

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 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: *Morning Meditation* by Jason W. Krug Fred Johnson, pianist/organist
Pleyel Menuetto, Op. 44 Kathy Person, violin and Ashley Santore, viola

THE GREETING AND WELCOME

Daneen Pysz

THE HYMN: *Thine the Amen*

#826 (soloist v. 1, **people sing/read bold**

words)

Thine the amen thine the praise al-le-lu-ias angels raise
thine the everlasting head thine the breaking of the bread
thine the glory thine the story thine the harvest then the cup
thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

**Thine the life eternally thine the promise let there be
thine the vision thine the tree all the earth on bended knee
gone the nailing gone the railing gone the pleading gone the cry
gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.**

THE INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed; in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, by my fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

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

THE HYMN: *Thine the Amen*

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**Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light
thine the river thine the tree then the Lamb eternally
then the holy holy holy celebration jubilee
thine the splendor thine the brightness only thee only thee.**

(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 1:1-11

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in

every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

(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 18:15-20

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Marcy Backhus

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISUAL PRESENTATION - Bill Ramsey speaks on Perseverance & Encouragement

THE HYMN: Christ Be Our Light #715 vv.

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**Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**

Refrain: **Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.**

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.** (Refrain.)

THE MESSAGE: "*Wow! Just Wow!*"

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Walk By Faith* by J. Camp Christian Try
(8:30am/10am)

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.**)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks... we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. Amen.

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.

INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those called to the Supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive You, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All who believe Christ is present in this Sacrament are welcome to receive. Non-communing children and others who wish to receive only a blessing may also come forward. For those who prefer, white juice is located in the center of each tray. We ask people to wear a face covering as they walk forward, lower it to take the bread and wine, and keep a six foot physical distance. Thank you.)

HOLY COMMUNION MUSIC: Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain: **As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.**

**As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love.** (Refrain.)

**Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you.** (Refrain.)

THE BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN: Come, Let Us Eat

**Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body let us take together,
Our Lord's body let us take together.**

**Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word,
Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word.
Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom,
Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom.**

THE SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE MUSIC: *A Joyous Song of Praise* by David Lasky

Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Blaine & Peggy Johnson in celebration of their 60th anniversary! They are also given by Bob Schultz in memory of Ruth & Don Schultz and William Schultz.

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated at all worship services today. If you are not physically present, please prepare the elements (bread and wine/grape juice) and follow along at your home.

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

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.

WE COMMEND TO GOD'S CARE Glenn Sels who died last Sunday. Please keep Sally Mansfield and Glenn's family in your prayers. And we give thanks for Judy Skraba who died on Monday afternoon. Please keep Judy's family in your prayers. No Memorial Services have been scheduled at this time.

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.

PHILIPPIANS/PERSEVERANCE sermon series and Bible studies begin 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.

PRAYER LABYRINTH: This Saturday (September 12), the annual prayer vigil will take place in the outdoor courtyard from 9am - 3pm. There will be a booklet which guides you through the steps. You are invited to stop by. It takes about a half hour to complete. Gloria Dei prays!

SMALL GROUP - spiritual growth group - study guide for the "The Shack" by Wm. Paul Young and Brad Robison, M.D. Zoom meeting, 3rd Tuesday/month, beginning September 15, 7:00pm. Interested? Neta Wenrick (714) 402-4665 or J.Wenrick (949) 339-7910.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY begins this Wednesday, September 9, 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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY (2nd Saturday/month) is this Saturday, 8am. All men are invited to join this monthly Bible study and fellowship time, either in person or virtually.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION: For all parents whose child is going into 6th-8th grades, an orientation will take place on next Sunday, September 13, 11:15am in the Sanctuary. 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.

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.

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. To sign up, contact Susie Boland (fellowship@mygloriadei.org) or call the church office. More details coming soon.

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

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Communion: Daneen Pysz; Lector: Christian Asis; Usher: Dave & Judy Ross; Welcome Table: Gail Rightmire

10:00am: Communion: Lisa Mers; Lector: Ren Higgins; Usher: Sharon Miller; Welcome Table: Betty Prock

5:00pm: Communion & Lector: Barbara Mesa

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 6 - SEPTEMBER 12, 2020

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm)

Monday: Church office closed.

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

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

Thursday: AA Men (7am)

Friday: AA (10am); AA Men (8pm)

Saturday: Men's Bible Study (8am); Prayer Vigil (9am); Women's Board (9am); NA (7pm)