



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

*GRACE CHANGES EVERYTHING.*

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## 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 4, 2021

**(8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm)**

WELCOME to worship! Happy 4th of July to you! As we celebrate our nation's independence, we give thanks to God for all the blessings of living in this place and time and ask for the wisdom to be good and faithful citizens.

PRELUDE

Gloria Dei Brass and Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist

THE WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

(People read **bold** words.)

As we remember the birth of our nation, and the gifts of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, let us offer our thanks and prayers to God, the giver of all good gifts.

For the women and men who braved the long journey by sea to come to this new world,  
**We thank you Lord.**

For the tribes and nations who inhabited this land for generation upon generation,  
**We thank you Lord.**

For patriots who dreamed of, and fought for, a free nation, **We thank you Lord.**

For the men and women who laid the foundation of our democracy, and who pledged liberty and justice for all, **We thank you Lord.**

For those who built this country brick by brick, road by road, and town by town,  
**We thank you Lord.**

For the brave soldiers who have fought for our country, for all who paid for our freedom by their service, and those who paid by their sacrifice, **We thank you Lord.**

For the innovators and artists, poets and teachers, farmers and factory workers; for all who labor and provide for the common good, **We thank you Lord.**

For this land, with its peaks and valleys, coasts and deserts, fields and meadows,  
**We thank you Lord.**

For our own community, for those who came before us in this place, and for our neighbors near and far, **We thank you Lord.**

**THE GATHERING HYMN: *O Beautiful Spacious Skies***

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**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**

**O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life:  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.**

**O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:  
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.**

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Lord of the nations, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom.  
Give to all our people the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give  
us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all  
peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord. Amen.**

THE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong. (Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand for the Gospel.)

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Leader: Speak, O Lord, Your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.  
(People sing Alleluia again.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the sixth chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: Mark 6:6-13

**Then Jesus went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to  
send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered**

**them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their  
belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you  
enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you  
and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a  
testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They  
cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.**

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

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Paige Gulck, Youth Director

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY: God Bless America**

**God bless America, land that I love.**

**Stand beside her and guide her, Through the night with a light from above.**

**From the mountains, to the prairies, To the oceans white with foam,**

**God bless America, my home sweet home.**

**God bless America, my home sweet home.** (Repeat)

THE MESSAGE:

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *May The Peoples Praise You*

Jim Bankson, vocalist; Darius Miertschin, guitarist; Fred Johnson, pianist

**THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: “God Bless Our Native Land”**

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**God bless our native land; firm may it ever stand through storm and night.**

**When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave,**

**do thou our country save by thy great might.**

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each prayer - Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER, THE INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT

**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 come forward also. For those who prefer, white juice is located in the center of each tray.)

**HOLY COMMUNION MUSIC:**

**Lamb of God** (People echo each phrase the leader sings.)

**Let Us Break Bread Together**

**Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees,  
With my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees . . .**

**Let us praise God together on our knees . . .**

**That Priceless Grace**

**That priceless grace, that priceless grace,  
that priceless grace, which gave me life:  
Jesus' life is priceless grace.  
That priceless grace is life for me.**

**That priceless blood, that priceless blood,  
that priceless blood was shed for me:  
Jesus' blood is priceless grace.  
That priceless grace is life for me.**

**That painful death, that painful death,  
that painful death took sins away:  
Jesus' death is priceless grace.  
That priceless grace is life for me.**

**That precious word, that precious word,  
that precious word, which brought me light:  
Jesus' word is priceless grace.  
That priceless grace is life for me.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

**THE SENDING HYMN: My Country, 'Tis of Thee**

**My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:  
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride,  
from ev-'ry mountain side let freedom ring!**

**Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing:  
long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;  
protect us by thy might, great God, our King!**

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SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE: *Fanfare Recessional on "America the Beautiful"* by Ashdown Fred Johnson  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GUESTS** - We're glad you have joined us! Please sign-in at the Welcome Table to receive a gift. Thank you for worshiping with us.

**NEW GUIDELINES** for worship - Sit wherever you see a bulletin. Face masks are not required for fully vaccinated people! If you have not received your Covid-19 vaccination yet, please wear a face mask, or for people who would simply be more comfortable with one on - extras at the Welcome Table. We continue to livestream the 8:30am service: [www.youtube.com/GloriaDeiLutheranChurchDanaPoint](http://www.youtube.com/GloriaDeiLutheranChurchDanaPoint)

**THANKS** to special leaders today: Cub Scout Pack 705 for assisting (8:30am), Jim Bankson - leading the singing, Darius Miertschin - guitar, and the Gloria Dei Brass - prelude time.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by the Jensen family in loving memory of Harv Jensen.

**SUMMER EMPHASIS:** *"The Inside Out Church"* - Each Sunday, a classic prayer for our inside emphasis and a monthly bingo game will get us outside. Pick up a new bingo card at the Welcome Table. Winner(s) from last month announced today.

**SUMMER BIBLE/BOOK STUDY** based on Anne Lamott's *"Help, Thanks, Wow - The 3 Essential Prayers"*, Six consecutive Wednesdays, 6pm beginning Wednesday, July 7, 6pm. Led by Pastor David and others. Pizza/salad served first evening. Meal donation. Buying book is not required, but helpful.

**"CASUAL" CONCERT** - Micaela Lum on Organ, Wednesday (July 7), Sanctuary, noon. Free admission.

**JUNIOR HIGH** - Escape Room Fun - July 17 at 1 pm. \$30. Friends are welcome. Contact Youth Director Paige at [youth@mygloriadei.org](mailto:youth@mygloriadei.org) to attend.

**COVID LONG HAUL RELIEF (CLHR)** - Struggling with symptoms from Covid-19? Support group - Wednesdays, 7pm. Questions, call the office or Kayla Carlson.

**NEWSLETTER** (July/August) - "Dei-ly Light" printed copy is available at the Welcome Table.

**OFFERING** - Please place check/money in boxes, or **ELECTRONIC GIVING** - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-Dana Point. Alternatively, you can give via credit card or debit card through our secure site: [mygloriadei.org/donate](http://mygloriadei.org/donate). Thank you for supporting the ministry of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church!

**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH** - Sr. Hi Youth, incoming 9th graders through 2021 highschool graduates, Kern River White Water Rafting (July 24-27). Contact Paige ([youth@mygloriadei.org](mailto:youth@mygloriadei.org)) if attending.

**SONOS HANDBELL CONCERT:** Sun., July 11, 2pm - This Ensemble from San Francisco will be in concert (Sanctuary). Housing needed - if you can help put up a few people for the night, see the sign-up.

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**ASHLEY SANTORE** Concert (Viola), accompanied by Fred Johnson, Saturday, July 17, 3pm. (Free concert. Sanctuary)

**VACCINATIONS** - If you or someone you know is having difficulty registering for a shot, please contact the church office. Volunteers are also able to drive people to receive their shot.

**SOUTH COAST LITERACY COUNCIL** - Assisting adults in OC acquire English skills. Meets Thursdays 10am - 12pm, July 15 - September 2. Volunteers welcomed. Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Table.

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY** (Mele Kalikimaka) will take place on Sunday, July 25. We'll sing favorite Christmas carols, special refreshments, and more.

**NURSERY** is available at the 8:30am & 10am services. Services for babies - pre-K. The attendants are vaccinated and they will be wearing masks. They will be at the playground and inside.

**DEI-LY UPDATE EMAILS:** If you are interested in receiving regular notices regarding things related to Gloria Dei, please go to our website to sign-up: [mygloriadei.org](http://mygloriadei.org). This is the main way we communicate with the church. You can opt in or opt out at any time. Your email will not be shared.

**UPCOMING:** South County Bell Concert (August 1); Intern Pastor Veronica Gould joins Gloria Dei for the year beginning August 17; Rally Sunday/Sunday school begins (September 12) New Member Orientation Lunch (September 12); Beach Party (September 19); Women's Succulent Planting (September 25)

**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Communion: Emma Janzen & Bill Jonas; Lector: Sharon Guilliams; Usher: Dave & Judy Ross; Welcome Table: Katy Desmond

**10am:** Communion: Lisa Mers & Jim St. Martin; Lector: Emma Janzen; Usher: Laurene Holmes-Hylton and Gia Lugo; Welcome Table: Betty Prock

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR JULY 4- 10, 2021**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am & 10am); Nursery Care (8:30am & 10am); NA (6:30pm)

**Monday:** Alanon (5:30pm); Alanon (7pm)

**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Brass Practice (5pm); Alanon (7pm)

**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Casual Concert (12pm); 3 Essential Prayers Study (6pm); Covid Long Haul Relief Group (CLHR) 7pm

**Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); AA Men (7pm)

**Saturday:** AA Men's (7am); Rubio Wedding Offsite (5pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

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 INSIDE OUT CHURCH:** A Prayer for the Journey