



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

*GRACE CHANGES EVERYTHING.*

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## UP FROM THE WATER

You are God's child.

### 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 19, 2021

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

WELCOME to worship! Today we welcome new members to our Gloria Dei church community. We celebrate their affirmation of faith and commitment to service in ministry. Whether or not you are a member, all are welcome to share in the blessing and witness of God's redeeming love through our faith community!

PRELUDE: *Peace Be With You* by Daniel Gawthrop

Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist

THE GATHERING HYMN: **Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service**

712 v. 1-3

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,  
**Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Moment of silence for confession and then proclamation of forgiveness.)

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.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Daneen Pysz

(Children, ages 4 - 5th grade going to Sunday school can leave with teachers.)

THE LESSON: James 4:1-3, 6-10

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. But he gives all the more grace; therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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

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

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.

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

READING OF THE GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

**They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."**

RECEPTION AND WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE SONG OF THE DAY: 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.**

659 v. 1-4

**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.**

THE MESSAGE: "*Success and Succession*"

Pastor Veronica Gould

OFFERTORY AND OFFERTORY MUSIC:

Michell Lum

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**

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**Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

#773

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,**  
**I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.**

**Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.**  
**Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,**  
**when my life is almost gone,**  
**hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.**  
**Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When the darkness appears and the night draws near,**  
**and the day is past and gone,**  
**at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.**  
**Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**

#752

**Lord, listen to your children praying,**  
**Lord, send your Spirit in this place;**  
**Lord, listen to your children praying,**  
**send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

**THE SENDING HYMN: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**

#674

**Let us talents and tongues employ,**  
**reaching out with a shout of joy:**  
**bread is broken, the wine is poured,**  
**Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

Refrain:

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,**  
**pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**Christ is able to make us one,**  
**at the table he sets the tone,**  
**teaching people to live to bless,**  
**love in word and in deed express. (Refrain.)**

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out**  
**bearing fruit in a world of doubt,**  
**gives us love to tell, bread to share:**  
**God (Im-man-u-el) ev-'ry-where! (Refrain.)**

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

POSTLUDE: *Festival for Organ* by James Mansfield

Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Lora Schultz & William Stoll in celebration of the birth of their grandson, Benjamin!

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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 worshipping with us.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS** - Barbara Ercanbrack, Edward (Wally) & Kathleen Hayes, Ruth Johnson, Sonja Krafcik, Colleen McCray, Jan Nastoff, Betty Nies, Randy, Ashley, Gavin & Romy Rettig

**CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION** (6th-8th graders and parents), Today, 11:15am. Questions, speak with Pastor David or Youth Director Paige. Schedule: [www.mygloriadei.org/confirmation-program](http://www.mygloriadei.org/confirmation-program).

**HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY** to Corinne Bego! Please join us in wishing Corinne a wonderful year. See the birthday card at the Welcome Table.

**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](http://www.youtube.com/GloriaDeiLutheranChurchDanaPoint)

**SANCTUARY CHOIR** (Teens/Adults) - 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.

**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](http://www.mygloriadei.org/children-and-family-ministries).

**WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** meets weekly on Wednesday at 10am in Bankson Hall. All women are welcome to attend this hour-long study led by a pastor.

**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](http://Christianbook.com)). To be added to Zoom, contact Ann St. Martin, Daneen Pysz or the office at 949-493-3414 or [gloriadei@mygloriadei.org](mailto:gloriadei@mygloriadei.org).

**COLLEGE CLUB** - Saturday, September 25, 4pm. Staying local for college?.. we'd like to start a group just for you! Join us for coffee and chat at Coffee Importers in the Harbor

**MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY** meets the second Saturday 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](mailto: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 GROUP** (Covid Long Haul Recovery) - Next meeting: 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.

**TRICK OR TRUNK** - Sunday, October 25, 5:30pm. Costume parade, games, IN-N-OUT truck. Pre-purchase meal tickets at the Welcome Table soon. They can also be purchased at the event. Decorate your trunk & pass out candy. Also, invite your friends for this fun event!

**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!

**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:** Trick or Trunk (Oct. 24); Reformation Sunday/Bibles for 3rd graders (Oct. 31); All Saints Sunday (Nov. 1); Thanksgiving Eve Service (Nov. 24).

### **THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Coffee: Kristina Mayfield; Communion: Katy Desmond & Herni Nurminen; Lector: Denise Boyd; Usher: John Adams & Gretchen Enright ; Welcome Table: Diane Kelly

**10am:** Coffee: Ann & Jim St. Martin; Communion: Daneen & Dennis Pysz; Lector: Carter Neiderhiser; Usher: David & Susan Warneke; Welcome Table: Ann & Jim St. Martin

**5pm:** Communion & Lector: Erika Mills

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 19 - 25, 2021**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Nursery Care & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Confirmation Orientation (11:15am); NA (6:30pm)

**Monday:** RIOT Book Club (2pm); Alanon (5:30pm); ACA (7pm); Alanon (7pm)

**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Brass Practice (5:30pm); Alanon (7pm); The Shack Group Study (7pm)

**Wednesday:** AA Men (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); Quilting Group (9:30am); Women's Group Succulent Planting (10am); ACA (2pm); College Club (4pm); NA Meeting (7pm)