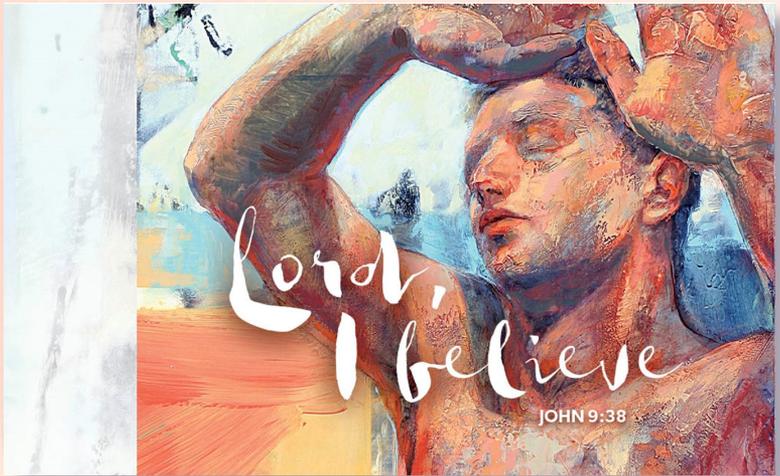


**Welcome to Glory Lutheran Church**



**Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 19 , 2023**

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

## Gathering Song - Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,  
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Light of my soul, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Irish, 8<sup>th</sup> cent.; vers. Eleanor H.Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931  
Music: Irish traditional; arr. Carlton R. Young, b. 1926  
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## Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer.  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,  
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.  
For my life is wholly bound to his.  
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,  
for by my side the Saviour, he will stay.  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,  
for in my need, his power is displayed.  
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.  
Through the deepest valley he will lead.  
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,  
the future sure, the price, it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
and he was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.  
Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.  
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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With ev'ry breath I long to follow Jesus,  
for he has said that he will bring me home.  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.  
All the glory evermore to him.  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
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## 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 journeys with us these forty days,  
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us acknowledge before God and one another  
our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy God,

C: **we confess to you our faults and failings.  
Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;  
we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;  
we spoil rather than steward your creation;  
we cause hurt though you call us to heal;  
we choose fear over compassion.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
as we seek to follow in your way of life.  
Amen.**

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- P:** Hear the good news:  
God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,  
so that all may receive life.  
This promise is for you!  
God embraces you with divine mercy,  
+ forgives you in Christ's name,  
and revives you in the Spirit's power.
- C: Amen.**

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

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father 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.*

### **Worship Choir: God of Grace (with Amazing Grace)**

*Words and Music by Keith Getty and Jonathan Rea  
Arranged by Tom Fettke*

## Children's Time

### Psalm 146

L: Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**C: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

L: Do not put your trust in princes,  
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**C: When their breath departs, they return to the earth;  
on that very day their plans perish.**

L: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God,

**C: who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them;  
who keeps faith forever;**

L: who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**C: the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.  
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.**

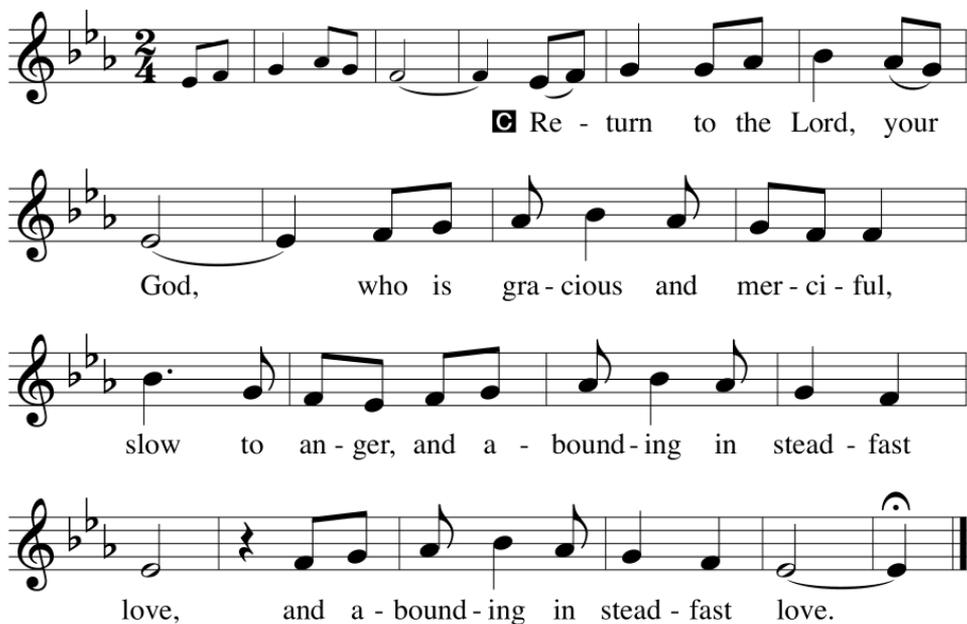
L: The LORD watches over the strangers;  
he upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**C: The LORD will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations.  
Praise the LORD!**

**Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14**

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

**Gospel Acclamation**



Re - turn to the Lord, your  
God, who is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast  
love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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**Gospel Lesson**

John 9:1-41

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

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

**SERMON**



# Hymn of the Day - I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

## Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

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day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the  
cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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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 on our website.*

## Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.  
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:  
our selves, our time, and our possessions.  
Use us, and what we have gathered,  
in feeding the world with your love,  
through the one who gave himself for us,  
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

## Prayers

### Prayer Response:

P: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.

## 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**

## Installation of Church Council

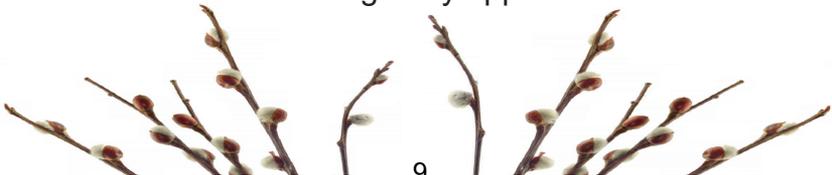
*Rose Schlegl, Rhonda Berg, Lynnette Woodrow,  
Kurtis Ashton, Lynn Spain, Dave Hauf, Sebastian  
Montoya, Pat Becker, Susan Ronsko, Jenny Takenaka*  
*Financial Officer: Chelsea Ashton*

## BLESSING / Announcements

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### Palm Sunday - April 2

We will once again be using pussy willow branches instead of palm branches this year for Palm Sunday.  
If any of you have access to willows and are able to cut some branches to bring for our Palm Sunday service on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, it would be greatly appreciated.



## Sending Song - As You Go

As you go may you know the love of Christ,  
how deep and long, how high and wide;  
As you leave may you seek to win the prize,  
and find His death to be your life.

**(Chorus)**

**May you go in the love of your Father God,  
may you go in the grace of Christ;  
May you go in the power of the Spirit now,  
to bring Him glory with your life.**

As you go may you know the pow'r of grace,  
His very strength for what's to come;  
As you leave may you feel His mighty hand  
guiding your steps in the race you run.

**(Chorus)**

As you go may you show His heart to bless  
the blind and lost, the ones with less.  
As you leave may you be the light of Christ,  
and show our hope is in the cross.

**(Chorus)**

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## Dismissal

**The Capital Region Interfaith Housing Initiative is inviting you to a gathering at the Alberta Legislature:** “Please join us for the Friday afternoon, March 24 at 2 pm, at the Alberta Legislative Building, north steps. So much is possible if we work together! **It is time** for Alberta to build a wise, well resourced, and well-constructed long-term plan to address housing and homelessness challenges in Alberta.”



**“Elijah”**, a beloved choral work by composer **Felix Mendelssohn**, will be performed by the Richard Eaton Singers with the Edmonton Symphony on Friday March 31 at the Winspear Centre under the direction of Leonard Ratzlaff, conducted by Tim Shantz.

Come, hear the story of the great biblical prophet presented in beautiful and dramatic music by a 120 person choir and a great orchestra!

Tickets are available through the Winspear website or box-office.

# Lenten Soup Supper 6PM

Every Thursday  
during Lent

Volunteers are needed to bring soup and/or dessert and to setup/clean up each week. Soup Supper sign up sheets can be found on the welcome desk in the Narthex.

7PM, following soup supper,  
Midweek Lenten Series:  
Witness At The Cross

## Lenten Service

## Glory 50 Plus Pancake Breakfast/Brunch

Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - 11:00 am  
Glory Lutheran Church



Please register by adding your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Group 2 will be hosting this event. Questions may be directed to Eula Regehr or Marjorie Zelent.

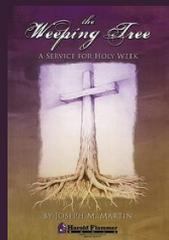


## CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS

A new edition of the Glory Church Directory is being made. Jessica will continue to sporadically set up a photography station at church to take photos as time allows.

In addition to the above photo opportunity, you are encouraged to email photos of you and your family to our directory email:

[directory@glorylutheran.ca](mailto:directory@glorylutheran.ca)



**On Good Friday, April 7,**  
Glory's Worship Choir, together with instrumentalists and narrators, will present a Lenten cantata as part of our worship service. The Weeping Tree, by Joseph M. Martin, is a poignant rendering of the cross that uses beloved hymns, newly composed music, thoughtful narration and simple sacred symbols to create a touching testament of grace.



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## 2023 Accelerating Change

World Water Day 2023 is about accelerating change to solve the water and sanitation crisis. Dysfunction throughout the water cycle is undermining progress on all major global issues, from health to hunger, gender equality to jobs, education to industry, disasters to peace. Back in 2015, the world committed to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 as part of the 2030 Agenda – the promise that everyone would have safely managed water and sanitation by 2030. Right now, we are seriously off-track. Billions of people and countless schools, businesses, healthcare centers, farms and factories are being held back because their human rights to water and sanitation have not yet been fulfilled.

### **What can we do about it?**

You and your family, school and community can make a difference by changing the way you use, consume, and manage water in your lives.

Your commitments will be added to the larger-scale commitments from governments, companies, organizations, institutions, and coalitions.

Together, these promises will form the Water Action Agenda, to be launched at the UN 2023 Water Conference (22-24 March) – the first event of its kind for nearly 50 years.

This World Water Day is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to unite around water and accelerate progress together.

Play your part by doing what you can.

<https://www.worldwaterday.org>

The hummingbird story:

<https://www.unwater.org/bethechange/>



## Water Conservation

There are many simple ways that we can help conserve water! Here are a few tips from Strathcona County's website:

- Turn the water off while you're brushing your teeth.
- Fill kettles only to the depth required.
- Catch clean water from your kitchen faucet by keeping a small tub or bowl in the sink. Use this water on your houseplants.
- Store a pitcher of water in the fridge for drinking so you won't have to let the faucet run to get cold water.
- Don't rinse dishes before loading them into your dishwasher (*use a spatula to scrape off dirty dishes instead.*)
- When eating out, encourage restaurants to serve water only on request.
- Save water by limiting your shower time (*a ten-minute shower can use up to 150 litres of water – the equivalent of a full bathtub.*)
- Try to do one thing each day that will result in saving water. You can make a difference!

For more ideas on water conservation, visit <https://www.strathcona.ca/agriculture-environment/footprint/water-conservation/indoor-water-saving-tips/>



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2023 Accelerating Change

# 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,**

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Greeters:</b>             | Charlie & Delores Friske  |
| <b>Usher:</b>                | Rose Schlegl              |
| <b>Reader:</b>               | Elizabeth Wood            |
| <b>Acolyte:</b>              | Maria Takenaka            |
| <b>Kids Church:</b>          | Pat Becker & Dani Montoya |
| <b>Coffee Setup/Cleanup:</b> | Joyce Spitzke             |
| <b>Church Lock-Up:</b>       | Kurtis Ashton             |

*To volunteer, please sign up on the sheet on the easel in the Narthex.*

## **Events This Week**

- Praise Band - Tuesday 7:00pm
- Women's Group Bagged Lunch - Wednesday 12:00pm
- Lenten Soup Supper - Thursday 6:00 pm
- Lenten Service - Thursday 7:00pm
- Confirmation - Thursday 7:30pm
- Choir - Thursday 7:30pm
- Glory 50 Plus Pancake Breakfast - Friday 11:00am

## **Attendance & Offering:**

|                | <b>Online</b> | <b>In-Person</b> | <b>Offering</b> |
|----------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| March 5, 2023  | 25            | 146              | \$3820.00       |
| March 12, 2023 | 54            | 84               | \$887.70        |

## **Next Sunday's Readings:**

Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45

**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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