



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

November 23, 2022, 7:00pm

WELCOME to worship! Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself in the journey of faith, you are welcome here to receive the abundance of God's love and grace for you.

GUESTS - We're glad you have joined us! Please sign-in at the Welcome Table to receive a gift. Thank you for worshipping with us.

THE PRELUDE: *All Things Bright and Beautiful* by Gary Norian

Fred Johnson, Pianist

THE VISUAL PRESENTATION: *The Thanksgiving Song* by Ben Rector

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100)

(People read **bold** words.)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into God's presence with singing!

Know that the Lord is God! He made us and we are His.

We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise!

Give thanks to God; bless God's holy name!

For the Lord is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever,
and His faithfulness to all generations.

THE GATHERING HYMN *Come Ye Thankful People Come*

#693 vv. 1-2

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.

All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.

God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.

Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;

wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.

First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.

Lord of harvest grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit, lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

THE HYMN Come Ye Thankful People Come

#693 v. 4

**Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.
Gather then thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified, In thy garner to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home!**

THE FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

THE SECOND LESSON: Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

(Please stand.)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Now Thank We All Our God

#840 v. 1

**Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

READING OF THE GOSPEL: John 6:25-35

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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

THE SONG OF THE DAY: For the Fruit of All Creation

#679

**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev-'ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE: "Food for Thought"

Dana Becker, Seminary Intern

OFFERTORY AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* by Robert Wetzler
Sanctuary Choir, Music Director Kathy Person

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN: *The Song of Blessing* (by Sara Groves)
May God give you eyes to see All that is good, all that is good
The courage for anything May you be strong, may you be strong
May God give you ears to hear His loving voice, his loving voice
Speaking all around you All around and deep... inside

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

POSTLUDE: *Flourish on "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"* by M. Ryan Fred Johnson, Organist

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP - We give thanks for all the blessings of life and the immeasurable love of God. The Offering this evening will go entirely to World Hunger. Pie served following the service.

THANKS to Kayla Carlson for decorating and putting together the beautiful Cornucopia on the altar.

PLEDGE CARDS/TIME AND TALENT SHEETS - Place them in the offering boxes or mail them back to church. You may fill out a Time and Talent Sheet online at www.mygloriadei.org/timeandtalent. Thanks for volunteering!

SEASON OF ADVENT begins on Sunday, November 27. This four week preparation for Christmas will focus on the theme: *The World is About to Turn* and will look at the four Canticles (songs) in the Gospel of Luke's story of Jesus' birth. Invite a friend to worship as we sing, "O, Come, O, Come, Emmanuel", light the Advent Candles and prepare for hope!

CHRISTMAS GIFTING TREE - If you took a tag, please return it in the offering box or to the office, with a \$25 gift card by Sunday, December 4. Thanks for supporting this annual event!

GLORIA DEI ART MINISTRY — 2nd Friday monthly at 6:30pm in Bankson Hall - December 9 is the next regular meeting, however, we have additional meeting times for the art installation on: November 27th, 12-4pm **Lunch Provided**, December 1st, 3-6pm, & December 2nd, 9-12pm, 1-4pm. For all artists and creatives at any experience level (including art enthusiasts). Contact: Arts and Outreach Minister Michelle Lum (michellelum@mygloriadei.org).

DECORATING THE TREE - Come and help set up the Christmas tree - Friday, December 2, 10am. Mark your calendars & come join the fun!

EMPTY NESTERS - Christmas party, Friday, December 2, 5:30pm at the home of Laura and Jim Bankson. Bring an appetizer to share. Bring 1 ornament per person or couple for exchange. Jim Bankson will provide dessert. Directions available at the Welcome Table.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE - For women of all ages on December 4, 2pm, in Bankson Hall. Bring 3 dozen cookies (home baked or store bought) & a Christmas ornament to exchange. Take home 2 dozen cookies & the remaining cookies will be served at the Alzheimer Luncheon. Sign up.

SR. HIGH CHRISTMAS @ DANA POINT BOAT PARADE - Friday, December 9, 6pm - 9pm: Boats, boats, boats! We'll meet at Beach Harbor, grab some pizza and then watch the Boat Parade. For more info, contact Youth Diretor Paige Gulck: Youth@mygloriadei.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - Sunday, December 11th, 10am. Under the guidance of Sunday School Director Susie Boland, the kids will perform a brief Christmas pageant at the beginning of worship..

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24, 2022
4pm, 5:30pm, and 10pm
All services are candlelit with carols, choirs, instrumental musics, and more.
Holy Communion celebrated at the 10pm service.
Invite a friend to the celebration of the world's greatest hope - the Savior's born!

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP - Sunday, December 25, 2022, 10am (only)
Carols, special music, and Holy Communion.

HEALTH GUIDELINES - You're always welcome to wear a mask (extras at the Welcome Table). If feeling sick, please watch the service online. Thankfully, our space is uniquely open.

NURSERY is available at the 8:30am & 10am services. Services for babies - pre-K. The attendants are vaccinated and they will be wearing masks. They will be inside preschool room or at the playground.

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

SR HIGH MINISTRY IN MOTION - Does your kid have a high school football game? Or a play? Or a cross-country meet? 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 Youth Director Paige (youth@mygloriadei.org).

SANCTUARY CHOIR (Teens/Adults) - All levels of ability welcome! Practice is on Thursdays at 7:30pm for one hour. Choral masks provided. For details - Kathy Person: music@mygloriadei.org.

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

OFFERING - Please place check/money in boxes in the sanctuary or at the Welcome Table, or give ELECTRONICALLY - [Venmo](#) app - @GloriaDei-DanaPoint. Or you can give via [credit card or debit card](#) through our secure site: mygloriadei.org/donate. Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei Lutheran!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR NOVEMBER 23 -27, 2021

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters Group (9am); Mission Hospital Alumni AA (6pm); Thanksgiving Eve Worship (7pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)
Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Alanon Coed (5:30pm); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm)
Saturday: AA Men's (7am); 11:30am; ACA (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm - 4:30pm); NA (7pm)

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5pm Worship Leader Micaela Lum