exhibit space, featuring replicas of the homes and environments of these two Compassion beneficiaries. The event is free and family-friendly.

2. Volunteer at the event (Families are welcome!)

We are planning for 4,000 people to walk through this experience. Volunteers are needed for an approximate 4-hour shift. Training, orientation, snacks and an event t-shirt will be provided for all volunteers.

Register today at www.GDLC.CHURCH.

3. Pick up a postcard and invite co-workers and friends

Invite friends and co-workers to experience another world where children are encouraged and given hope in the midst of poverty.

Tiny Treasures' Spring Children's Consignment Sale

Friday, April 20 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. & Saturday, April 21 8-11 a.m.

Items for sale will include children's, teens', and maternity clothing, toys, books, baby accessories, bedding, décor, DVDs, and children's furniture. If you would like to be a seller, you can register on-line at www.GDLC.CHURCH.

Mount Olive Lutheran School Fundraiser

Do you have a desire to support faith-based, Christian education in the Des Moines area? Help support Mount Olive Lutheran School on April 7 at 6 p.m. by joining us for a fun evening including dinner, games, and live and silent auctions at Gloria Dei. There will be lots of great items and packages to bid on! Invite your friends and get together for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Free childcare is being offered again this year! Tickets are \$25/person or you can reserve a table of 8 for \$180. Visit <http://www.bidpal.net/molcs> to purchase tickets. Call the school office at (515) 277-8349 for more information.

Collegiate Scholarships

We have received information regarding two scholarship opportunities. The first is from Beta Sigma Psi National Lutheran Fraternity at Iowa State University. The second is from Calvary Chapel Bible College in Murrieta, California.

Separately, Gloria Dei also has a scholarship budget line, which can be used to help students who will be, or are currently attending, Lutheran-based secondary education institutions.

If you would like further information on any of these items, please contact Chris Thomson at chris.thomson@gdlc.church.

Senior Adult Ministry Tour

There will be a guided tour on Thursday April 5 at 10 a.m. at the Iowa Judicial Branch Building, 1111 East Court Ave., Des Moines. The building houses both the Iowa Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals. There is free parking adjacent to the facility.

Lunch will follow at Barattas Restaurant, 2320 South Union Street, Des Moines.

Please contact the church office to make reservations for the tour or for tour and lunch. We need 20 people to have a guided tour. If you have questions, call Bill Van Vliete 745-9342.

Men's Softball Team

Attention all men regardless of age and ability! We need you to join our softball team! Games are on Monday nights (double headers) and begin April 9.

If you are interested in playing, please contact Tim Kightlinger at tim.kightlinger@gdlc.church to sign up.

CORE: Beliefs - New Members Class

Thursday, April 12, 19, 26 and May 3, 10, and 17 at 6:30 p.m.
We will primarily dialogue about what our congregation believes about the Lutheran Church, the Bible, Baptism, the Lord's Supper and your discipleship expression at Gloria Dei. We also want you to know about our congregation—its vision, direction and future. If you have questions about the process or just want to connect with Pastor Meyer, please reach him at joe.meyer@gdlc.church or at 777-3892. Register by clicking the "registration" link at www.GDLC.CHURCH.

CORE: Teachings

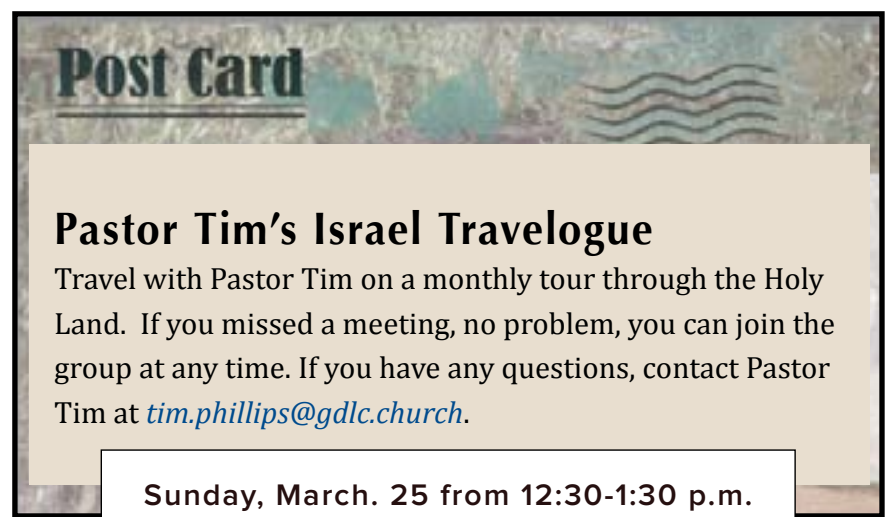
Thursday, April 12, 19, 26 and May 3, 10, and 17 at 6:30 p.m.
Once you have completed CORE Beliefs, the New Members Class, everyone is invited to Core Teachings. It will focus on the CORE teachings of Jesus. We will look at what it means to be a disciple, which includes looking at all the aspects of the New Covenant as well as living and abiding in the identity that Christ has given us. If you have questions, contact Pastor Ben at ben.johnson@gdlc.church Register by clicking the "registration" link at www.GDLC.CHURCH.

Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® by March 31

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars® have until March 31, 2018, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity for Thrivent Financial to provide outreach funding to Gloria Dei! Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

Thank you

Thank you for all your prayers and thoughts while I was in the hospital and now at home. It makes all the difference in the world.
~ Love you, Duane Haas



Post Card

Pastor Tim's Israel Travelogue
Travel with Pastor Tim on a monthly tour through the Holy Land. If you missed a meeting, no problem, you can join the group at any time. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Tim at tim.phillips@gdlc.church.

Sunday, March. 25 from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

VBS Jesus Rescues!

Almost every nook and cranny of our facility was filled with children singing, dancing, playing, snacking and learning that Jesus rescues! If they are lonely, worrying, or struggling, or doing wrong—Jesus is with them and He rescues!



Photography by Meena Van Zee from Mavz Photography

Thank you

Last week's VBS was amazing, thanks to more than 60 staff, who blessed and loved approximately 200 children each day. And a huge thank you to those who donated so many items to make VBS a huge success. Thanks from the bottom of my heart. ~ DeAnn McCue

Outpouring of Love (March 4-10, 2018)	
General Fund Offerings	\$36,498
General Fund Offering Budget	\$40,400
3rd QTD Offering Total	\$331,045
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YTD Offering Total	\$1,230,360
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Please note: Our fiscal year runs mid-year (July-June)	

* Communion is in the Sanctuary the 1st and 3rd weekend and in the FLC the 2nd and 4th weekend.

We are glad that you are worshipping with us today. We encourage families to worship together before children are invited to Grace Place on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 9:50 a.m. and 11:20 a.m.

Children:

(Infant to age 4):

Nursery: Located on the lower level, the nursery is staffed during all worship services for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent. The nursery can be accessed through the door on the southwest side of the Connection Center.

Communion:

The Lord's Supper or Communion is a Biblical event, given by Jesus for the strengthening of our faith and the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26). God's Word is very clear that when we receive the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper we also literally/physically receive the actual body and blood of Jesus (1 Corinthians 10:16 and 1 Corinthians 11:23-30). If you are a baptized Christian who trusts in Christ's presence, recognizes your sinfulness, and desires not only to be forgiven of those sins, but also needs strength from Jesus to amend your daily life, then you are welcome to join us! If you do not believe Christ is present, or are unsure of what you believe and want further explanation, then please feel free to speak with one of our Pastors at a convenient time. (We provide both non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray and gluten-free wafers in containers.)