



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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UP FROM THE WATER

You are God's child.

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 12, 2021

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

WELCOME to worship! Today is our "Rally Sunday." We celebrate the beginning of Sunday school, the startup of fall programming, and the many ways God is working! Please join us for refreshments on the patio today and find a place to plug in. You are very welcome to be part of God's work through our faith community!

PRELUDE: *Praeludium* by Johann Ludwig Krebs

Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist

THE GATHERING HYMN: *Lift High the Cross*

#660 vv. 1-2

Refrain: **Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.** (Refrain)

**All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.** (Refrain)

THE INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100)

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

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations. Amen.

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING: The grace of our Lord... be with you all. **And also with you.**

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

(Leader sings verses. People sing refrain.)

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-ry day.

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

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL/EDUCATION TEAM

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Children going to Sunday school can leave with teachers.)

Annette Fettis

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: *Come Thou Fount*

Kathy Person, violin & Fred Johnson, piano

THE LESSON: Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

(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 eighth chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

READING OF THE GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-37

Then Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?"

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SONG OF THE DAY: *Here I Am, Lord*

#574

**"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"**

Refrain: **Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" (Refrain)**

**"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" (Refrain)**

THE MESSAGE: "*Smack Down in the Middle*"

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERTORY AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Burning In My Soul*

Christian Try

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *The Doxology*

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

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

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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.**

#471

Let us drink wine together on our knees . . .

Let us praise God together on our knees . . .

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

**Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.**

#857

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN: When Morning Gilds the Skies

**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!**

#853 vv. 1-3

**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!"**

**No lovelier antiphon in all high heav'n is known
than "Jesus Christ be praised!"
There to the eternal Word the eternal psalm is heard:
oh Jesus Christ be praised!**

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

POSTLUDE: *Recessional* by Douglas Wagner

Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

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THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee: Pam & Steve Weiss; Communion: Katy Desmond & Herni Nurminen; Lector: Christian Asis; Usher: Christian Asis & Gail Rightmire; Welcome Table: Gene Rathbun
10am: Coffee: Daneen & Dennis Pysz; Communion: Daneen & Dennis Pysz; Lector: Andrew Brodrick; Usher: Donna & Jerry Combe; Welcome Table: Jerry & Sharon Grady
5pm: Communion & Lector: Lorraine McCarty

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by John & Linda Friend in memory of their daughter Lisa Marie.

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.

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

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.

RALLY SUNDAY - Sunday, Today. : Fall programming and Sunday school begins at morning services.

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). Questions? sundayschool@mygloriadei.org.

MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI: For all joining there will be a New Member Brunch and Orientation today at 11 am. This will take place upstairs - Knudson Hall. New members received Sept. 19.

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.

WOMEN'S SUCCULENT PLANTING - Saturday, September 25th, 10am (outdoors) - Sign up at Welcome Table. Plants & planters included. Cost: \$35 cash, check, or Venmo - @GloriaDei-DanaPoint.

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).

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

CLHR (Covid Long Haul Recovery) GROUP - Next meeting: Wednesday, October 6, 7pm. Questions, call office or Kayla Carlson.

OKTOBERFEST - Saturday, October 2, 5pm. Sponsored by MGD (Men of Gloria Dei). Come join this fun, fellowship event with delicious German fare, accordion music, games, and more. Invite a friend to this annual event. Sign up at the Welcome Table and pick up a flier to share.

BLESSING OF PETS (Festival of Saint Francis): Sunday, October 3, 5pm outside the sanctuary. Bring your dog, cat, goldfish, gecko, etc. to a very brief order of blessing, a "paws" for a prayer.

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.

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); Trick or Trunk (Oct. 24)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 12 - 18, 2021

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Nursery Care & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); New Member Orientation Brunch (11am)NA (6:30pm)

Monday: Alanon (5:30pm); GIFT Group (6:30pm); ACA (7pm); Alanon (7pm)

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); VFW Auxiliary (6:30pm); Alanon (7pm); Church Council (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Breakfast Bible Study (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); 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); Serra's Pantry (8:30am); ACA (2pm); NA Meeting (7pm)