

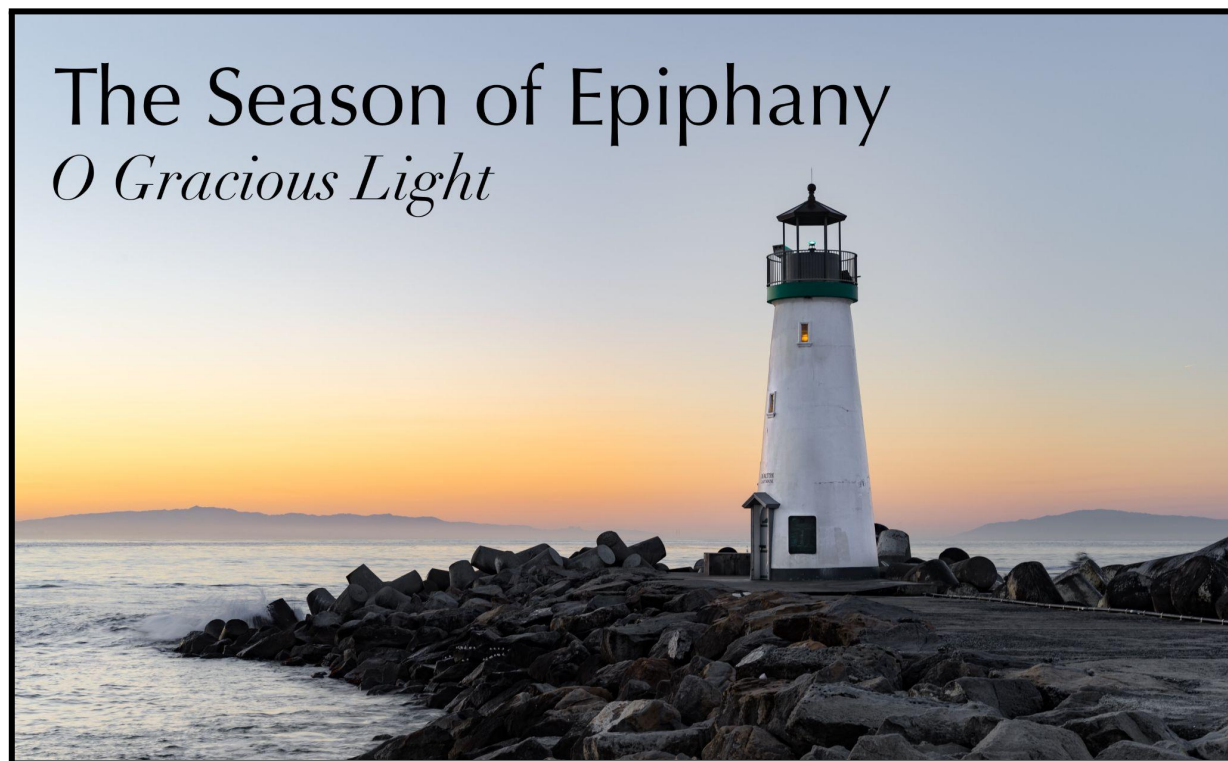


# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## The Season of Epiphany *O Gracious Light*

January 29, 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**, we continue a 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: *This Is the Day the Lord Has Made* Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist (8:30 & 10am)  
Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

### THE GATHERING HYMN: *Earth and All Stars!*

#731 vv. 1, 4-5

**Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!**  
**Sing to the Lord a new song!**  
**Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!**  
**Sing to the Lord a new song!**

Refrain: **God has done mar-vel-ous things.**  
**I too sing praises with a new song!**

**Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes!**  
**Sing to the Lord a new song!**  
**Athlete and band! Loud cheering people!**  
**Sing to the Lord a new song!** (Refrain.)

**Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!**  
**Sing to the Lord a new song!**  
**Daughter and son! Loud praying members!**  
**Sing to the Lord a new song!** (Refrain.)

### 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) Neta Wenrick  
(Children may leave for Sunday school and they return at Holy Communion.)

ANTHEM: *When the Morning Comes*  
Gloria Dei Bells and Sanctuary Choir and Music Director Kathy Person

THE FIRST LESSON: Micah 6:1-8  
Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?  
(Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the

strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."  
(Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God!**)

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (Please stand.) #169

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 9th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**  
THE GOSPEL: Matthew 9: 27-31  
**As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying loudly, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you." And their eyes were opened. Then Jesus sternly ordered them, "See that no one knows of this." But they went away and spread the news about him throughout that district.**  
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ!**)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (10am)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE HYMN: *Everlasting God*** (sing 2x)  
**Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord**  
**We will wait upon the Lord**  
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**Our God, You reign forever**  
**Our hope, our strong Deliverer**

**You are the everlasting God**

**The everlasting God**  
**You do not faint, You won't grow weary**  
**You're the defender of the weak**  
**You comfort those in need**  
**You lift us up on wings like eagles.**

THE MESSAGE: "Kyrie Eleison Way of Life" Pastor David R. Mattson

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Eye of the Storm* by Ryan Stevenson 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

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a melody line with lyrics underneath.

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

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn, continuing the melody from the first line.

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

Musical notation for the third line of the hymn, continuing the melody.

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

Musical notation for the fourth line of the hymn, concluding the phrase with a double bar line.

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**The King of Love My Shepherd Is**#502

**The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;**  
**I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me, thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.**

**Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service**#712

**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.**

**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.**

THE BLESSING

**THE SENDING HYMN: Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise**



Thine the amen thine the praise al-le-lu-ias angels raise  
thine the everlasting head thine the breaking of the bread  
thine the glory thine the story thine the harvest then the cup  
thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

Thine the life eternally thine the promise let there be  
thine the vision thine the tree all the earth on bended knee  
gone the nailing gone the railing gone the pleading gone the cry  
gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

Thine the truly thine the yes thine the table we the guest  
thine the mercy all from thee thine the glory yet to be  
then the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war  
thine the living thine the loving evermore evermore.

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

THE POSTLUDE: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* by D. Wagner Fred Johnson (8:30/10am)  
Micaela Lum (5pm)

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**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**  
**8:30am:** Coffee Prep: Barb Collins; Communion: Bill Jonas & Pat McKinley; Lector: Pat McKinley Usher: Lynne & Wes Morgan; Welcome Table: Judy Young  
**10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Ann & Jim St. Martin; Communion: Marsha Atkinson & Melody King; Lector: Dennis Pysz; Usher: Donna & Jerry Combe; Welcome Table: Cheryl Swinehart  
**5pm:** Communion & Lector: Erika Mills

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 4, 2023**  
**Today:** Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); New Members Received (10am); Middle & Sr. High Youth Event (6pm); NA Meeting (6:30pm)  
**Monday:** South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm)  
**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Staff Meeting (1pm); Al Anon (7pm); Men's Book Club (7pm)  
**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Mission Hospital Alumni AA (6pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)  
**Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Preschool Choir (10am); South Coast Literacy Council (10am); AlAnon Coed (5:30pm); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)  
**Friday:** Micaela Lum Piano Concert (7pm)  
**Saturday:** AA Men's (7am); ACA (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); NA (7pm)

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Spm Worship Leader Micaela Lum

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Mike Kobold in celebration of Dellita's birthday!

TODAY the Season of Epiphany continues - 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.

MEMBERSHIP - New members are received today, January 29, 2023 during 10am worship.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION (for fall 2023) - Begins February 1, 2023 for church members & returning students. If interested, please contact Shelli Parajekas at [preschool@mygloriadei.org](mailto:preschool@mygloriadei.org) or call the office at 949-493-3414, immediately if you want to register your child or grandchild.

TIME & TALENT - Assignments for Sunday "key duties" (Feb. - July 2023) were sent out mostly by email this past week. If you didn't receive your email, please check your spam. If it is not there, please contact Carol Weinhardt at: [gloriadei@mygloriadei.org](mailto:gloriadei@mygloriadei.org) or 949-493-3414. If you don't use email, we have mailed your Sunday "key duty" assignments.

"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. This work will remain throughout the Season of Epiphany.

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](mailto: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](mailto:fellowship@mygloriadei.org). Thanks to all our teachers in this important ministry!

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 COUNTERS** are needed. Two counters meet each Sunday after the 10am service to count the morning offering. It takes about an hour and you would count less than once/month. Financial Secretary Christian Asis will train you. See the sign-up at the Welcome Table.

**CONFIRMATION (Middle School)** - Meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday each month, 11:15am, in Bankson Hall. Questions: [pastordavid@mygloriadei.org](mailto:pastordavid@mygloriadei.org).

**YOUTH MINISTRY** - Join middle school & high school youth at the Lutheran Orange County Youth (LOCY) today. Community Lutheran Church at 30322 Via Con Dios in RSM will host this LOCY event including food, games, laughter & fellowship. Contact Paige Gulck ([youthdirector@mygloriadei.org](mailto:youthdirector@mygloriadei.org)) to let her know if you plan to attend. Paige will help arrange carpool options. Bring a friend!

**ST. OLAF COLLEGE CHOIR CONCERT** - A college choir of the ELCA concert Tuesday, Jan. 31, 7pm - Village Presbyterian Church in Rancho Santa Fe, CA. See the Welcome Table for details.

**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH** - February 3, 6pm in Knudson Hall. Join in the fun of making Valentine cards to "share the love" with our shut-ins. Bring a friend! Contact Paige at [youthdirector@mygloriadei.org](mailto:youthdirector@mygloriadei.org).

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** - For Bob Kensler on February 4, 2pm at St. Clements By-The-Sea Episcopal Church located at 202 Avenida Aragon, San Clemente.

**ANNUAL MEETING & MINISTRY CELEBRATION** - February 5, 11:15am in Bankson Hall. "Aloha" ministry celebration with Hawaiian BBQ style food will be served, followed by church business. Sign-up if you plan to join us for lunch!

**GLORIA DEI ART MINISTRY** — 2nd Thursday monthly at 6pm in Bankson Hall - next gathering is Thursday, February 9 (Jane Zeiger will present the artist talk.). For all artists and creatives at any experience level. Contact: Arts and Outreach Minister Michelle Lum ([michellelum@mygloriadei.org](mailto:michellelum@mygloriadei.org)).

**ASH WEDNESDAY - IMPOSITION OF ASHES** will take place on Wednesday, February 22. There are 3 opportunities to receive ashes: 1) Between 8-9am: Drive by in the upper circle for brief prayer time; 2) Noon service in the Sanctuary; 3) Worship 6:30pm in Bankson Hall.

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS** begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 6pm. Worship at 6:30pm. The Women's Board has graciously offered to bring soup that evening. If you would like to provide a soup during Lent, please see the sign-up at the Welcome Table.

**LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE TRIP** - We will take a day trip to Los Angelitos on February 25, 7am - 7pm. Passports are required. Please sign-up at the Welcome Table.

**MEN'S SPRING TRAINING RETREAT** to Arizona (March 3-5, 2023): 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](mailto:pastordavid@mygloriadei.org)).

**(L&L) LUNCH & LEARN** - Sunday, March 19, 11:15am in Bankson Hall. Sharon Magnuson, from the ELCA will speak on our work in the area of hunger, disaster response, including Ukraine. Lunch will be served (donation) during her presentation. (FYI - Fred Johnson will lead L&L on Sunday, April 30.)

**HEALTH GUIDELINES** - With Covid, flu, etc., you're welcome to wear a mask (extras at the Welcome Table). If you're sick, please watch the service online. Thankfully, our space is uniquely open.

**HOLY LAND TOUR** led by Pastor David will take place October 24 - November 2, 2023. An interest sign-up (no obligation) is at the Welcome Table, along with an official brochure.

**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](https://mygloriadei.org/donate). Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei Lutheran!

**UPCOMING** - Kintsugi Experience (February 23, 1pm); Raise the Roof Dinner Event (May 21, 5pm); Women's Retreat (June 2 - 4).