



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 15, 2021

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

WELCOME to worship! Today, we continue to read from the Gospel of Saint John, chapter six about the Bread of Life. This chapter is all about bread, eating, and life. We will be reading through it for most of August. May this time of worship - the message, the prayers, the music - be nourishment for your journey and may the Spirit mold and shape us into strength for others through Jesus Christ.

PRELUDE: *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* by A. Giamanco Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist

THE GATHERING HYMN: ***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

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Come, thou Fount of ev-'ry 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.

Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wan-d'ring 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 wan-d'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

THE INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

(People read/sing **bold** words.)

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ... be with you all. **And also with you.**

THE KYRIE (Kyrie eleison = "Lord have mercy.")

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie, eleison.** Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie, eleison.**

Lord of reconciliation, heal our wounds in darkest times.

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie, eleison.**

In the midst of fear and violence, make our lives a prayer of peace.

Christe, eleison - **Christe, eleison.**

Healer of the broken-hearted, guide us to heaven's shores.

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie eleison.** Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie eleison.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**)

THE FIRST LESSON: Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, "You that are simple, turn in

here!" To those without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."
(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

PSALM 111 (Read responsively.)
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.

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.
He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

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 SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 5:15-20
Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand for the Gospel.) #169

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the sixth chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**
READING OF THE GOSPEL: John 6:51-58
Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." (The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SONG OF THE MONTH: Here is Bread #483
Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

Refrain: **In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.**
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. (Refrain.)

Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. (Refrain.)

THE MESSAGE: "*Let Me Introduce You to Zoe*" Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERTORY AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Because He Lives* by Matt Maher Christian Try

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

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 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 repeat each phrase after the leader.)

I Am the Bread of Life #485
"I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger,
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

Refrain: "And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."

"The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live forever, you shall live forever." (Refrain.)

"Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood
you shall not have life within you." (Refrain.)

"I am the resurrection, I am the life.
If you believe in me, even though you die,
you shall live forever." (Refrain.)

Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,
the Son of God, who has come into the world . (Refrain.)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN: **When Morning Gilds the Skies** #853 vv. 1-2, 4
**When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall, This rings my curfew call:**

May Jesus Christ be praised!

**When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
God's holy house of prayer has none that can compare
with "Jesus Christ be praised!"**

**Let all of humankind, In this their concord find;
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around, Ring joyous with the sound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

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

POSTLUDE: *Alleluia Postlude* by Esther Megargel Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

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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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Marv & Sharon Miller in celebration of their anniversary!

NEXT SUNDAY, we welcome Seminary Intern Veronica Gould to Gloria Dei for 2021-2022. Veronica is a graduate of Williams College, Princeton Seminary, and is now finishing her Lutheran studies through Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. She will be with us for a year of learning and work as she prepares to be ordained as a pastor in the ELCA.

HELP - With coffee/refreshment time coming back and with more people attending, we need help with clean-up. If you enjoy a cup of coffee, please sign-up for a Sunday to clean up. Thanks!

NEW GUIDELINES for worship - Sit wherever you see a bulletin. Face masks are required for everyone sitting inside the sanctuary! Extra facemasks are at the Welcome Table. We continue to livestream the 8:30am service: www.youtube.com/GloriaDeiLutheranChurchDanaPoint

THANKS to all who gave blood this past week at Gloria Dei. We collected 38 pints of blood helping save over 114 lives. The Redden family helped sponsor this drive & are grateful for your donations.

MGD - Men of Gloria Dei: BBQ, Saturday, August 21, 3pm, Jim Bankson's home. Donation for food and beverage. See sign-up at the Welcome Table and pick up handout - directions/details.

FANTASY FOOTBALL - Draft scheduled August 28, 8am -5pm. Time slot will be assigned to each division. Looking to join the fun & manage a team? Contact Matt Dubow or the office.

SANCTUARY CHOIR (Teens/Adults) - Sanctuary Choir will resume in September! If you love to sing and are fully vaccinated, grab a folder and join the team. First rehearsal will take place on Thursday, September 9th 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. At this time, masks are required for all indoor activities.

PRAYER LABYRINTH will be set up for Saturday, September 11, 9am - noon. Sign-up for your 15 minute slot and pick up a pamphlet to guide you through this time of prayer.

RALLY SUNDAY - September 12: Fall programming, Sunday school begins at both morning services, Choirs begin. There will be special music, refreshments, and more. Invite a friend to this kick off event!

BEACH PARTY - Doheny State Beach, Sunday, September 19, 4pm. Hot dogs and s'mores will be provided by the church. Bring a drink and a side dish to share. Details & a sign-up sheet coming soon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION - For all children (preschool-5th grade), register your child at the Welcome Table or online - www.mygloriadei.org/children-and-family-ministries.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED - Sign up at the Welcome Table for either the 8:30am or 10am services (teachers, subs, co-teachers, etc. needed). Sunday School begins September 12. Questions? sundayschool@mygloriadei.org.

MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI: If you are ready to officially make Gloria Dei your church home, please see the sign-up at the Welcome Table. There are two ways to join: 1. For those from a non-Lutheran background, attend the Adult Inquiry Class led by Pastor David (Sept. 11, 9am), or, 2. Transfer your membership from a Lutheran congregation. New member orientation Sept. 12, 11am and new members received Sept. 19. Detailed information at the Welcome Table.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION (6th-8th graders and parents) and first meeting, Sunday, September 19, 11:15am. Lunch will be served. Questions, speak with Pastor David or Youth Director Paige. The schedule for the year is posted online: www.mygloriadei.org/confirmation-program.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY begins on Wednesday, September 15, 10am in Knudson Hall. All women are welcome to attend this hour long study led by a pastor.

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 inside preschool room or at the playground.

HEART LIFTERS - 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month. Social 6:30 PM; Study 7pm - 8pm. Book: *“Praying with Power”* by Christa Kinde (Amazon & Christianbook.com). To be added to Zoom, contact Ann St. Martin, Daneen Pysz or the office at 949-493-3414 or gloriadei@mygloriadei.org.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY meets the second Saturday (September 11) of every month at 8:00am. This month will be in person with Pastor David leading the study. All men are welcome.

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) - Study on Ephesians and led by David & Susan Warneke and is typically held in Knudson Hall on the first Monday of the month, at 6:30pm. To join, contact the church office 949-493-3414 or gloriadei@mygloriadei.org, so we can add you to the group.

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY - The first and third Wednesday of every month, beginning September 15, 7am at RJ's in the Harbor.

COVID LONG HAUL RELIEF - Support group meets first Wednesday each month. Next meeting: Wednesday, September 1, 7pm. Questions, call office or Kayla Carlson.

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. Thank you for supporting the ministry of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church!

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.

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. 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: Beach Party (Sept. 19); Women's Succulent Planting (Sept. 25); VFW Auxiliary Fundraiser (Oct. 2); Festival of St. Francis/Blessing of the animals (Oct. 3); Oktoberfest (Oct. 9); Trick or Trunk (Oct. 24); Thanksgiving Eve Worship (Nov. 24).

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Communion: Denise Boyd & Katherine Dickinson; Lector: Emma Mattson; Usher: Tim Boyd & Kathy Martino; Welcome Table: Katherine Dickinson

10am: Communion: Melody Bacon & Betty Prock; Lector: Jerry Combe; Usher: Pat Kramer & Lisa Mers; Welcome Table: Lora Schultz & William Stoll

5pm: Communion & Lector: Carol Simpson

OPPORTUNITIES FOR AUGUST 15 - 21, 2021

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Nursery Care (8:30am & 10am); Internship Committee ((:30am); NA (6:30pm)

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

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Alanon (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); 12 Step Couples Group (7pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Southcoast Literacy Group (10am); AA Men (7pm)

Saturday: AA Men's (7am); Serra's Pantry (8:30am); ACA (2pm); MGD BBQ (3pm); NA Meeting (7pm)