



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

*GRACE CHANGES EVERYTHING.*

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## The Season of Epiphany Following the Light



### 1ST SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY

January 23, 2022

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

**WELCOME** to worship! Today we hear the story of Jesus preaching and teaching in His hometown. May His words inspire, challenge, encourage, unsettle us and move us to deeper forms of service.

**GUESTS** - We're glad you have joined us! Please sign-in at the Welcome Table to receive a gift. There is also a nursery for young children, although we love kids in worship. Sign-in and grab a pager. Sunday school is offered during the 10am service.

PRELUDE: *This Is the Day That The Lord Has Made* by Giamanco

Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist (8:30/10am)

Micaela Lum, Pianist/Organist (5pm)

#### 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.**

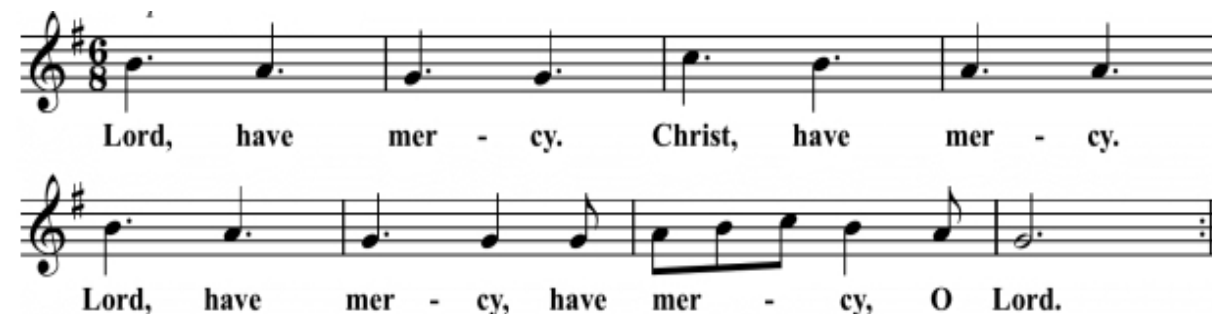
#### THE INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

(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.)

#### THE KYRIE (People sing refrain below. Cantor sings verses.)



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE  
(10am - Children may leave for Sunday school.)

Pastor Veronica Gould

THE FIRST LESSON: Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."  
(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

PSALM 19:1-6 (Read responsively)  
The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
**and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.**

Day to day pours forth speech,  
**and night to night declares knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;  
**yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.**

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
**and like a strong man runs its course with joy.**

Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
**and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.**

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.  
(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand for the Gospel.) #169



Leader: Speak, O Lord, Your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.  
(People sing **Alleluia** again.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the fourth chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**  
READING OF THE GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21  
**Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and**

found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”  
(The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SONG OF THE DAY: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service #712 vv. 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.

THE MESSAGE: “Customary Power” Pastor David R. Mattson (8:30/10am)  
Intern Pastor Veronica Gould (5pm)

OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Sarabande from Suite No. 1 in G Major*, by J.S. Bach  
Annika Krafcik, cello (8:30/10am)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: The Doxology

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH  
(After each petition - 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! Non-communing children and others who wish to receive only a blessing may also come forward. For those who prefer, white juice is located in the center of each tray. If a gluten free wafer is desired, let a pastor know beforehand.)

HOLY COMMUNION MUSIC:  
Lamb of God #195  
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.

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (sing 2x) #857  
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.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant #659 vv. 1-4  
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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: When Morning Gilds the Skies #853 vv. 1, 2, 4  
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!



**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!"**

**Let all of humankind, In this their concord find;  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let all the earth around, Ring joyous with the sound:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

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

POSTLUDE: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30/10am)  
Micaela Lum, Pianist/Organist (5pm)

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Melody & Ron Bacon in honor of our son's birthday, Justin Kubasse.

**THANKS** to Annika Krafcik for sharing her musical talent with us and providing special music today!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** (Age 4 - 5th grade) during the 10am service starts up today. Sunday school attendees will leave the church service after the children's message for Sunday school and rejoin their families for Holy Communion.

**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 closest to the church.

**CONFIRMATION** (6th-8th graders) today, 11:15am. Questions, speak with a pastor or Youth Director Paige Gulck ([youth@mygloriadei.org](mailto:youth@mygloriadei.org)).

**MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI:** See the sign-up at the Welcome Table. To all joining,, there will be a get-to-know-you meeting today, Sunday, January 23, 11:15am - Sanctuary. Time to meet with staff and hear about the mission/programs of Gloria Dei. New Members will be officially received during worship - Sunday, January 30.

**TIME & TALENT 2022** - Feb. - July 2022 schedule was emailed/mailed out. Please check your spam if you didn't receive it or contact Carol Weinhardt at 949-933-6374 or [gloriadei@mygloriadei.org](mailto:gloriadei@mygloriadei.org). Thanks to all the gracious volunteers who keep Sundays running smoothly!

**FAITH ON TAP** - 21+ years of age. This 20-something group plans to meet the last Tuesday of the month at 6pm to have discussions which tap into their faith. They will be meeting at Station Craft on January 25th at 6pm.

**HEART-LIFTERS** - Beginning January 25, 2022 this group will study "*Royalty and Loyalty; Women Who Loved the Lord*" by Daneen Pysz. \$10/book. Meetings occur on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month, 6:30pm. Details at the Welcome Table.

**MEN'S BOOK GROUP** - Meets the last Tuesday/month, 7pm. Meeting in person at O'Neill's Bar & Grill (26772 Avery Parkway, Mission Viejo/Arroyo Trabuco Golf Course). Reading *The Night Portrait* & will meet on January 25. For information contact the church office.

**MEMORIAL FOR HILMA PATTERSON** - Sunday, January 30, 11:30am in the Memorial Garden (next to Columbarium).

**ANNUAL MEETING** - Sunday, February 6, 11:15am - Election of Council, approval of budget, and discussion of future ministry plans. All members are invited to join us for this meeting!

**WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP** - RIOT (Reading Is Our Thing) meets the *3rd Monday/month at 2pm*. Group meets in Knudson Hall. Next meeting is on February 21 and we are reading *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. If interested in joining, please contact the office at 949-493-3414.

**CONCORDIA COLLEGE CONCERT** - One of the great a capella choirs in the world, Concordia College (Morehead, MN) will be in concert at Gloria Dei, March 2, 7pm. Tickets are on sale now via this link: [www.eventbrite.com/e/239306320647](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/239306320647). The end of January we will also have physical tickets on sale at the Welcome Table. Invite a friend to this extraordinary event.

**MEN'S RETREAT - SPRING TRAINING BASEBALL** (Tempe): Annual event takes place March 4-6, 2022. Sign-up for this popular, first-come-first-served event today! Questions, speak with Pastor David.

**WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** - Meets on Wednesdays each week at 10am. All women are invited to meet in the Sanctuary & refreshments will be served on the patio prior to the study..

**SANCTUARY CHOIR** (Teens/Adults) - Practice Thursdays at 7:30pm for one hour in the Sanctuary. Choral masks are provided by the church. For details - Kathy Person: [music@mygloriadei.org](mailto:music@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](http://mygloriadei.org/donate). Thank you for supporting the ministry of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church!

**LENTEN HYMN MADNESS** - Fill out your bracket, vote for a favorite hymn, and see if your favorites advance. Sundays and Wednesdays (soup supper/worship) will focus on the music/scripture preparing us for Easter. Lent begins March 2 with Ash Wednesday and the Imposition of Ashes.

**DEVOTIONALS** - Pick up a copy of “*Christ in Our Home*”, January - March 2022, at the Welcome Table.

**GLORIA DEI COOK BOOK** - Pick up your copy at the church office. Contact Carol Weinhardt at 949-493-3414 or [gloriadei@mygloriadei.org](mailto:gloriadei@mygloriadei.org). Thanks to all for your contributions.

**UPCOMING:** Ash Wednesday (March 2); First Communion Instruction (March 9, 5pm); Lenten Soup Suppers begin (March 9, 6pm); Spring Family & Furry Friends Photo Shoot (March 19, 10am); Palm Sunday and Holy Week begins (April 10); Good Shepherd Sunday and Petting Zoo (May 8); Women's Tea (May 14); Pacifica Synod Assembly (May 19-21); Pentecost and Confirmation (June 5)

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR JANUARY 23 -29, 2022**

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

**Monday:** South Coast Literacy Group (10am); Alanon (5:30pm)

**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Brass Practice (5pm); Al Anon (7pm); Men's Book Club (7pm)

**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); 12 Step Couples Group (7pm)

**Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); South Coast Literacy Group (10am); Internship Committee (5:30pm); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

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

**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Coffee: Pam & Steve Weiss; Communion: John Adams & Henri Nurminen; Lector: Carter Neiderhiser; Usher: John Gustavson & Debbie Holzkamp; Welcome Table: Denise & Tim Boyd

**10am:** Coffee: Daneen & Dennis Pysz; Communion: Betty Prock & Mary Jane Rylaarsdam-Pike; Lector: Laurene Holmes Hylton; Usher: Laurene Holmes Hylton & Gia Lugo; Welcome Table: Mary Jane Rylaarsdam-Pike

**5pm:** Communion & Lector: Carol Simpson