



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Grace changes everything.*

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## THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

*For Those Who Dream*

## TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

February 14, 2021

8:30am and 10am

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today, we hear the amazing story of Jesus' transfiguration and the words from heaven, "Listen to Him!" May God grant us that wisdom, to listen and follow. Today is also Valentine's Day - we remember how St. Valentine lived out his faith and love even in the midst of trials. God grant us such resilience.

THE PRELUDE: *Chorale Prelude* by John S. Dixon  
Organist/Pianist

Fred Johnson,

THE WELCOME AND GREETING

Bill Jonas

THE INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 27)

(People read **bold** words.)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

**though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.**

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

**to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,**

to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

**For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;**

**I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.**

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

THE KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord have mercy.")

(Cantor sings verses/People sing refrain below.)

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

**Holy God, mighty and immortal, You are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, whose compassion illumines the world. Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in His divinity, the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE READING: 2 Kings 2:1-14

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

(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 9th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**)

THE READING OF THE GOSPEL:

**Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a**

**cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.**

(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

Youth Director Paige Gulck

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY: Beautiful Savior**

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**Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!**

**Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

THE MESSAGE: "Listen to Him!"

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Voice of Truth* by Hall and Chapman  
Lum

Michelle

**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: *Christ be Our Light***  
**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.**

#715 vv. 1-2

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.)

**Longing for food, many are hungry.**  
**Longing for water, many still thirst.**  
**Make us your bread, broken for others,**  
**shared until all are fed.** (Refrain.)

Sending Words: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

THE POSTLUDE: *Rodino on G* by Carson Cooman

Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in honor of Greg Blanda's Valentines: Dianne, their daughters and all his female family members.

**COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS** - Not feeling well or at risk, please watch the livestream from home. Face masks required at Gloria Dei. Extra masks & hand sanitizers available at Welcome Table. Thank you for following precautions for the sake of the church family.

**ANNUAL REPORT** is ready for pick up at the Welcome Table or the office, however the annual meeting has been postponed until June 27, 2021.

**MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI** - We will be receiving new members at Gloria Dei on Sunday, February 28. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 949-493-3414.

**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.

**LENT 2021** - For the Season of Lent (Feb.-March), the "REVEALED" Traveling Art Exhibit will be on display in Bankson Hall. *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. Every Wednesday, we will have worship at noon (livestreamed and in person in the courtyard). Thanks to those sharing their faith at these brief services.

**LENTEN COIN BOXES** are available today, Ash Wednesday and during Lent. Collect coins for World Hunger. Bring them back on Palm Sunday or drop them at the office at any time.

**LENT SOUP SUPPER, AT-HOME, RECIPES** - We plan to highlight some simple soup recipes that church members could make at home, in-lieu of being able to meet in person. To share a soup recipe, please email it to [fellowship@mygloriadei.org](mailto:fellowship@mygloriadei.org).

**HEART LIFTERS** - Women's Evening Bible Study begins Thursday, February 18, 2021, meeting every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month. Social 6:30 PM; Study 7pm - 8pm. Book: "PRAYING WITH POWER" by Christa Kinde, is available on Amazon or contact Ann St. Martin, who has 3 copies. To be added to the Zoom link, please contact Ann St. Martin, Daneen Pysz or the office at 949-493-3414 or [gloriadei@mygloriadei.org](mailto:gloriadei@mygloriadei.org).

**WHALE WATCHING - CONFIRMATION STUDENTS (and mentors)** February 27, 12:30pm - 2:30pm. Paige has made 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 month (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).

**"CALLING ALL CHEFS"** - We are looking for Gloria Dei members interested in participating as a host chef for our monthly virtual cooking events. Contact Susie Boland at [fellowship@mygloriadei.org](mailto:fellowship@mygloriadei.org).

**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); First Communion (March 28); Good Friday/Tenebrae Worship (April 2); Easter - Resurrection Sunday (April 4)

**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Lector: Christian Asis; Usher: Christian Asis; Welcome Table: Gene Rathbun

**10am:** Lector: Jim St. Martin; Usher: Frank Hettmann; Welcome Table: Ann & Jim St. Martin

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEBRUARY 14-20, 2021** (All events online or outdoors)

**Today:** Worship (8:30am & 10am); Baptism of Palmer Masciorini (11am)

**Monday:** RIOT Book Club (3pm)

**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Brass Practice - (4pm); Heart Lifters (6:30pm); The Shack Group Study (7pm)

**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Ash Wednesday "Drive By" Ashes (8am-9am); Ash Wednesday Worship (12pm); Bethel Bible (6:30pm)

**Thursday:** AA Men (7am); Heart Lifters Prayer Study (6:30pm)

**Friday:** Thanking God On Friday - TGOFF (8am)

**Saturday:** Serra's Pantry (8:30am)

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