



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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UP FROM THE WATER

You are God's child.

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 5, 2021

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

WELCOME to worship! On this Labor Day weekend, we thank God for the gift of labor and the gift of rest. Today's Gospel reading from the Gospel of Mark is about a wonderful healing. During this time of worship, may the Spirit bring renewal, healing and rest to your life as well.

PRELUDE: *Streams of Living Water* by Douglas Wagner

Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist

THE GATHERING HYMN: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

#834 vv. 1-3

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light in-ac-ces-si-ble hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!**

**Un-resting, un-hasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**

THE INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

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

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed; in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, by my fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen. (Silence for reflection and confession. Pastor proclaims the forgiveness.)

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.**

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY)

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

THE SECOND LESSON: James 2:1-10

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

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

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

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

READING OF THE GOSPEL: Mark 7:31-37

Then Jesus returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside

in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak." (The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Veronica Gould, Intern Pastor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF BETHEL BIBLE SERIES GRADUATES (10am)

THE SONG OF THE DAY: Will You Come and Follow Me

#798 vv. 1-3

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?"

"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the pris-'ners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,

and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

THE MESSAGE: "*Sick in Tyre*"

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERTORY AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: "*Restless*" by Assad & Maher

Michelle Lum

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *The Doxology*

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.**)

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 cantor.)

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

**Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose ev-'ry gift which you impart.**

**Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the deeds and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.**

**Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good-will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN: **We Are Called**

**Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

Refrain: **We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.**

**Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and blindness will be no more. (Refrain.)**

**Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love. (Refrain.)**

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

POSTLUDE: *Postlude on "Duke Street"* by David Lasky

Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

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THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee: Carol Weinhardt Communion: Katy Desmond & Herni Nurminen; Lector: Tim Boyd; Usher: Carol & Chuck Weinhardt; Welcome Table: Katy Desmond

10am: Coffee: Liz Flippin; Communion: Daneen & Dennis Pysz; Lector: Linda Smith; Usher: Laurene Holmes-Hylton & Gia Lugo; Welcome Table: Virginia Anderson

5pm: Communion & Lector: Guy Boicey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Blaine & Peggy Johnson in celebration of their 61st anniversary!

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

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

BETHEL BIBLE SERIES - Today, we honor the teachers and students of the Bethel Bible Series - A two year adult education overview of the entire Bible. We thank the teachers - Jerry Combe, Daneen Pysz, and Dennis Pysz - for their commitment to this intensive program. Well done!

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SANCTUARY CHOIR (Teens/Adults) - Due to changing Covid-19 situation, startup has been postponed, but planning is still happening. If you love to sing and are fully vaccinated, grab a folder and join in. Rehearsals will take place on Thursdays, 7:30 pm. Beginning date is still to be determined.

PRAYER LABYRINTH will be set up for this 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 - Next Sunday, September 12: Fall programming and Sunday school begins at both morning services. There will be special music, refreshments, and more. Invite a friend to this kick-off event!

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). Teacher training meeting is Wednesday, September 8, at 6:30pm, in Knudson Hall Sunday School classes begin September 12. Questions? sundayschool@mygloriadei.org.

MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI: 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. For all joining there will be a New Member Orientation Sept. 12, 11am. New members received Sept. 19. Detailed at Welcome Table.

PICK UP - Stop by the Welcome Table to pick up a September newsletter (also posted online at mygloriadei.org) and/or a Devotional booklet (October - December).

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.

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.

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.

WOMEN'S SUCCULENT PLANTING - Saturday, September 25th at 10:00am (outdoor event) - Sign up at the Welcome Table. Plants & planters will be included. Payment due day of event. \$35.00 cash, check, or Venmo - @GloriaDei-DanaPoint.

EUCHARISTIC VISITORS MINISTRY - If you would like to be a part of this important visitation ministry to homebound members, please see the sign-up. There will be a 15 minute training meeting on Sunday, September 26 after each morning service. Location: Sanctuary.

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 in Knudson Hall. Pastor David will be 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.

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.

GENZGEN 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: VFW Auxiliary Fundraiser (Oct. 2); St. Francis/Blessing of the Animals (Oct. 3); Oktoberfest (Oct. 9); Trick or Trunk (Oct. 24)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 5-11, 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); Staff Meeting (1pm); Brass Practice (5pm); Alanon (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Sunday School Teacher Training (6:30pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Southcoast Literacy Group (10am); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm)

Saturday: AA Men's (7am); Men's Breakfast Bible Study (8am); Adult Inquiry (9am); Prayer Labyrinth (9am - 12pm); ACA (2pm); NA Meeting (7pm)