



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Grace changes everything.*

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## THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

*For Those Who Dream*

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 31, 2021  
8:30am and 10am

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! For 2021, we are reading the Gospel of Mark. Today, we hear the story of Jesus teaching with authority and his power over an unclean spirit. May the power of God grant you the strength you need to face the challenges of the day.

THE PRELUDE: *Fantasia No. 9 in C Major* by J. S. Bach  
Organist/Pianist

Fred Johnson,

THE WELCOME AND GREETING

Susan Warneke

THE INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 111)

(People read **bold** words.)

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
**in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

**Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.**

The works of his hands are faithful and just;

**all his precepts are trustworthy.**

They are established forever and ever,

**to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

He sent redemption to his people;

**He has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

**all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.**

THE KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord have mercy.")  
below.)

(Cantor sings verses/People sing refrain

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, O Lord.

(The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty and eternal God, look mercifully on our weakness, and stretch out your mighty hand to help and defend us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

(Please stand.)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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**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 Mark, the 1st chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**)

THE GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

**They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.**

(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

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY: 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.**

**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: “The Literal Opposite of Live”

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Be Thou My Vision* arr. M. & S Eithun

Sharon Guilliams

**THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: The Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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.**

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: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**  
**Come Thou Fount of every blessing Tune my heart to sing Thy grace**  
**Streams of mercy, never ceasing Call for songs of loudest praise**  
**While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love**  
**Teach me ever to adore thee May I still Thy goodness prove**

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**Here I raise my Ebenezer "Hither by Thy help I come"**  
**And I hope, by Thy good pleasure Safely to arrive at home**  
**Jesus sought me when a stranger Wandering from the fold of God**  
**He, to rescue me from danger Interposed His precious blood**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be**  
**Let that grace now, like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee**  
**Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it Prone to leave the God I love**  
**Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it; seal it `for Thy courts above.**

Sending Words: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

THE POSTLUDE: *Toccata on "On Our Way Rejoicing"* by Gregory Hamilton Fred Johnson,  
Organist/Pianist

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Greg & Lori Taylor in celebration of Lori's mother, Maizie Huckins, birthday!

**COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS** - Not feeling well or at risk (pre-existing conditions/elderly), please watch the livestream. Face masks required. Extra masks & hand sanitizers available at Welcome Table.

**ANNUAL MEETING** has been postponed to Sunday, June 27. At that time, the new council and budget will be approved. We will celebrate what we've accomplished in 2020 and first quarter 2021. FYI - Annual reports will be available after next Sunday.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** - February 5, 6pm. Join us in "spreading the love" Service Project for Valentine's Day. Location to be decided. Questions: Contact Paige Gulck at [youthdirector@mygloriadei.org](mailto:youthdirector@mygloriadei.org).

**GLORIA DEI COOKING** - Join Ken and Barbara Rohde, 5:30pm on Friday, February 5th. They will be sharing and making a French meal, "*Fish en Papillote*". The link and recipe will be shared via email or contact the office at 949-493-3414 or [gloriadei@mygloriadei.org](mailto:gloriadei@mygloriadei.org).

**MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI:** If you are planning or have already begun the process of making Gloria Dei your church home, please join Pastor David on Wednesday, February 10, (virtually), 7pm. Pastor David will go over details of membership. Contact the church office for details. Members will be officially received on Sunday, February 28.

**THANKING GOD ON FRIDAY (TGOFF)** - Join this brief prayer service each Friday at 8am. <https://www.youtube.com/GloriaDeiLutheranChurchDanaPoint>. Micaela Lum will lead a song and Pastor David will lead prayers.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** - February 17. There are three options: 1. Drive up between 8am-9am at the upper turnaround - for a prayer, scripture and Imposition of Ashes; 2. Noon worship in the outdoor courtyard and live streamed - Imposition of Ashes; 3. Watch the service live at noon or afterwards as a recording.

**"REVEALED" Traveling Art Exhibit** will be on display for Season of Lent in Bankson Hall (beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 17). *Revealed* features 23 works of various printmaking techniques and covers the entire story of Redemption—from the Fall in Genesis through the New Creation promised in Revelation. The art, along with the Scripture represented, will be our Lenten emphasis.

**WHALE WATCHING** - February 27 12:30pm - 2:30pm for mentors and Confirmation students. Contact Paige by February 10 if you plan to attend; Paige will make a group purchase of the tickets. Adults \$56/Kids \$30. Masks required for this event. [youthdirector@mygloriadei.org](mailto:youthdirector@mygloriadei.org).

**FIRST COMMUNION** classes for children (age 10 or younger at discretion of parent/pastor) is three Wednesdays - March 3, 10, 17 - 4:30pm. For more information, email: [gloriadei@mygloriadei.org](mailto:gloriadei@mygloriadei.org). First Communion will take place on Palm Sunday, March 28.

**DEVOTIONAL** - January-March Devotionals have arrived! Pick it up at the Welcome Table, the church office or contact the office to have it mailed to you. 949-493-3414 or [gloriadei@mygloriadei.org](mailto:gloriadei@mygloriadei.org).

**WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** continues Wednesdays, 10am. All women are welcome. A link will be sent out for the meeting. They are studying the Gospel of Mark.

**NEW STUDY** - *The Shack*, started last Tuesday (January 19th). It's not too late to join. (7:00 - 8:30 pm, every third Tuesday). This study will be held virtually. Contact the church office for more information and for the ZOOM link.(949-493-3414 or [gloriadei@mygloriadei.org](mailto:gloriadei@mygloriadei.org))

**OFFERING** - Place check/money in boxes, 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](http://mygloriadei.org/donate).

**ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP** - Contact the office: [gloriadei@mygloriadei.org](mailto:gloriadei@mygloriadei.org) or 949-493-3414 to sign-up.

**UPCOMING:** Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday (March 28).

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 6, 2021** (All events online or outdoors)

**Today:** Worship (8:30am & 10am)

**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Brass Practice - (4pm); The Shack Group Study (7pm)

**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study - Online (10am); Bethel Bible (6:30pm)

**Thursday:** AA Men (7am)

**Friday:** Thanking God On Friday - TGOF (8am); Youth Group Spread the Love Service Project (6pm)

**Saturday:** Prayer Shawl (9am)

**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Lector: David Macher; Usher: Bob Gillespie; Welcome Table: Bonny Gillespie

**10am:** Lector: Laurene Holmes-Hylton; Usher: Dave Warneke; Welcome Table: Virginia Anderson

**CHURCH STAFF:** Senior Pastor: David R. Mattson; Preschool Director: Shelli Parajeckas; Children & Family Director: Barb Collins; Youth Director: Paige Gulck; Music Director: Kathy Person; Organist: Fred Johnson; PM Music Leader: Micaela Lum; Administrative Assistant: Carol Weinhardt