

# **The Second Sunday in Lent**

**February 25, 2024**



**Gloria Dei**  
Lutheran Church  
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# Welcome to Gloria Dei!

The name *Gloria Dei* is a Latin phrase meaning *God's glory*. We pray that here you will find his glory and love chiefly revealed in our Savior Jesus. May your time in worship be edifying and enable you to focus on Jesus as the solution to your sin and as the certainty of eternal life in heaven.

Should you need a **restroom** during the service, you will find them in the Fellowship Hall directly beneath the sanctuary. Exit the sanctuary by the main doors, turn right and head down the stairs, turn right at the bottom of the stairs and enter the first door.

If you need anything during the service, please speak to one of the ushers.

## To Those Visiting with Children

The members of Gloria Dei believe that families should be able to worship together. It is clear that some amount of noise will come with children being in worship. Any noise children make in worship is the sound of families doing what God has told them to do: bringing their children to sit at Jesus' feet. Should your family need a few moments away from the sanctuary, the Fellowship Hall located directly beneath the sanctuary is open and equipped with a closed circuit TV of the service.

## The Theme of Today’s Worship

We know that the cross was an instrument of torture and execution. However, Scripture also uses the term “cross” to refer to any suffering that one endures because he is believer: the painful denial of the desires of the flesh; ridicule and persecution from unbelievers; etc. This is one reason people reject religion. They see Christians struggling in life with these crosses, while non-Christians often seem perfectly happy. Even the prophet Jeremiah asked, “**Why do all the faithless live at ease?**” (12:1).

Today, Jesus asks us to rethink suffering under the cross. It is not pointless pain. Our crosses are not how we pay for sin. Jesus already did that on his cross. Our crosses are not redemptive, but they are constructive. Any suffering unbelievers face is only bad, a foretaste of worse to come. But the suffering believers face under the cross is only good, a way Christ connects us tightly to himself with fire-tested faith.

## Serving Today

**Presiding Minister & Preacher**.....Pastor Timothy Shrimpton  
**Accompanist**.....Kathy Lee  
**Ushers**.....Steve Hansen and Daniel Donovan  
**Sunday School Teacher** .....Janet Powers  
**Coffee Hour Host** .....Janet Powers

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# Service of Word and Prayer

## Opening Hymn

526 *What Wondrous Love Is This*



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is  
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink-ing  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm



this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse  
down be-neath God's right-eous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown  
Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme,  
free, I'll sing his love for me, and through e-ter-ni-ty



for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul.  
I will sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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*Please stand*

## **Responsive Verses\***

I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
**“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”**

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!  
**Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.**

The Lord is near to all who call on him,  
**to all who call on him in truth.**

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us  
**so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

Jesus was delivered over to death because of our sins  
**and was raised to life because of our justification.**

Death has been swallowed up in victory!  
**Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ’s holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

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\* Psalm 122:1; Psalm 84:1, 4; Psalm 145:18; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 4:25; 1 Corinthians 15:54, 57

## First Reading

Job 1:13–22

*Job is given a heavy cross, but it does not crush his faith. Instead, God uses Job's cross to move Job to worship and praise the LORD.*

**O**ne day when Job's sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their oldest brother, <sup>14</sup>a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the female donkeys were grazing nearby, <sup>15</sup>when the Sabeans swooped down and took them away. They put the servants to death with the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

<sup>16</sup>While he was still speaking, another servant came and said, "The fire of God fell from the sky and burned up the flocks and the servants and consumed them, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

<sup>17</sup>While he was still speaking, another servant came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and plundered the camels and took them away. They put the servants to death with the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

<sup>18</sup>While he was still speaking, another servant came and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and were drinking wine in the house of their oldest brother. <sup>19</sup>Suddenly a powerful wind swept in from the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it collapsed on the young people, and they died, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

<sup>20</sup>Then Job stood up, tore his robe, and shaved his head. He fell to the ground and worshipped. <sup>21</sup>Then he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will return. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. May the name of the LORD be blessed."

<sup>22</sup>In all this, Job did not sin or blame God.

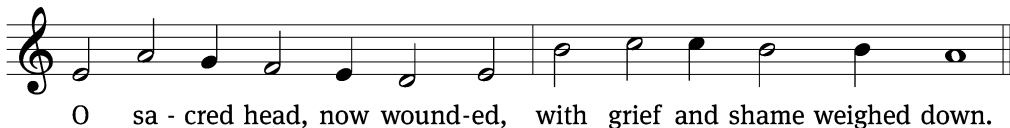
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

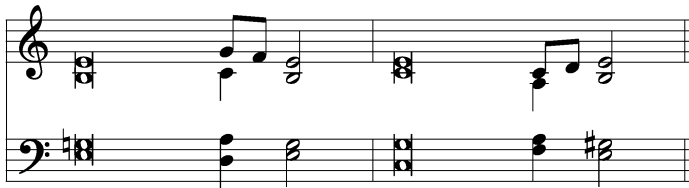
# Psalm of the Day

Psalm 22A

## Refrain



## Tone



My God, my God, why have you for- / saken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of / anguish?

I am a worm and / not a man,

scorned by everyone, despised by the / people.

All who see me / mock me;

they hurl insults, shaking / their heads.

“He trusts in the / LORD,” they say,

“let the LORD / rescue him.” *Refrain*

All my bones are / on display;

you lay me in the / dust of death.

A pack of villains en- / circles me;

they pierce my hands / and my feet.

They divide my clothes a- / mong them

and cast lots for my / garment.

But you, LORD, do not be / far from me.

You are my strength; come quickly to / help me.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**

**and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. / Amen.** *Refrain*

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## Second Reading

Romans 5:1-11

*St. Paul teaches that God works through our suffering to shape our Christian character and to lead us to cling to Christ's gracious promises.*

**T**herefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we also have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice confidently on the basis of our hope for the glory of God.

<sup>3</sup>Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance, <sup>4</sup>and patient endurance produces tested character, and tested character produces hope. <sup>5</sup>And hope will not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who was given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, it is even more certain that we will be saved from God's wrath through him. <sup>10</sup>For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, it is even more certain that, since we have been reconciled, we will be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>And not only is this so, but we also go on rejoicing confidently in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received this reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**





*Please stand\**

## **Gospel**

*Mark 8:31–38*

*Jesus teaches of the absolute necessity of the cross, both his and ours.*

**J**esus began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things; be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the experts in the law; be killed; and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He was speaking plainly to them. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But after turning around and looking at his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! You do not have your mind set on the things of God, but the things of men.”

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd and his disciples together and said to them, “If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever wants to save his life will lose it. But whoever loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>After all, what good is it for a man to gain the whole world and yet forfeit his soul? <sup>37</sup>Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? <sup>38</sup>In fact, whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## **Children’s Message**

*The children are invited forward to sit in the first pew on the left-hand side of the sanctuary. Parents may join them for this special message.*

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\* We stand out of respect for the words of Jesus, our King.

# Hymn of the Day

817 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart



1 Lord, thee I love with all my heart; I pray thee,  
2 Yea, Lord, 'twas thy rich boun - ty gave my bod - y,  
3 Lord, let at last thine an - gels come, to A - br'ham's



ne'er from me de - part, with ten - der mer - cy cheer me.  
soul, and all I have in this poor life of la - bor.  
bos - om bear me home that I may die un - fear - ing;



Earth has no plea - sure I would share; yea, heav'n it -  
Lord, grant that I in ev - 'ry place may glo - ri -  
and in its nar - row cham - ber keep my bod - y



self were void and bare if thou, Lord, wert not near me.  
fy thy lav - ish grace and help and serve my neigh - bor.  
safe in peace - ful sleep un - til thy re - ap - pear - ing.



And should my heart for sor - row break, my trust in thee can  
Let no false doc - trine me be - guile; let Sa - tan not my  
And then from death a - wak - en me that these mine eyes with



noth - ing shake. Thou art the por - tion I have sought; thy pre - cious  
soul de - file. Give strength and pa - tience un - to me to bear my  
joy may see, O Son of God, thy glo - rious face, my Sav - ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
cross and fol - low thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -



Lord, my God and Lord, for - sake me not! I trust thy Word.  
Lord, my God and Lord, in death thy com - fort still af - ford.  
tend, my prayer at - tend, and I will praise thee with - out end.

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## Sermon

## Suffering Produces... Good?

*Romans 5:1–11*

*Please stand*

## Confession of Faith

*Apostles' Creed\**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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\* The Apostles' Creed is an ancient confession of faith in the Christian church and is one of three nearly-ubiquitous confessions throughout Christendom. While not written by the apostles, it serves as a summary of their teaching.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **Offering**

*The members of Gloria Dei give their offerings out of thanks to God for his unending love. These offerings are used to support our work locally and around the world. Our guests may give, but should not feel compelled to do so. If you wish to give a gift electronically, please visit [www.gdluth.org/giving](http://www.gdluth.org/giving) or scan the code to the right.*



*If you are a guest with us today, please fill out the “Connection Card” in the racks at the end of each pew and leave the card with an usher, in the offering plate, or with the pastor.*

*As the offering plates are brought forward, please stand for prayer.*

## **Prayers**

Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;  
**in your faithfulness and righteousness, come to my relief.\***

Spare us, Lord, from the lies of the devil and the attacks of our conscience. Comfort and save us in your patient compassion.

**Have mercy on us, Jesus.**

Guide us, Lord, to the wisdom of your Word and the power of your promises. Take away our confusion and doubt.

**Have mercy on us, Jesus.**

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\* Psalm 143:1

Hear us, Lord, when we come to you in prayer. Make us confident to take you at your word and to follow you in faith.

**Have mercy on us, Jesus.**

Empower us, Lord, to walk in your ways and live in your truth. Fill us with your love, that we may love you and one another.

**Have mercy on us, Jesus.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Prayer**

Almighty God, by your Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified. Receive our prayers for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocations and ministries they may truly serve and honor you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer\***

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

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\* When [Jesus] finished [praying], one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say, 'Our Father in heaven...'" (Luke 11:1-2).

# Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.

**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

*502 Children of the Heavenly Father*



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther safe - ly  
2 God his own doth tend and nour - ish; in his  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his



in his bos - om gath - er; nest - ling bird nor star in  
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things he  
Lord his chil - dren sev - er; un - to them his grace he  
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; his the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
spares them; in his might - y arms he bears them.  
show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958; Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, abr.

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# Calendar & Announcements

## Sunday

Sunday School [Grades PreK-5th] and Bible Class [Life of Abraham] .....	9:15 am
Worship .....	10:30 am
Coffee Hour .....	11:30 am
Choir Practice.....	12:00 pm
Catechism Class.....	12:00 pm

## Tuesday

In-Person Midweek Bible Class [Luke] .....	10:30 am
Bible Information Class .....	4:30 pm
Online Midweek Bible Class [Luke] .....	7:30 pm

## Wednesday

Midweek Lent Worship at Peace Lutheran, Santa Clara [In-Person and Online] .....	7:00 pm
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## Thursday

Senior Care Center Worship Service [The Abigail, Redwood City] .....	10:00 am
Evangelism Committee Meeting .....	7:00 pm

## Next Sunday

Sunday School [Grades PreK-5th] and Bible Class [Romans].....	9:15 am
Worship .....	10:30 am
Coffee Hour .....	11:30 am
Choir Practice.....	12:00 pm
Catechism Class.....	12:00 pm

## New Bible Study: Romans

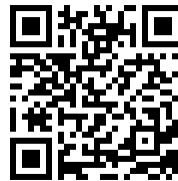
*March 3, 2024*

Starting on Sunday, March 3, we will begin a new Bible study for our Sunday morning class. We will take a trip through the amazing letter to the Romans that the Holy Spirit inspired the apostle Paul to write. In this letter is perhaps the most concise and focused defense and explanation of the Christian faith that we have in all of Scripture.

Whether Bible Class is old hat for you or something new, please join us for what is sure to be a great spiritual blessing by God’s grace for us! If you have questions, please talk to pastor.

## Every Member Visits

Pastor Shrimpton is making a new round of visits and would like to touch base with each member family in the congregation. These visits can take place in your home, at church, at a coffee shop, or online—whatever would be easiest and best for you and your family. You should have received an email early in the week with a link to schedule these visits, but you can also scan the code at the right to do so from your mobile device. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor.



## Bible Information Classes Available

If you are new to the Christian faith, new to Gloria Dei, or just want to review what the Bible teaches, Pastor Shrimpton offers Bible Information Classes as requested to review the teachings of the Bible. If you would like more information on these classes, please speak with Pastor after worship or email him at [pastor@gdluth.org](mailto:pastor@gdluth.org).

## Text Messages Reminders from Gloria Dei

We have added the ability to send out brief text message reminders ahead of worship services, classes, or meetings as a light reminder. Those that are already signed up have said they really appreciate it as a way to stay connected to the events of the congregation, and through that, our Savior's Word. To register you can go to this address (<http://gdluth.360members.com/opt-in/texting>) or scan the code to the right. Let Pastor Shrimpton know if you have any questions.



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