



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 22, 2021

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

WELCOME to worship! Today, we finish reading chapter six of John's Gospel. This chapter is all about bread, eating, and life. 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. Also, welcome to Seminary Intern Veronica Gould who begins her time of learning and work with us.

PRELUDE: *Meditation on "Gerald"* by Robert J. Hughes

Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist

THE GATHERING HYMN: **All Creatures of Our God and King**

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice with us and sing:

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! O burning sun with golden beam,

And silver moon with softer gleam: Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

O rushing wind and breezes soft, O clouds that ride the winds aloft:

Oh, praise him! Al-le-lu-ia!

O rising morn, in praise rejoice, O lights of evening, find a voice.

Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

O ev'ryone of tender heart, Forgiving others, take your part,

Oh, praise him! Al-le-lu-ia!

All you who pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and lay on him your care.

Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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: Joshua 24:1-2a; 14-18

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your

ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”
(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 6:10-20
Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak. (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 6:56-69
Jesus said, “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.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are

spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Youth Director Paige Gulck

WELCOME AND BLESSING OF PASTORAL INTERN VERONICA GOULD

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: “*Gristle*” Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERTORY AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: Michelle Lum

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.)

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant
Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav-'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

VISUAL: Communion Benediction by Kelly Ann Hall

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN: Go, My Children, with My Blessing
"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

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Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

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

POSTLUDE: *Blessed Assurance* by James Mansfield 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 Pam & Steve Weiss in celebration of their 44th anniversary!

WELCOME to Seminary Intern Veronica Gould to Gloria Dei. Veronica is a graduate of Williams College, Princeton Seminary, and is now finishing her Lutheran studies through PLTS. 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! Extra facemasks are at the Welcome Table. We continue to livestream the 8:30am service: www.youtube.com/GloriaDeiLutheranChurchDanaPoint

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

SANCTUARY CHOIR (Teens/Adults) - Resumes in September! If you love to sing and are fully vaccinated, grab a folder and join in. First rehearsal will take place on Thursday, Sept. 9th at 7:30 pm.

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 - Sept. 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: Please 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), Sept. 19, 11:15am. Questions, speak with Pastor David or Youth Director Paige. Schedule: 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. Led by a pastor.

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

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.

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 interested in receiving notices regarding Gloria Dei, please go to our website to sign-up: mygloriadei.org. You can opt in or opt out at any time. Email will not be shared.

GEN2GEN GIVING: \$418,543.00 - This 3 year program to reduce our debt, finish building projects, and start new ministries has concluded. Thanks to all who gave a little extra and helped make this program a success both financially & from a sense of fellowship across generations. Well done!

UPCOMING: Women's Succulent Planting (Sept. 25); VFW Auxiliary Fundraiser (Oct. 2); St. Francis/Blessing of the Animals (Oct. 3); Oktoberfest (Oct. 9); Trick or Trunk (Oct. 24)

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Communion: Denise & Tim Boyd; Lector: Katy Desmond; Usher: Sandy Hall & Henri Nurminen; Welcome Table: Denise & Tim Boyd

10am: Communion: Melody Bacon & Susie Boland; Lector: Susie Boland; Usher: John Cummings & Matt Griffin; Welcome Table: Sharon Miller

5pm: Communion & Lector: Jeff Contestabile

OPPORTUNITIES FOR AUGUST 22 - 29, 2021

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Nursery Care (8:30am & 10am); 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); Fantasy Football Draft (8am); ACA (2pm); NA Meeting (7pm)