

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 13, 2020 (Worship: **8:30am, 10am, 5pm**)



WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today we begin our new sermon/Bible study focus on Saint Paul's letter to the Phillippians. We will also hear from several members on "Perseverance & Encouragement." May the Spirit grant you the resilience you need to be God's humble servant in "all circumstances."

PRELUDE MUSIC: *Out of the Ivory Palaces* by Carolyn Hamlin Fred Johnson, pianist/organist

THE GREETING AND WELCOME

Susan Warneke

THE INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

(Silence for reflection and confession. Pastor proclaims the forgiveness.)

THE HYMN: *A Mighty Fortress*

#504 vv. 1-2, 4

**A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.**

**No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.**

**God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!**

(The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LESSON: Philippians 1:12-19

I want you to know, beloved that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ; and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear. Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from goodwill. These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defense of the gospel; the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true; and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance.

(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand.) page 188

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 18th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE READING OF THE GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-22

Then Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. 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 again 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.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Paige Gulck, Youth Director

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISUAL PRESENTATION - Lisa Ellis speaks on Perseverance & Encouragement

THE HYMN: Amazing Grace

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**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 MESSAGE: "*Prison Proclamation*"

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC:
Michelle Lum

I Will Fear No More by The Afters

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving, what You have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(After each prayer - Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**)

THE 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN: Canticle of the Turning

#723 vv. 1-3

**My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest, Could the world be about to turn?**

Refrain: **My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.**

Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

**Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.** (Refrain.)

**From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev-'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.** (Refrain.)

THE SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE MUSIC: *A Song of Triumph* by Anthony Giamanco Fred Johnson,
Pianist/Organist

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by John and Linda Friend in memory & blessings of their infant daughter, Lisa Marie.

THANK YOU to all who participated in the Prayer Labyrinth in the church courtyard or at home yesterday. This prayer opportunity was a great way to "jump start" Rally Sunday!

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION - *Next Sunday*, September 20, 11:15am in the Sanctuary. This orientation is for all parents whose child is going into 6th-8th grades, There will be plenty of space to discuss what Gloria Dei's program will look like this year. Please contact pastordavid@mygloriadei.org for more information.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS - Those not feeling well or at risk (pre-existing medical conditions/elderly), please watch the livestream service at home. Face masks required. Extra face masks & hand sanitizers are available at the Welcome Table. No coffee time.

CHILDREN IN CHURCH - While we do not have Sunday school or a nursery currently, parents are encouraged to grab a "kid's bag" in the narthex-lobby for their child. Also, the playground is now open after services for their enjoyment.

OFFERING - Place check/money in boxes as you leave, or **ELECTRONIC GIVING** - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-Dana Point. For Text to Give, text \$ amount to 949-356-5326. First time, initial set up instructions texted back. Once set up, simply text donation. You can also give via credit card or debit card through our secure site - go to mygloriadei.org/donate.

GIFT (Growing in Faith Together): Monday, September 14, 6:30pm. (Studying Philippians 4: 14 thru 4: 23/study guide - Chapter 12) limiting meeting to 8 people. First come - first served. RSVP: 203-952-5657 or d.warneke@att.net or SusanH083@gmail.com.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH - Movie Night, Friday, September 18, 6pm. More details coming or check in with Youth Director Paige at youth@mygloriadei.org.

PHILIPPIANS/PERSEVERANCE sermon series and Bible studies continue today. We will hear from members of their faith stories during worship.

ALL CHURCH BIBLE STUDY on Philippians led by Dr. Dennis Chernenkoff continues Tuesday, 6:30pm. This study will be in the Sanctuary and online - go to Gloria Dei's Youtube channel: youtube.com/GloriaDeiLutheranChurchDanaPoint. This will be a great preparation for our Sunday morning series.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY continues weekly, Wednesday, at 10am. All women are invited to join in on this weekly study with Pastor in the Sanctuary and also online - This year the study begins with Philippians.

BETHEL BIBLE SERIES (2 year overview of scripture) - Year 2 (New Testament) begins on Wednesday, September 23, 6:30pm in the Sanctuary and virtually. This yearlong study will take place on Wednesdays. Questions, contact Pastor David.

WOMEN'S PAINT NIGHT sponsored by Women's Board - Sept. 25 at 6:30pm. We encourage women of the congregation to bring their own beverage. \$35 supplies/art. To sign up, contact Susie Boland (fellowship@mygloriadei.org) or call the church office. More details coming soon.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES - Gloria Dei is collecting items for family hygiene kits. Please leave your items in the collection container at Sunday service or drop them by the office during the week. Items needed include: Toothbrushes, toothbrush covers, disposable razors, shaving cream, toothpaste tubes, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, dental floss, mouthwash, pockets sized Kleenex packets & washcloths. Questions: Gloriadei@mygloriadei.org.

CONFIRMANDS (6th-8th graders) and Friends trip to the San Diego Zoo, Saturday, October 17. Details coming soon.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP - Contact the church office: gloriadei@mygloriadei.org or 949-493-3414 to sign-up.

UPCOMING EVENTS: First Communion - October 4; Confirmation/Reformation Sunday - October 25

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Lector: Denise Boyd; Usher: Dave & Judy Ross; Welcome Table: Denise & Tim Boyd

10:00am: Lector: Cade Gallal; Usher: David Warneke; Welcome Table: Lora Schultz & William Stoll

5:00pm: Lector: Erika Mills

CHURCH STAFF: Senior Pastor: David R. Mattson; Preschool Director: Shelli Parajekas; Children & Family Director: Barb Collins; Congregational Life Director: Susie Boland; Youth Director: Paige Gulck; Music Director: Kathy Person; Organist: Fred Johnson; 5pm worship leader: Micaela Lum; Administrative Assistant: Carol Weinhardt.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 13 - 19, 2020

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Lutheran Social Services Family Hygiene Kit Collection Begins

Monday: GIFT Group (6:30pm)

Tuesday: AA (7am, Men); Brass Rehearsal (4pm); All Church Study (6:30pm); Alanon (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); Bell Choir (6:30pm)

Friday: AA (10am); Senior High Movie Night (6pm)

Saturday: Serra's Pantry (8:30am); NA (7pm)