



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 25, 2024

**8:30am, 10:00am, no 5:00pm**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! The 40 day Season of Lent is about following Jesus to the cross and preparing our hearts, minds, and lives for Easter. Today, we welcome special musical guest Billy Steele to our morning services. Also, each week we will look at John 6 where Jesus says, "I am the bread of life" and give thanks to God for all the resources we receive on our journey of faith.

THE PRELUDE: *Great I Am* by Jared Anderson

Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30am/10am)

### THE GATHERING HYMN: *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

#853 vv. 1-2, 4

**When morning gilds the skies,  
My heart awaking cries:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
When evening shadows fall,  
This rings my curfew call:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**When mirth for music longs,  
this is my song of songs:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
God's holy house of prayer  
has none that can compare  
with "Jesus Christ be praised!"**

**Let all of humankind,  
In this their concord find;  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let all the earth around,  
Ring joyous with the sound:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

### THE WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

(People read/sing **bold** words.)

Bread of Life, our Lord and Savior,  
**we come to give You thanks and praise.**

Bread of Life, our Lord and Savior,  
**we come to hear Your word of hope and healing.**

Bread of Life, our Lord and Savior,  
**we come to offer ourselves in service and in joy.**

Bread of Life, our Lord and Savior,  
**we come to be empowered by Your Spirit and sent to be Your bread to the hungry world.  
Amen.**

### THE HYMN *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

#853 v. 5

**Sing, sun and stars of space,**

**Sing, all who see his face,  
Sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"  
God's whole creation o'er,  
Today and evermore,  
Shall Jesus Christ be praised!**

(The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**)  
PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Annette Fettis  
(Children may leave for Sunday school and return at Holy Communion.)

SPECIAL MUSIC Billy Steele

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Please stand.) Page 189

(The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**)  
THE GOSPEL: John 6:15-23

**When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going. The next day the crowd that had stayed on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there. They also saw that Jesus had not gotten into the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. Then some boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks.**

(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Blessed Assurance* Billy Steele

**THE HYMN: Amazing Grace** #779

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

THE MESSAGE: "*Ok, God, Now You're Just Showing Off!*" Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC Billy Steele

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each petition - Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (All who believe Christ is present in this sacrament are welcome. Non-communicating children and adults who choose not to receive, may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms as a signal you would prefer a blessing. Also, juice is located in the center of each tray, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request-please indicate this choice to a pastor.)

**HOLY COMMUNION MUSIC:**

**Lamb of God** (People repeat each phrase after the leader.)

Billy Steele leads Communion music.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSINGS

**THE SENDING HYMN: Oh Happy Day!**

SENDING WORDS

THE POSTLUDE: *Festive Postlude* by Iouri Gritchetchkine Fred Johnson (8:30am/10am)

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**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Acolyte: Elijah Don; Coffee Prep: Bill Jonas; Communion: Carol & Chuck Weinhardt; Ushers: Dave & Judy Ross; Welcome Table: Janice Olson

**10am:** Acolyte: Jenna Hallowell; Coffee Clean-up: Lisa Mers; Communion: Sharry Hilyard & Wayne Johnson; Usher: Susan Behnke & Gini Sherwood; Welcome Table: Rebecca Horner

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