



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Season of Easter 2022

*Sharing Our Faith Stories*



## 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 22, 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: *Christ Is Arisen* by Lynn Trapp

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

Micaela Lum, Pianist (5pm)

(The Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Nalani Queen Firoozi will be celebrated prior to the 10am service.)

THE GREETING AND INVOCATION

THE GATHERING HYMN: **Alleluia! Jesus is Risen**

#377 vv. 1-3

**Alleluia! Jesus is risen!**

**Trumpets resounding in glorious light!**

**Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!**

**Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**

Refrain: **Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**Walking the way, Christ in the center**

**telling the story to open our eyes;**

**breaking our bread, giving us glory:**

**Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.** (Refrain.)

**Jesus the vine, we are the branches;**

**life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;**

**heaven to earth, Christ to the people,**

**gift of the future now flowing to me.**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 67)

(People read **bold** words.)

O God be gracious to us and bless us and make Your face shine upon us,

that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

THE HYMN: **Alleluia! Jesus is Risen**

#377 v. 4

**Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:**

**death put asunder, and Easter is bright.**

**Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!"**

**Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.**

Refrain: **Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

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

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

THE ANTHEM (10am): *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* The Sanctuary Choir, Music Director Kathy Person  
Christian Try, flute

THE FIRST READING: John 3:1-17  
Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi,we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.  
(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE HYMN: ***Will You Come and Follow Me*** #798 v. 1, 2  
**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?**  
**Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?**  
**Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known?**  
**Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?**  
**Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?**  
**Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?**

**Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

THE SECOND READING: John 7:45-52  
Finally the temple guards went back to the chief priests and the Pharisees, who asked them, "Why didn't you bring him in?" "No one ever spoke the way this man does," the guards replied. "You mean he has deceived you also?" the Pharisees retorted. "Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed in him? No! But this mob that knows nothing of the law—there is a curse on them." Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus earlier and who was one of their own number, asked, "Does our law condemn a man without first hearing him to find out what he has been doing?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee, too? Look into it, and you will find that a prophet does not come out of Galilee."  
(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand)  
**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 John, the nineteenth chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**  
THE GOSPEL: John 19:38-40  
**Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs.**  
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN: ***They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love***  
**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,**  
**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,**  
**And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:**

Refrain:  
**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,**  
**Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,**  
**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,**

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our Land: (Refrain.)

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride: (Refrain.)

THE MESSAGE: "I'm Still Learning" Intern Pastor Veronica Gould

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *May The Peoples Praise You* 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.)

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.

*Bread of Life from Heaven* #474  
Refrain: **Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given,  
we eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.**

Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice; giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round.  
Eat all of you and be satisfied; in Christ's presence the loaves will abound. (Refrain)

Seek not the food that will pass away; Set your hearts on the food that endures.  
Come learn the true and the living way, That the fullness of life may be yours. (Refrain)

Love as the one who, in love for you, gave himself for the life of the world.

Come to the one who is food for you, that your hunger and thirst be no more. (Refrain)

Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your home in the life giving Word.  
Know only Christ, Holy One of God, and believe in the truth you have heard. (Refrain)

Drink of this cup and declare his death; Eat this bread and believe Easter morn;  
trust his return and with ev'ry breath, Praise the one in whom you are reborn. (Refrain)

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* #543 v. 1-3  
"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

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

THE POSTLUDE: *Voluntary on "Truro"* by Christopher J. Hoh Fred Johnson (8:30/10am)  
Micaela Lum (5pm)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Melody and Ron Bacon in honor of God's Glory!

**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. May 29 is our last class before summer break. We will reconvene in September.

**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 in sanctuary or at Welcome Table, or give ELECTRONICALLY - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-Dana Point. Or, you can give via credit card or debit card through our secure site: [mygloriadei.org/donate](http://mygloriadei.org/donate). Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei Lutheran!

**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.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS** will be taken on the patio TODAY by David Ross. If you want a new photo taken, please ask David to snap your photo. Alternatively, you can scan and email a picture to be used in the directory to [gloriadei@mygloriadei.org](mailto:gloriadei@mygloriadei.org). We will be printing a new directory soon.

**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.)

**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. Questions, contact Congregational Life Director Susie Boland - [fellowship@mygloriadei.org](mailto:fellowship@mygloriadei.org).

**CHURCH PICNIC** - July 3, 12pm at Dana Woods Park. Food, games, swimming, and fellowship! Gloria Dei provides bratwurst/hotdogs, water and utensils. There is a pool also - no lifeguard. Sign up to bring a side to share. Maps available. Questions - [fellowship@mygloriadei.org](mailto:fellowship@mygloriadei.org).

**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!

**VBS VOLUNTEERS** - looking for youth, adult & snack volunteers. Sign up at the Welcome Table or contact Susie Boland at [fellowship@mygloriadei.org](mailto: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. Questions - [pastordavid@mygloriadei.org](mailto:pastordavid@mygloriadei.org).

**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.

**UPCOMING:** Intern Dana Becker begins (July 26); Rally Sunday (September 11)

**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Acolyte: Elijah Don; Coffee: Pam & Steve Weiss; Communion: Craig Backhus & Gene Rathbun; Lector: Pam Weiss; Usher: Karen Chernenkoff & Matt Dubow; Welcome Table: Liane Schuller

**10am:** Acolyte: Jackson Brodrick; Coffee: Lisa Mers; Communion: Paige Gulck & Betty Prock; Lector: Dennis Pysz; Usher: John Cummings & Laurene Holmes-Hylton; Welcome Table: Gini Sherwood

**5pm:** Communion & Lector: Gary Bridge

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAY 22 - 28, 2022**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); Baptism of Nalani Queen Firoozi (9:45am); 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); Preschool Graduation (5pm); Heart Lifters (6:30pm); Men's Book Club (7pm); Al Anon (7pm)

**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Blood Drive (9am - 3pm); Women's Bible Study (10am); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

**Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm); Sanctuary Choir Party (7:45pm)

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



## SHARING OUR FAITH STORIES #5

(Take Home Sheet to Continue the Conversation!)

### DISCIPLING EVANGELISM

#### John 19:38-40

Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs.

**Key Takeaway** - Discipling Evangelism: One's faith story does not end the first time one encounters God. When inviting someone into a relationship with God, we need to be prepared to continue with them on the journey.

**Bible Study Questions:** How did Nicodemus's relationship with Jesus change between these three stories? What do you think might have led to that change? (Don't be afraid to speculate: Nicodemus is only mentioned in these three passages.)

**For Further Discussion:** What are ways you have been integrated into a community other than a church or faith community (workplace, club, etc.)? How might our congregation help people newly in relationship with God grow in their faith?

**Storytime:** Tell a story about how your faith has grown over the years. Did you have a family member or mentor who guided you? Was there a crisis that deepened your faith?

#### Sermon Notes:

Point 1:

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Point 2:

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Point 3:

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