

The Season of Epiphany

O Gracious Light

January 8, 2023 (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 your child and take a pager. We also love children in worship and Sunday school (children may leave after children's message for Sunday school and return at Holy Communion).

TODAY is the beginning of the Epiphany Season and is called The Baptism of Our Lord Sunday. We begin a new preaching series: "*O Gracious Light.*" For the next few months, we will explore how God's light comes to us, illuminates the world, and is seen in our worship. We will consider how elements of our worship/liturgy are so important in our walk of faith. May God's Spirit grant you strength to be a light to the world in Jesus' name.

THE PRELUDE: *Journey to the King* by M. Schinske Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist (8:30 & 10am)
Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

THE GATHERING HYMN: *This Little Light of Mine*

#677

**This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

**Ev-'ry-where I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;
ev-'ry-where I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;
ev-'ry-where I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

**Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

THE INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

(People read **bold** words.)

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open... through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

(Silence for confession. Pastor proclaims the forgiveness.)

THE KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord have mercy.")

(People sing refrain.)



THE APOSTOLIC GREETING (The grace of our Lord... be with you all. **And also with you.**)

THE HYMN OF PRAISE (People sing refrain. Leader sings verses.)

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion— all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

Fine

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:30/10am) Arts and Outreach Minister Michelle Lum
(Children may leave for Sunday school and they return at Holy Communion.)

ANTHEM: *Baptized and Set Free* (10am) Sanctuary Choir and Music Director Kathy Person

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

(Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: Acts 10:34-38

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how

he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

(Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand.)

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Leader: Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life. (Repeat Alleluia.)

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 3rd chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN: *We Are Called*

#720

Come! Live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

**We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

Refrain: **We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.**

Come! Open your heart!

Show your mercy to all those in fear!

**We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and blindness will be no more.** (Refrain.)

**Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love.** (Refrain.)

THE MESSAGE: "*Beloved at Baptism*"

Seminary Intern Dana Becker

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Epiphany Waltz* Music Dir. Kathy Person - violin; Fred Johnson - piano

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: The Doxology

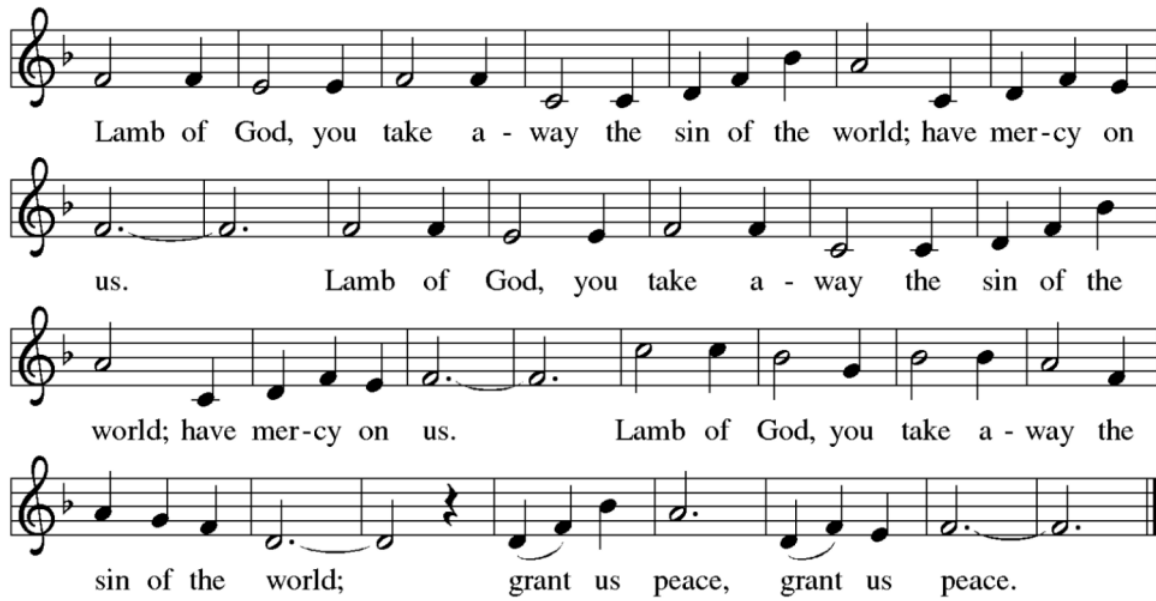
THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**)

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 (Agnus Dei)

#195



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Christ Be Our Light

#715

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

Refrain: **Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.** (Refrain.)

**Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.** (Refrain.)

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless,
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.** (Refrain.)

**Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come.** (Refrain.)

We Are Marching in the Light of God

#866 vv. 1, 3, 4

**We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching,
We are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching,
We are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of God.**

We are praying . . .

We are singing . . .

THE BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN: *Shine Jesus Shine*

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Refrain: **Shine, Jesus, Shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me:** (Refrain)

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me:** (Refrain)

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

THE POSTLUDE: *When the Morning Stars Sang Together* by G. Clarke Fred Johnson (8:30/10am)
Micaela Lum (5pm)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Ashleigh & Kevin Jensen in celebration of Reed's birthday! They are also given by Ruth Vanden Bergh in celebration of Deborah & Daryl Yee Litt's 35th wedding anniversary!

TODAY the Season of Epiphany begins - the season of revealing light. A new theme will be the emphasis, "O Gracious Light" and will look at the liturgy (what we do in worship) and how that brings light to us.

"CAELESTIS" - Hanging from the high slats in the Sanctuary. For more details on it, see the informational signs. Thanks to Arts and Outreach Minister Michelle Lum for her leadership and creativity and to all the volunteers in the art ministry for their work.

SANCTUARY CHOIR - Adults/Teens are welcome to join this choir which rehearses every Thursday, 7:30pm. Questions, speak with Music Director Kathy Person (music@mygloriadei.org).

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Age 4 - 5th grade/8:30am & 10am service) - Kids leave worship with their teacher following the Children's Message and return at Communion. To [register](#) your child for Sunday school - Susie Boland: fellowship@mygloriadei.org. Thanks to all our teachers in this important ministry!

CONFIRMATION (Middle School) - resumes *today*, 11:15am with class & lunch, Bankson Hall. Questions: pastordavid@mygloriadei.org.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY meets every Wednesday, 10am. They reconvene Wednesday, January 11. All women are invited. This study is led by Seminary Intern Dana Becker and Pastor David.

GLORIA DEI YOUTH - High School - Bowling at Saddleback Lanes, Friday, January 13, 6pm. The group will meet at the bowling alley. Bring a friend! Contact Paige Gulck at youthdirector@mygloriadei.org if you plan to attend.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY - Saturday, January 14, 8am, Bankson Hall. All men are invited to a Bible study, good conversation, and wonderful food. Call the office for more details.

MEMBERSHIP - If interested in becoming a member of the Gloria Dei family, sign-up at the Welcome Table. There are two ways to join: 1) Transfer your membership from a Lutheran congregation, or 2) Attend the Adult Inquiry Class - Saturday, January 21, 2023, 9am. New members are received on Sunday morning, January 29, 2023 during worship.

GLORIA DEI ART MINISTRY — 2nd Friday monthly at 6:30pm in Bankson Hall - next gathering is Friday, February 10. For all artists and creatives at any experience level. Contact: Arts and Outreach Minister Michelle Lum (michellelum@mygloriadei.org).

MEN'S SPRING TRAINING RETREAT to Arizona (March 3-5, 2023): Sign-up begins today! This is a first come, first served event. Carpool over Friday, watch spring training games, have great fellowship, worship together, and home on Sunday afternoon. Cost includes hotel, a few meals, two ball games (\$270). Questions/scholarships, speak with Pastor David (pastordavid@mygloriadei.org).

HEALTH GUIDELINES - With cases of Covid, flu, etc., 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.

THANKS to Jeff Contestabile for making the new offering boxes by repurposing extra louvers utilized on the Sanctuary windows. The offering boxes are located at the back of the Sanctuary.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME - Pick up your devotional book at the Welcome Table (January - March 2023).

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!

UPCOMING - Annual Meeting & Ministry Celebration (February 5, 11:15am); Ash Wednesday Services (February 22, 12pm & 7pm); Lenten Soup Suppers Begin (February 22, 6:00pm).

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee Prep: Lynne & Wes Morgan; Communion: Denise Boyd & Diane Kelly; Lector: Linda Smith; Usher: Phil & Sandy Furlong; Welcome Table: Diane Kelly

10am: Coffee Clean-up: Scott Lund; Communion: Daneen & Dennis Pysz; Lector: Jim St. Martin; Usher: Lisa Mers & Sharon Miller; Welcome Table: Ann St. Martin

5pm: Communion & Lector: Annie & Guy Boicey

OPPORTUNITIES FOR JANUARY 8 - 14, 2023

Today: Worship & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am) & 5pm); Confirmation (11:15am); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

Monday: South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Bible Study (7pm)

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Staff Meeting (1pm); Heart Lifters (6:30pm); VFW Auxiliary (6:30pm); Al Anon (7pm); Church Council (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters Group (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); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

Friday: Preschool Choir (10am)

Saturday: AA Men's (7am); Men's Breakfast Study (8am); Women's Board Meeting (9:15am); ACA (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); NA (7pm)