

 **GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
*GRACE CHANGES EVERYTHING.*

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## 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 28, 2022  
(8:30am, 10:00am, 5pm)

WELCOME to worship! In our scripture reading today, Jesus speaks of God's kingdom and how all people are invited to "come to the banquet." Some of the guests were surprising! May you be surprised in wonderful ways by God's mercy and challenged to look at God's world in a new and hopeful way.

THE PRELUDE:

Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist (8:30am/10am)  
Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

**THE GATHERING HYMN: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise***

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**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 ORDER OF CONFESSION (Psalm 51)

(People read **bold** words.)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
**according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.  
**For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,  
**so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**and put a new and right spirit within me.**

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.  
**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**  
(A moment of silence. Proclamation of forgiveness.)

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

THE KYRIE (Kyrie eleison = "Lord have mercy.")

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie, eleison.** Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie, eleison.**

Lord of reconciliation, heal our wounds in darkest times.

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie, eleison.**

In the midst of fear and violence, make our lives a prayer of peace.

Christe, eleison - **Christe, eleison.**

Healer of the broken-hearted, guide us to heaven's shores.

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie eleison.** (repeat)

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE FIRST LESSON: Proverbs 25:6-7

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

THE SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 13:1-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

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

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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 14th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

**On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to**

**a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."**

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

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY: Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart** (sing 2x)

**Give thanks with a grateful heart**

**Give thanks to the Holy One**

**Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son** (Repeat)

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong"**

**Let the poor say, "I am rich**

**Because of what the Lord has done for us"** (Repeat)

THE MESSAGE: "*When Grace Gets Messy*"

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Prelude to Suite no. 2* by J.S. Bach

Jason Bonham, viola

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: **The Doxology**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

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.

**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** (People repeat each line after the leader.)

Lamb of God... You take away...  
the sins of the world... Miserere nobis.

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Agnus Dei... You take away...  
the sins of the world... Dona nobis pacem....

**Here I Am, Lord**

"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" (Refrain.)

"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" (Refrain.)

**Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service**

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.

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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.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,  
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, good-will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

**THE SENDING HYMN: Prayer for the Road**

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

THE POSTLUDE: Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist (8:30am/10am)  
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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Melody & Ron Bacon in honor of God's grace that changes everything!

**NURSERY** is available at the 8:30am & 10am services. Services for babies - pre-K. The attendants are vaccinated. The nursery is inside the preschool room closest to the church.

**THANKS** to violist Jason Bonham for providing special music today and Ingrid Johnson for leading singing.

**SANCTUARY CHOIR** (Teens/Adults) - Rehearsals on Thursdays 7:30pm beginning September 8. On Saturday, September 10, 10:30am - "Read Through the Season" followed by lunch. All voices welcomed and needed! Questions, speak with Music Director Kathy Person (music@mygloriadei.org).

**WOMEN'S BUNCO** event is Friday, September 9, 6pm in Bankson Hall. All ladies - 10 years & older. No experience needed. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Cost \$5. Sign up at the Welcome Table.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY** - Meets the 2nd Saturday of each month in Bankson Hall. All men are invited for good food, fellowship, and brief study led by Pastor David. (September 10, 8am). This year study will be on the Lord's Prayer with Luther's *Small Catechism*.

**PRAYER LABYRINTH** - Sign-up for your half hour of prayer, Saturday, September 10. A handout will guide you through this time. This takes place in the courtyard outside the Sanctuary. See the Welcome Table for details.

**RALLY SUNDAY** - September 11, includes the start of fall programming, music groups & Bible studies. The Sanctuary Choir and Bell Choir will sing/play at the morning services. Invite a friend to join you for festive worship and the installation of the Education Team. Sunday school also begins and there will be special refreshments.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** (Age 4 - 5th grade/8:30am & 10am service) - Resumes on Sunday, September 11. Children leave worship service with their teacher following the Children's Message and then rejoin their family at Holy Communion. To register your child for Sunday school, fill out a form at the Welcome Table or speak with Susie Boland: [fellowship@mygloriadei.org](mailto:fellowship@mygloriadei.org).

**WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** meets every Wednesday, 10am and resumes on September 14. All women are invited. This study is led by Seminary Intern Dana Becker and Pastor David.

**MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI** - If interested in becoming a part of the Gloria Dei family, please see the sign-up at the Welcome Table. Questions - [pastordavid@mygloriadei.org](mailto:pastordavid@mygloriadei.org). New members will be received in worship on Sunday, September 18.

**BLOOD DRIVE** - Mitch Redden 2nd Annual Memorial Blood Drive, Monday, September 19, 9am - 3pm. Sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) & enter sponsor code Gloria Dei or call the office to have Carol Weinhardt help you sign up at 949-493-3414. It will be held in Bankson Hall.

**SR. HIGH START UP** - Friday, September 23, 6:00 pm - "*Ministry in Motion*." Meeting for pizza at Pizza Port to discuss current youth activities. Whatever your kids are doing, that's what we will be doing! If your kid has an event they would like a cheering section for, email Paige at [youth@mygloriadei.org](mailto:youth@mygloriadei.org).

**YOUNG ADULTS - FAITH ON TAP** - Tuesday, September 27, 5:30 pm - The last Tuesday of the month we gather for some good conversation and good beer. Let the festivities begin at OC Local Taproom, 30100 Town Center Dr., Laguna Niguel.

**BETHEL BIBLE SERIES** - Bethel is a two-year overview of Scripture and meets on Thursdays, 6:30pm. The next new class begins on Thursday, September 29. This year will be an overview of the Old Testament. For more information, see the information at the Welcome Table. Cost for materials: \$25.

**ALL WOMEN INVITED** - *Aspire* evening on October 1, 6pm - An evening full of laughter, learning, stories & music in the Sanctuary with a comedian, musician, and speaker. Invite a friend! Tickets available at the Welcome Table. Cost: \$25.

**7 WEEK BIBLE READING CHALLENGE** - To celebrate the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's translation of the New Testament - "The September Bible" - Gloria Dei people are invited to read through the entire New Testament in seven weeks. A devotional handout/guide will be given out to lead you through this process. The challenge will conclude with Dr. Raymond Picket (Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary Rector) presenting on Reformation Sunday, October 30.

**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.

**OFFERING** - Please place check/money in boxes in the sanctuary or at the 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!

**LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP** - Women's RIOT (Reading is our Thing) Book Club meets (August 15, 2pm); GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Bible Study meets (September 12, 6:30pm); Heart Lifters Study meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays (September 13 & 27); Men's Book Club resumes (September 27, 7pm)

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP** - Serra's Pantry year-round ministry 3rd Saturday/month; Eucharistic Ministry continues year-round; South County Literacy Group currently meets on Mondays 10am - 12pm & starting mid-September will meet on Monday & Thursday, 10am - 12pm; Prayer Shawl-Knitting Group meets 1st Saturday/month & resumes on Sept. 3; Quilting Group continues to work remotely. Interested in any of these ministries? Call the office at 949-493-3414.

**UPCOMING** - Arvid Pettersen Concert (September 21, 7pm); Los Angelitos Orphanage trip (September 24); Festival of St. Francis (Oct. 2, 5pm); Oktoberfest (Oct. 8); Reformation Sunday/Bibles to 3rd Graders (Oct. 30); Trick or Trunk - Fall Festival (October 30, 4-6pm).

#### **THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Coffee: Pam & Steve Weiss; Communion: Shelly Higgins & Bill Jonas; Lector: Bill Jonas; Usher: Lynne & Wes Morgan; Welcome Table: Gene Rathbun

**10am:** Coffee: Lisa Mers; Communion: Melody King & Betty Prock; Lector: Katherine Dickinson; Usher: Laurene Holmes-Hylton & Gia Lugo; Welcome Table: Colleen McCray

**5pm:** Communion & Reader: Jeannie Moyer

#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR AUGUST 28 - SEPTEMBER 3, 2022**

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

**Monday:** South Coast Literacy Group (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); ACA (7pm)

**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Al Anon (7pm)

**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Mission Hospital Alumni AA (6pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

**Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); AA Men (7pm); Alanon (7pm); Internship Committee (7pm)

**Friday:** Kintsugi Experience (9am and 1pm)

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



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5PM Worship Leader Micaela Lum