



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Season of Easter 2022

*Sharing Our Faith Stories*



## 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8, 2022

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

WELCOME to worship! We continue to celebrate the hope of the world, the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Today, we will also be thinking about how we share that good news. To do that, we have our "Sharing Our Faith Stories" emphasis. All congregations in our entire Pacifica Synod have been encouraged to participate. May the Spirit give us the love to do so!

THE PRELUDE: *Voluntary on "Brother James Air"* by Franklin D. Ashdown  
Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist (8:30/10am)  
Micaela Lum, Pianist (5pm)

THE GATHERING HYMN: **We Know That Christ Is Raised**

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Solo on verse 1:

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,  
and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Hallelujah!

**We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,  
as living members of our Savior Christ. Hallelujah!**

**The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.  
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One. Hallelujah!**

**A new creation comes to life and grows  
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe restored and whole will sing: Hallelujah!**

THE INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

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

Most merciful God, **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

(Silence for confession. Pastor proclaims the forgiveness.)

KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord have mercy.")

(People sing refrain below. Leader sings verses) #184



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

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:30am/10am)

Pastor David R. Mattson

I'll give you a daisy a day dear...  
I'll love you until the rivers run still  
and the four winds we know blow away

THE ANTHEM: *Shepherd of Souls* (10am)      The Sanctuary Choir Music Director Kathy Person

THE LESSON: Acts 17:16-34

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, "What does this babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities." (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means." Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new. Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed; but others said, "We will hear you again about this." At that point Paul left them. But some of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris, and others with them. (Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)

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Alleluia Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the tenth chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."**

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN: *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

#855 v. 1, 3-4

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heav'n-ly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love - behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave  
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

THE MESSAGE: *"A Shepherd in the Marketplace of Ideas"*      Intern Pastor Veronica Gould

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us* by W.B. Roberts      Christian Try

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *The Doxology*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each prayer – Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(All who believe Christ is present in this sacrament are welcome. Non-communing children and adults who choose not to receive, may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms in front of you as a signal that you would prefer a blessing. Juice is located in the center of each tray, and gluten free wafers are available.)

THE INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:

**Lamb of God** (Agnus Dei)

**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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**The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

**The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.**

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**Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth  
and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.**

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

BENEDICTION

**THE SENDING HYMN: Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing  
Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.**

#389 v. 1-2, 5

**The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now  
and touching ev-'ry place and time.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and ev-'ry age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love and praise.**

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

THE POSTLUDE: *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* by Anthony Giamanco

Fred Johnson (8:30/10am)  
Micaela Lum (5pm)

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** (Age 4 – 5th grade) during the 10am service – children leave 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. They will be inside the preschool room closest to the church.

**OFFERING** – Please place check/money in boxes at back of sanctuary or at the Welcome Table, or You can give **ELECTRONICALLY** – 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!

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS** – Jim & Yvonne Bell, Casey, Mike, Rhett & Andi Calkins, Chela & Dean Frasché, Sharry Hilyard, David Kelsey, Larry & Nadine Lisser, Michelle Lum and Garry & Toni Nelson.

**MOTHER'S DAY/GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY** – At 9:30am today, we will have lambs and other furry friends to pet between the morning services, for the “good shepherd in all of us” to enjoy.

**TACO-BOUT RELATIONSHIPS** – Tuesday, May 17, 5pm (program at 5:30pm) – Join us for Taco Tuesday and conversation with Dr. Dennis Chernekoff about marriage & committed long term relationships. There will be a magician for young children during this event. \$10 donation for food/children are free.

**GLORIA DEI BLOOD DRIVE** - May 25, 9am - 3pm. Sign up at the Welcome Table or online to donate blood at: [www.redcrossblood.org/](http://www.redcrossblood.org/). Type *Gloria Dei* in the “Find a Blood Drive” red box in the upper right corner and our blood drive will “pop up”.

**BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY** will be celebrated at all services, Sunday, May 29. If you have a high school student graduating and want them included, please fill out the form at the Welcome Table.  
**BLESSING LUNCH** for our student Intern Pastor Veronica, May 29, 11:15am - Italian food (donation) to help celebrate her time at Gloria Dei & her transition to the next step in her pastoral career. Sign up.

**CONFIRMATION** for 8th graders who have gone through this program - Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 10am. Please keep these people in your prayers. (Wear something red in celebration of Pentecost.)

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)** - July 5 - 8, 9am - 12 noon. 4 years old - 5th grade. Fee - \$50 for members, \$60 for non-members. (Scholarships available upon request.) VBS Theme: “Built for THIS”; *Registration forms at the Welcome Table and on [mygloriadei.org](http://mygloriadei.org).* Invite a friend!

**MASK GUIDELINES:** If fully vaccinated, no mask required inside. Of course, you are welcome to continue to wear one, even if vaccinated. If feeling sick, please watch the service online. Our space is uniquely open. Spread out. At this point, the pastors will still wear masks during Communion.

**LENTEN OFFERINGS** for Lutheran World Relief - Ukraine and World Hunger total coming soon.

**UPCOMING:** Los Angelitos Orphanage Trip (June 11); Women's Tea (June 18); Church Picnic (July 3); MGD sponsors - Angel's Baseball Game (August 13 - Get info and purchase tickets at Welcome Table.)

**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**  
**8:30am:** Acolyte: Jenna Hallowell; Coffee: Lynne & Wes Morgan; Communion: Pam & Steve Weiss; Lector: John Adams; Usher: Lynne & Wes Morgan; Welcome Table: Judy Young  
**10am:** Acolyte: Tanner Boland; Coffee: Lisa Mers; Communion: Melody King & Susan Warneke; Lector: Lisa Mers; Usher: Pat Kramer & Dave Warneke; Welcome Table: Katherine Dickinson  
**5pm:** Communion & Lector: Jeff Contestabile

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAY 8 - 14, 2022**  
**Today:** Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); Petting Zoo & Mother's Day Parfaits (9:30am); Sunday School (10am only); NA Meeting (6:30pm)  
**Monday:** South Coast Literacy Group (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm)  
**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Church Staff Meeting (1pm); Brass Practice (5pm); Heart Lifters (6:30pm); Church Council (7pm); VFW Auxiliary (7pm); Al Anon (7pm)  
**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Preschool Openhouse (5pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)  
**Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); South Coast Literacy Group (10am); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Al Anon Coed (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)  
**Saturday:** AA Men's (7am); Men's Breakfast (8am); ACA (2pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

**SHARING OUR FAITH STORIES #3**  
(Take Home Sheet to Continue the Conversation!)

**RESPECTFUL EVANGELISM**  
**Acts 17:22-25**

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

**Key Takeaway** - Respectful Evangelism: We live in a world of diverse beliefs, so like Paul in Athens, we can find something we appreciate about others’ beliefs to start a conversation.

**Bible Study Questions:** How was Paul feeling when he was in Athens (v. 16)? How did he react? What did Paul appreciate about the Athenians (v. 22)? How did he use that appreciation as a way to start a conversation with them?

**For Further Discussion:** What do you appreciate about other faith traditions? What have you learned about your own faith from talking with people from other faiths?

**Storytime:** Write and share a no more than two paragraph summary of God's story (beginning with creation) avoiding religious language/jargon. Try to make it accessible to someone who has never been to church.

**Sermon Notes:**

Point 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Point 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Point 3: \_\_\_\_\_