



RALLY SUNDAY

September 11, 2022 (Worship: 8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Guests, please sign in at the "Welcome Table" and receive a gift. For young children, a nursery is available. Sign in and grab a pager. Sunday school also begins during both morning services. Join us for refreshments following worship!

TODAY is Rally Sunday and the beginning of so many groups, ministries, service opportunities, and more. We also celebrate the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's translation of the Bible - "*The September Bible*." You are invited to join in a Bible study or other happening at Gloria Dei. You are very loved and welcomed!

PRELUDE MUSIC: *Meditation on "St. Crispin"* by Schultz Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30/10am)
Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *All Creatures of Our God and King*

**All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice with us and sing: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
O burning sun with golden beam,
And silver moon with softer gleam:
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!**

**O rushing wind and breezes soft,
O clouds that ride the winds aloft: Oh, praise him! Al-le-lu-ia!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice,
O lights of evening, find a voice.
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!**

**O ev'ryone of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part, Oh, praise him! Al-le-lu-ia!
All you who pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and lay on him your care.
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!**

THE INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

(People read **bold** words.)

Gracious God, on this Rally Sunday,
We praise You for Your merciful presence in our midst.

We thank you for teachers and students,
and all who thirst for Your living Word.

Inspire our learning this year, **for Your Word is ever new.**

Open our minds to new understandings **and new challenges of Your Spirit.**

We come to learn of Your loving purpose **for ourselves and the world.**

We celebrate the presence of Jesus Christ with us
and His grace empowering our lives.

In gratitude, we offer ourselves in deeper forms of service, **in Jesus' name. Amen.**

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

THE KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord have mercy.") (People sing refrain below.)

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

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

INSTALLATION OF SUSIE BOLAND (Congregational Life Director) AND EDUCATION TEAM

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Michelle Lum, Minister of Arts and Outreach
(Children may leave for Sunday school with teachers. Follow the cross!)

THE FIRST LESSON: Exodus 32:7-14
The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people. (Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Timothy 1:12-17
I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into

the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. (Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand.) Page 188
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 15:1-10
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: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

CHORAL HYMN: May the Peoples Praise You
(Soloist sings verses. Choir sings refrain after verse 1 and then all people sing refrain.)

Soloist: You have called us out of darkest night... with endless life.

Sanctuary Choir: **May the peoples praise You! Let the nations be glad!**
All Your blessing comes that we may praise,
May praise the Name of Jesus!

2. All the earth is Yours and all within... to spread Your Word.

All: **May the peoples praise You! Let the nations be glad!**
All Your blessing comes that we may praise,
May praise the Name of Jesus!

3. This our holy privilege to declare... Your church proclaims.

All: **May the peoples praise You! Let the nations be glad!**
All Your blessing comes that we may praise,
May praise the Name of Jesus!

4. Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty... All creation praise Your glorious Name.

All sing 2x: **May the peoples praise You! Let the nations be glad!**
All Your blessing comes that we may praise,
May praise the Name of Jesus!

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MESSAGE: "Party Time?" Pastor David R. Mattson

THE OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC: "Grace Like Rain" by Todd Agnew Christian Try, Soloist

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Take, O Take Me as I Am (sung 2x) #814

The image shows a musical score for the offertory response "Take, O Take Me as I Am". It is written for a soprano or alto voice and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has four flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, D-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me."

OFFERTORY PRAYER
Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving, what You have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions - signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION, 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. Please notify a pastor if you would prefer a gluten free wafer.)

HOLY COMMUNION MUSIC: Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) Page 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.

One Bread, One Body #496

Refrain: **One bread, one body, one Lord of all,**
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. (Refrain.)

Many the gifts, many the works, One in the Lord - of all. (Refrain.)

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. (Refrain.)

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (sung 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.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: *Come, We That Love the Lord* #625 vv. 1-2, 4

**Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.**

Refrain: **We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.**

**Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
but children of the heav'n-ly King, but children of the heav'n-ly King
may speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad.** (Refrain.)

**Then let our songs abound and ev-'ry tear be dry;
we're marching through Immanuel's ground,
we're marching through Immanuel's ground,
To fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.** (Refrain.)

POSTLUDE MUSIC: *Refresh My Heart, O God*, by Robert J. Powell Fred Johnson (8:30am/10am)
Micaela Lum (5pm)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by John & Linda Friend in loving memory of their daughter Lisa. They are also given by Donna Sandidge in celebration of America.

RALLY SUNDAY - TODAY, includes the start of fall programming, music groups & Bible studies. The Sanctuary Choir and Bell Choir will sing/play at the morning services. Enjoy the festive worship and installation of the Education Team. Sunday school also begins and there are special refreshments. Finally, balloon animals and other creations will be made by Michelle Lum for all kids after morning services!

THANKS to Music Director Kathy Person and all the musicians for singing/playing today - The Sanctuary Choir and Bell Choir.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Age 4 - 5th grade/8:30am & 10am service) - Resumes TODAY! Children leave worship service with their teacher following the Children's Message and 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.

NURSERY is available at the 8:30am & 10am services. (babies - pre-K.) The attendants are vaccinated. The nursery is inside the preschool room closest to the church. Sign-in and grab a pager.

SANCTUARY CHOIR (Teens/Adults) - Rehearsals on Thursdays 7:30pm. All voices welcomed and needed! Questions, speak with Music Director Kathy Person (music@mygloriadei.org).

GLORIA DEI PRESCHOOL TEACHER OR SUB NEEDED - looking for a high energy teacher, who meets licensing requirements. Contact Preschool Director Shelli Parajeckas: preschool@mygloriadei.org.

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

MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI - For all joining, the New Member luncheon is today in Bankson Hall. 11:30am. Questions - pastordavid@mygloriadei.org. See sign-up at the Welcome Table for all the details. New members will be officially received on September 18 during worship.

7 WEEK BIBLE READING CHALLENGE - Begins tomorrow 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.

MEMORIAL FOR ED PERRY - Friday, September 16, 2pm. Memorial Service for the founder of Los Angelitos Orphanage. Light refreshments, on the patio, following the service.

GOD SQUAD (3rd - 5th Graders) - Join us to play laser tag at the Kaleidoscope on Sunday, September 18th at 3:00pm. Invite a friend! Questions, contact Susie Boland at fellowship@mygloriadei.org.

BLOOD DRIVE - Mitch Redden 2nd Annual Memorial Blood Drive, Monday, September 19, 9am - 3pm. Sign up online at 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, we'll be their cheering section. Email Paige Gulck at youth@mygloriadei.org.

YOUNG ADULTS - FAITH ON TAP - Tuesday, Sept. 27, 5:30 pm - Last Tuesday of the month for good conversation and good beverage - OC Local Taproom, 30100 Town Center Dr., Laguna Niguel.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND - Arvid, Miriam, and Josephine Pettersen from Norway will be in Concert at Gloria Dei on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 7pm. Free will offering taken. Invite a friend to join you!

LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE TRIP - Saturday, September 24, 7am - 7pm. A day trip of fun, food, crafts & fellowship with the kids at Los Angelitos. Passport required. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

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.

LADIES NIGHT OUT - *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, payable to Gloria Dei.

FESTIVAL OF SAINT FRANCIS - Blessing of the Pets, Sunday, October 2, 5pm at Gloria Dei. Bring your pets of all kinds to the patio area for a very brief service and blessing.

OKTOBERFEST sponsored by MGD (Men of Gloria Dei) is Saturday, October 8, 5pm. Cost: \$10/person, children free. Join us for polka music, great conversation and refreshments. Sign-up.

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. Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei Lutheran!

UPCOMING - 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: Acolytes: Elijah & Elliott Don; Coffee: Diane & Greg Blanda; Communion: John Adams & Gail Rightmire; Lector: Tim Boyd; Usher: Phil & Sandy Furlong; Welcome Table: Judy Young

10am: Acolyte: Jenna Hallowell; Coffee: Ashley & Reed Jensen; Communion: Lisa Mers & Mary Jane Rylaarsdam-Pike; Lector: Kari Hallowell; Usher: Greg & Katherine Dickinson; Welcome Table: Scott Lund

5pm: Communion & Reader: Carol Simpson

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 11 - 17, 2022

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

Monday: Al Anon (5:30pm); South Coast Literacy Council (10am); GIFT/Growing in Faith Together (6:30pm)

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Heart Lifters Study (6:30pm); VFW Auxiliary (6:30pm); Al Anon (7pm); Church Council (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters Guild (9am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Mission Hospital Alumni AA (6pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Alanon (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

Friday: Memorial for Ed Perry (2pm)

Saturday: AA Men's (7am); Serra's Pantry (8:30am); ACA (11:30am); NA Meeting (7pm)

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