



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Grace changes everything.

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October 31, 2021

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

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Guests, please sign in at the "Welcome Table" and receive a gift. For young children, a nursery is available - sign in your child and take a pager. We also love children in worship and Sunday school (10am - children may leave after children's message for Sunday school and return at Holy Communion).

TODAY is Reformation Sunday and we celebrate Martin Luther reforming the church and emphasizing St. Paul's word - "By grace you have been saved through faith..." At Gloria Dei, we often say, "Grace changes everything!" As we celebrate this day, may the Spirit of God reform and empower us by His unconditional love.

THE PRELUDE: *Sheep May Safely Graze* by J.S. Bach

Fred Johnson, organ
Steve Wade, trumpet

THE GATHERING HYMN: A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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**A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.**

**No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.**

THE INVOCATION AND PSALM 46

(People read **bold** words.)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge. Amen.

THE HYMN: A Mighty Fortress is Our God

**Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat-'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot o-ver-pow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.**

**God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!**

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

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(10am - Children may leave for Sunday school.)

THE LESSON: Ruth 1:1-18

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, "See, your sister-in-law

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has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

(Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand.)

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**God's word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;
to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay.
Lord, grant while time shall last your church may hold it fast
throughout all generations.**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 12th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has

spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear, Now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?**

THE MESSAGE: "*The Odds Are Not in Your Favor, But...*"

Pastor David R. Mattson

THE OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Vocalise* by Rachmaninoff

Fred Johnson, piano
Steve Wade, trumpet

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: The Doxology

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Lord in your mercy. **Hear our 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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**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.**

Taste and See

#493

Refrain: **Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

**I will bless the Lord at all times.
Praise shall always be on my lips; my soul shall glory in the Lord;**

for God has been so good to me. (Refrain.)

**Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me;
from all my troubles I was set free. (Refrain.)**

**Worship the Lord, all you people.
You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
in God we need put all our trust. (Refrain.)**

THE BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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**Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow-'ry meadow, flashing sea
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!**

THE POSTLUDE

Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist
Micaela Lum, Pianist (5pm)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Don & Susie Caskey in memory of Viviane Anderson, Don's mom.

PLEDGE CARDS/TIME AND TALENT SHEETS - Place them in the offering boxes or mail them back to church. You may also fill out a Time and Talent Sheet online at www.mygloriadei.org/timeandtalent. Please complete your Stewardship packets in the next few weeks. Thanks for volunteering!

NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY is available to all members at the Stewardship Table. Please let the office know if there is something incorrect, as it is constantly updated. Thanks.

REFORMATION SUNDAY - Today, October 31. We celebrate with festive worship Martin Luther reforming the Christian church. Thanks to the Gloria Dei Brass for playing in between morning services.

GLORIA DEI COOKBOOK - All submissions for the Gloria Dei cookbook, sponsored by the Women's Board, must be provided to Susie Boland at fellowship@mygloriadei.org or drop it by the office. Recipes due by November 5.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY - Nov. 7. Tolling of the Bells takes place. If you would like the name of a loved one mentioned in worship, please fill out the form at the Welcome Table. At 9:30am, we will hold a brief time of prayer and thanksgiving at the Columbarium for those interred there.

BLOOD DRIVE - November 10, 9am - 3pm in Bankson Hall. Sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Gloria_Dei or you may contact the office at 949-493-3414 or email gloriadei@mygloriadei.org to request a time.

TACO 'BOUT THRIVING (or at least surviving) THE HOLIDAYS - Tuesday, Nov. 16, 5:30pm, 7pm, Bankson Hall. Taco carts. Fun presentation. All ages (childcare provided). \$10/person. Children free.

HIGH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS - Saturday, November 20, 9am - Serve at Serra's Pantry, local food pantry. Setting up, serving & cleaning up are all part of the fun + community service hours.

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING (July 24-28 - Minneapolis, MN) - Our high school students are invited to join 30,000 other youth. \$150 non-refundable deposit is due November 12. See information at the Welcome Table. Questions, see Youth Director Paige (youth@mygloriadei.org).

SANCTUARY CHOIR (Teens/Adults) - All levels of ability welcome! Practice is on Thursdays at 7:30pm for one hour. Choral masks provided. For details - Kathy Person: music@mygloriadei.org.

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

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.

BRASS GROUP rehearses Tuesdays, 5pm (Sanctuary). All levels of ability are welcome! Questions - pastordavid@mygloriadei.org

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.

UPCOMING: Thanksgiving Eve Service (Nov. 24, 7pm). First Sunday in Advent (Nov. 28). Sunday school Christmas Program (Dec. 12). Lessons and Carols Service (Dec.19).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 6, 2021

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am, 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); Sunday School (10:15am); NA Meeting(6:30pm)

Monday: Southcoast Literacy Group (10am); Alanon (5:30pm); GIFT Group (6:30pm); Alanon (7pm)

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Brass Practice (5pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Breakfast Bible Study (7am), Women's Bible Study (10am); Movie Outing "The Most Reluctant Convert" (6:30pm); CLHR/Covid Long Haul Recovery (7pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7pm)

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

Saturday: AA Men's (7am); Prayer Shawl (9am); ACA (2pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee: Pam & Steve Weiss; Communion: Denise Boyd & Liane Schuller; Lector: Christian Asis; Usher: Christian Asis & Steve Weiss; Welcome Table: Diane Kelly

10am: Coffee: Lisa Mers; Communion: Sharon Miller & Jim St. Martin; Lector: Sharon Miller; Usher: Roger Grefsrud & Willie Knottnerus; Welcome Table: Betty Prock

5pm: Communion & Usher: Guy Boicey