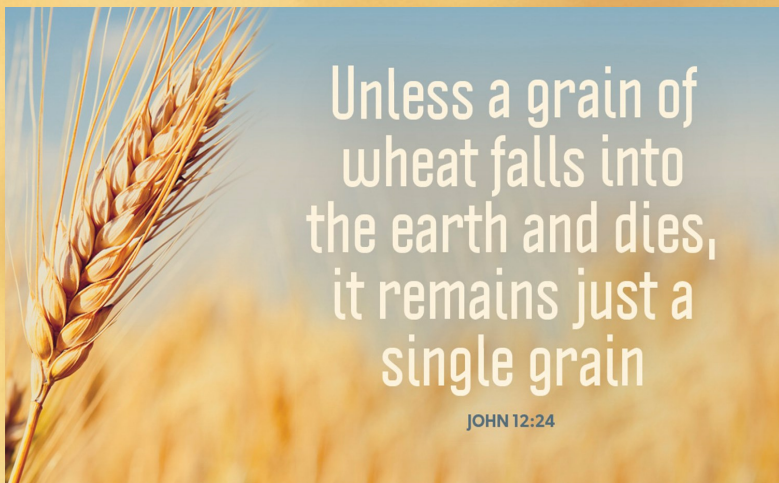


# Welcome to Glory Lutheran Church



Unless a grain of  
wheat falls into  
the earth and dies,  
it remains just a  
single grain

JOHN 12:24

**Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 17, 2024**

*Reaching Up... Reaching Out... Reaching In...*

## Words of Welcome

### Worship Choir: Fall Slow Tears

*Based on Psalm 51: 10-11*

*Adapted by Ruth Elaine Schram*

*Music by Ruth Elaine Schram*

*Fall, slow tears, and drown all my doubts and fears  
and wash away my sin and shame  
in the flood of forgiveness and mercy.*

*Weep, sad eyes; my soul in repentance cries.  
Create in me a clean heart, oh God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.*

*Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Take all my iniquities upon you.  
Have mercy on me, have mercy on me.*

### Confession & Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is  
marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy God,

C: **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

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**C: We are silent when we should speak up.  
We keep score in our hearts.  
We let hurts grow into hatred.  
For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord.  
Amen.**

**P: Here is a flood of grace:  
Out of love for the whole world,  
God draws near to us,  
breaks every snare of sin,  
washes away our wrongs,  
and restores the promise of life through + Jesus  
Christ,**

**C: Amen.**

### **Apostolic Greeting / Prayer of the Day**

**O God,  
with steadfast love you draw us to yourself,  
and in mercy you receive our prayers.  
Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,  
that through life and death we may live in your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

*Please take time to say "Peace be with you" as directed.*

# Spirit, Open My Heart

*Refrain*



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
 friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

*Refrain*



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
 day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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## Children's Time

**First Lesson:** Jeremiah 31:31-34

**L:** Word of God, Word of Life. **C:** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 51: Create in Me a Clean Heart**  
(Psalm 51:1-12)

**Chorus**



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O  
God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me.

*Words and Music by  
Norman Johnson*

**C: Sing chorus 2x**

L: Have mercy on me. O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.  
you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgement.  
Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

**C: Sing chorus**

L: You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart.  
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you crushed rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**C: Sing chorus**

L: Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

**C: Sing chorus**

**Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10**

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**Gospel Lesson: John 12:20-33**

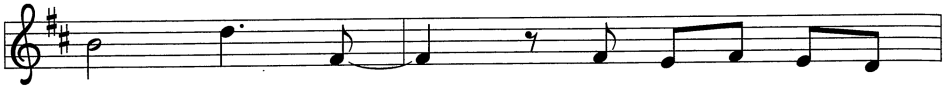
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**



# Hymn of the Day - Beautiful Things



1 All this pain; I won - der if I'll  
2 All this earth; . . . could all that is  
3 All a - round, . . . hope is spring - ing



ev - er find my way. I won - der if my  
lost ev - er be found? . . . Could a gar - den  
up from this old ground. . . . Out of cha - os,



life could real - ly change at all.  
come up from this ground at all?  
life is be - ing found in you.

## *Refrain*



You make beau-ti-ful things, you make beau-ti - ful things out of the dust.



You make beau - ti - ful things, you make beau-ti -



ful things out of us.

Text: Michael Gungor, b. 1980, and Lisa Gungor, b. 1982

Music: Michael Gungor and Lisa Gungor

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## Confession of Faith - Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

## Offering

*As you leave, you may place your offering onto the plate located at the back of the church or use the online options available online.*

## Offertory Song - Thanksgiving

Thank You, Lord, for giving Yourself to us;  
And thank You, Lord, for making us what we are.  
You know our needs, so come fill our lives we pray;  
That we might serve You only and live our lives to You each day.

Thank You, Lord, for washing away our shame;  
And thank You, Lord, for healing our sorrow and pain.  
Our hearts are free, for we know that we are loved;  
So, help us love each other, the way Your love was shown to us.

Thank You, Lord, for giving us hope and grace;  
And thank You, Lord, that we shall see Your face.  
And so we know that Your promises are sure.  
So, help us see things Your way, until the dawning of that day.

And yes, we know that Your promises are sure.  
So, help us see things Your way, until the dawning of that day.

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## Offertory Prayer

God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## Prayers

### Prayer Response:

P: Hear us, O God, **C: Your mercy is great.**



## 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**

## Blessing

### Announcements

#### Sending Song - Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.  
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

## DISMISSAL

**L:** Go in Peace. Share your bread. **C:** Thanks be to God.

We are sad to announce that Helga Madsen passed away peacefully in the early evening of Monday, March 11, 2024.

A memorial service will be held at Glory on **Friday, March 22, 2024, at 11:00am.**

We mourn with Helga's family and friends.

The Glory congregation gives thanks for her life, and prays for those who mourn with the hope of the resurrection.

# GLORY'S WORSHIP CHOIR

presents the Lenten cantata,

## *Canticle of the Cross*

By Joseph M. Martin

# SUNDAY, MARCH 24

**Glory Lutheran Church  
Worship Choir**

**Piano:** Lynnette Woodrow

**Organ:** Esther Madsen

**Flute/Piccolo:** Katharine  
Griffith

**Violin:** David Mitchell,  
Callum Mitchell

**Trumpet:** David Hauf

**Percussion:** Owen Mitchell

**Narrator:** Noah McKinnon

## Young Adult-Led Outdoor Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 30 · 6:30-8:30pm

All are welcome!

CHURCH  
Matters



### Newsletter

Reminder to please email your submissions for the March edition to the office **by Monday, March 18**, so it may be published the following weekend. Thanks!

NEW!



## YOUNG ADULT GROUP

25-50<sup>ISH</sup> YEAR OLDS

OUT OF SCHOOL, WORKING, SINGLE <sup>OR</sup> MARRIED, KIDS <sup>OR</sup> NO KIDS  
INTERESTED? CONTACT GRAYSON @ (780) 721-7104

One more Thursday - March 21st!

## Lenten Soup Supper & Service

6PM SUPPER

7PM EVENING SERVICE

*Soup Supper sign up sheets are on the welcome table in the Narthex*



## Holy Week Services

"Willow" Sunday - March 24 @ 10:30am  
*featuring Glory's Worship Choir,  
presenting the Lenten Cantata, "Canticle of the Cross"*

Maundy Thursday - March 28 @ 7pm

Good Friday - March 29 @ 10:30am

Easter Sunday - March 31 @ 10:30am



*Happy Easter*  
He is Risen Forevermore!!

**EASTER  
BREAKFAST  
March 31  
9:00am**

You are invited to gather for a light breakfast on Easter Sunday morning before the 10:30am worship service - anytime after 9:00am.

If you would like to contribute to this meal by providing a dozen Resurrection buns (recipe provided if you would like it), cinnamon buns, your favourite muffins, or fancy "Easter bread", please sign up on the list in the Narthex. *Thanks!*

# Thank You

to those who made contributions to this week's bulletin and to members who assisted in today's service.

## Worship Planners, Altar Guild, Choir, Musicians, AV Techs,

**Greeters:**

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**Ushers:**

Barb Anderson

**Reader:**

Ermeline Ference

**Psalm:**

Elizabeth Wood

**Acolyte:**

Mila Wareham

**Sunday School:**

Pat Becker, Dani Montoya

**Coffee Setup/Cleanup:**

Pat Becker

**Lock-up:**

Jenny Takenaka

*\*To volunteer, please sign up [online](#) or on the easel in the Narthex.*

## Events This Week:

Women's Group Bagged Lunch - Wednesday 12:00pm (Not March 27)

Council Meeting - Wednesday 6:30pm

Lenten Soup Supper & Service - Thursday 6:00pm & 7:00pm

Confirmation - Thursday 6:00pm Choir - Thursday 7:30pm

Lenten Cantata Dress Rehearsal - Saturday 1:00pm

CANCELLED - YOUTH Video Game Tournament @ MOLC - March 23

Lenten Cantata - during "Willow Sunday" worship - March 24

## Attendance & Offering:

	Online	In-Person	Offering
March 10, 2024	14	90	\$4493.00

## Next Sunday's Readings:

Canticle of the Cross

**The service this morning will be both recorded and live streamed.**

This can be accessed on our website, [glorylutheran.ca](http://glorylutheran.ca).

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