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Season of Easter 2022

Sharing Our Faith Stories



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 15, 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 continue 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: *Chorale Prelude on “Down Ampney”* Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist (8:30/10am)
Micaela Lum (5pm)

(Prior to the 10am worship service, please join us outside at the baptismal fountain to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for David Kelsey.)

THE GATHERING HYMN: **I Know that My Redeemer Lives!**

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I know that my Redeemer lives!

What comfort this sweet sentence gives!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead;

He lives, my ever-living head!

He lives triumphant from the grave;

he lives eternally to save;

He lives exalted, throned above;

He lives to rule his Church in love.

He lives and grants me daily breath;

He lives, and I shall conquer death;

He lives my mansion to prepare;

he lives to bring me safely there.

THE INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

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

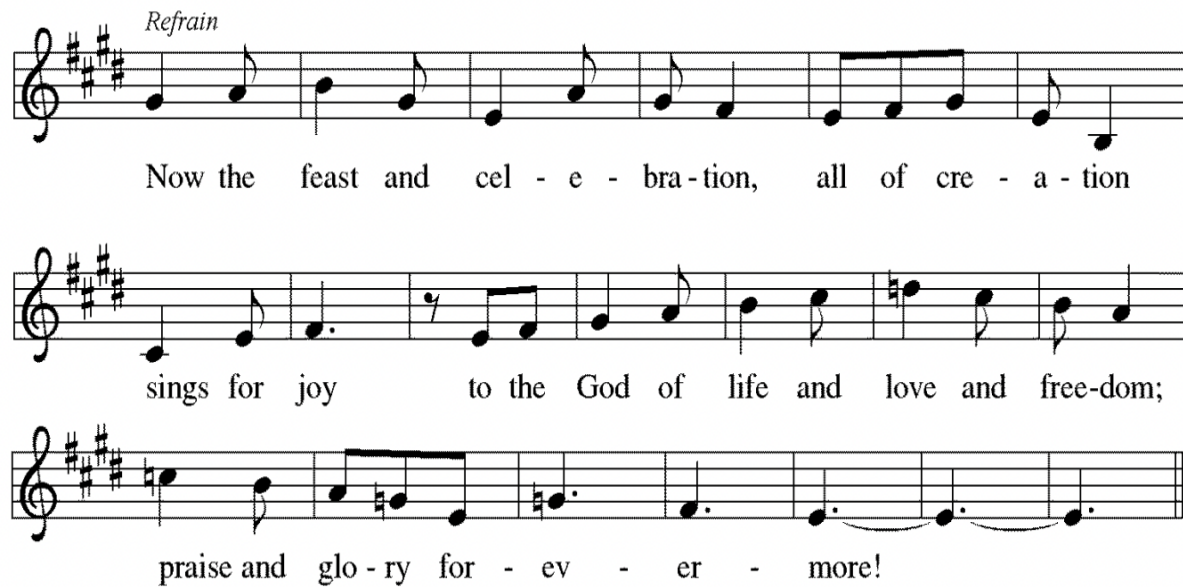
I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed; in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, by my fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

(Silence for confession. Pastor proclaims the forgiveness.)

(The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ... be with you all. **And also with you.**)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: **Now the Feast** (People sing refrain. Leader sings verses.)

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Neta Wenrick

(At 10am, children will be invited to go to Sunday School)

ANTHEM: *Shepherd of Souls* (8:30am)

The Sanctuary Choir, Music Director Kathy Person

THE LESSON: Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a

message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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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 Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 15th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable... "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen!

For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'" (The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN: How Deep the Father's Love For Us (Getty)
How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One, Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom.

THE MESSAGE: “ *Sharing Our Faith Stories - Welcome Home*” Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC/VIDEO: *At the Table* by Josh Garrels

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
Let us pray. On this day of resurrection, O Christ,
We offer these gifts in response to Your mercy. May they reflect our gratitude and desire to share with others the hope of the resurrection; in Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION
On the night He was betrayed... Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER
Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the Supper of the Lamb.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive You, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:
Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) p. 191
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.

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling #608
Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain: “Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home.”
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, “O sinner, come home!”

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? (Refrain.)

Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,

promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. (Refrain.)

Now the Silence #460
Now the silence, Now the peace, Now the empty hands uplifted;
Now the kneeling, Now the plea, Now the Father’s arms in welcome;
Now the hearing, Now the pow’r, Now the vessel brimmed for pouring;
Now the body, Now the blood, Now the joyful celebration.
Now the wedding, Now the songs, Now the heart forgiven leaping;
Now the Spirit’s visitation, Now the Son’s epiphany,
Now the Father’s blessing. Now. Now. Now.

THE BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing #807
Come, thou Fount of ev-'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer: “Hither by thy help I've come”;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

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

THE POSTLUDE: *Recessional* by Douglas E. Wagner Fred Johnson (8:30/10am)
Micaela Lum (5pm)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Stephanie Anderson in memory of her sister Kimberley Ann Cole.

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 the 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.

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/. 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.)

LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE TRIP - June 11, 7am - 6pm. We will take a group of 8 to Los Angelitos after a long break from visiting. Passports are required. Sign up at the Welcome Table.

WOMEN'S TEA - The annual women's tea will be held June 18, 2pm in Bankson Hall. The theme this year is: “My Cup Runneth Over”. The tea will be catered by Ellie Snyder. Cost: \$30. Hostesses for the tables are also needed. Sign up at the Welcome Table.

CHURCH PICNIC - July 3, 12noon at Dana Woods Park. Food, games, swimming, and fellowship! Gloria Dei provides bratwurst/hotdogs, water and utensils. Bring side to share. Please note: *no lifeguard*.

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*. Invite a friend!

VBS VOLUNTEERS - looking for youth, adult & snack volunteers. Sign up at the Welcome Table or contact Susie Boland at fellowship@mygloriadei.org

ANGELS' GAME sponsored by MGD (Men of Gloria Dei), August 13. Game is at 6pm. Tailgating bbq beforehand - details coming. Tickets: \$25. Purchase ticket(s) at the Welcome Table.

MASK GUIDELINES: If fully vaccinated, no mask is 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 totaled \$6,985.43!

UPCOMING: 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: Elliott Don Coffee; Dave Ross; Communion: John Adams & Gene Rathbun; Lector: Sandy Furlong; Usher: Phil & Sandy Furlong; Welcome Table: Nancy Smith
10am: Acolyte: Emma Person; Coffee: Scott Lund; Communion: Paige Gulck & Betty Prock; Lector: Sharon Miller; Usher: Donna & Jerry Combe; Welcome Table: Sally Manville
5pm: Communion & Lector: Carol Simpson

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAY 15 - 21, 2022

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); David Kelsey Baptism (9:45am); Sunday School (10am only); Confirmation Class (11:15am); NA Meeting (6:30pm)
Monday: South Coast Literacy Group (10am); RIOT Book Club (2pm); Al Anon (5:30pm)
Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Church Staff Meeting (1pm); Taco 'Bout Event (5pm); The Shack Study Group (7pm); Al Anon (7pm)
Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)
Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); South Coast Literacy Group (10am); Internship Committee Meeting (5:30pm); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Al Anon Coed (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)
Saturday: AA Men's (7am); Serra's Pantry (8:30am); ACA (2pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

SHARING OUR FAITH STORIES #4

(Take Home Sheet to Continue the Conversation!)

WELCOMING EVANGELISM

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 Prodigal Son

Questions to Consider

- How did the father react to the younger son's return?
- How did the elder brother react?
- Since we have all been forgiven more than we could ever know, which reaction should we emulate toward someone newly in a relationship with God?

At Home Discussion

- When was a time you felt really welcomed and included (or not)? What made you feel that way?
- What can your congregation do to be more welcoming?

Storytime

- Tell a story about forgiveness: either a time when you were
- forgiven or when you forgave someone else. How did that affect
- your faith?

Sermon Notes:

Point 1: _____

Point 2: _____

Point 3: _____