

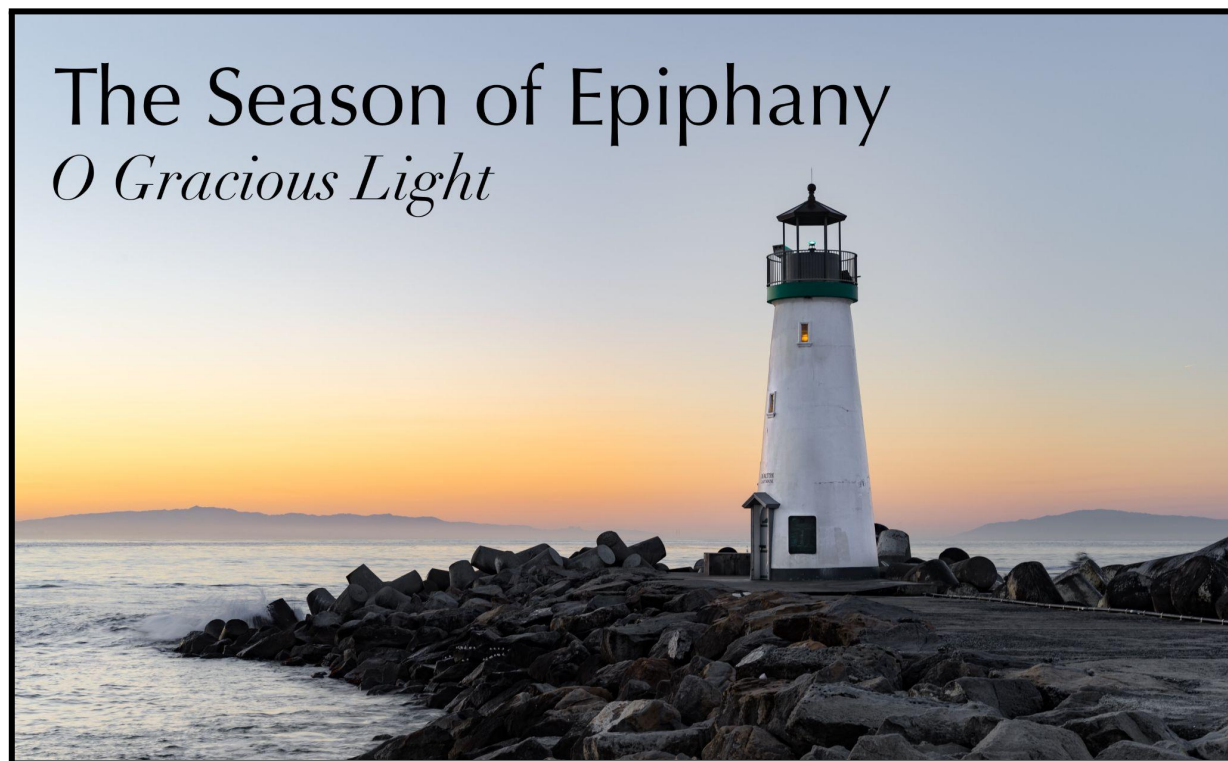


# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## The Season of Epiphany *O Gracious Light*

February 5, 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 leave after the Children's Message for Sunday school and return at Holy Communion).

**TODAY** we continue a new preaching series: "*O Gracious Light.*" For the next few weeks, 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.

PRELUDE: *I Am Thine, O Lord* by Mary McDonald

Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist (8:30am/10am)

Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

### THE WELCOME AND INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100)

(People read/sing **bold** words.)

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

**Serve the Lord with gladness;**

come into his presence with singing.

**Know that the Lord is God.**

It is he who 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 him; bless his name.

**For the Lord is good;**

his steadfast love endures forever

**and his faithfulness to all generations. Amen.**

**THE GATHERING HYMN: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

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**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!**

**O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!**

**Let all who hear, Now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning**

**and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.**

**Have you not seen all that is needful has been**

**Sent by his gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!**

**All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!**

**Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!**

(The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray...)

### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:30/10am)

Shelli Parajeckas

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

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 58:3-12

“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.  
(Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 9:6-12

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. (Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand.)

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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 5th chapter. Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-16

**“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.**  
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ!**)

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM: *Take Us As We Are, O God* (8:30am) Sanctuary Choir, Music Director Kathy Person

THE SONG OF THE DAY: *In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful* (sing 2x)

THE MESSAGE: Michelle Lum, Minister of Arts and Outreach

THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *For the Cause* by Getty Soloist Andrew Noble

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *The Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE 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.

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER, THE INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT

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

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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.

*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)

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely giv'n:  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

THE BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!*  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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

THE POSTLUDE: *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* by M. McDonald      Fred Johnson (8:30am/10am)  
Micaela Lum (5pm)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Kathi Anderson in celebration of Cliff Anderson's 95th birthday!

**WELCOME TO ALL THE NEW MEMBERS** - Barbara Baldwin & Tom McKeown, Jeff Chipman & Pearl Zimmerman, Eric Houser, Dick & Mary Koebler, and Chris Wuebbens. Please reach out on the patio & welcome our new members!

**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION (for fall 2023)** - Now open for church members & returning students. If interested, please contact Shelli Parajeckas 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.

**MEN'S SPRING TRAINING RETREAT (March 3-5)** - Event details - Carpool over Friday, watch games, great fellowship, worship together, and home on Sunday. Questions/scholarships, speak with Pastor David ([pastordavid@mygloriadei.org](mailto:pastordavid@mygloriadei.org)).

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

**ANNUAL MEETING & MINISTRY CELEBRATION** - Today, 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! Pick up an Annual Report at the Welcome Table.

**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)).

**"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 and to all the volunteers in the art ministry for their work. This work will remain throughout the Season of Epiphany.

**YOUTH GATHERING AT GLORIA DEI** - Our Saviors and Community Lutheran are joining with Gloria Dei youth (Jr. & Sr. High) on Sunday, February 26 from 6-9pm, Bankson Hall. Sign-up at the Welcome Table. Questions, speak with Youth Director Paige Gulck ([youth@mygloriadei.org](mailto:youth@mygloriadei.org)).

**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.

**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.

**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.

**FIRST COMMUNION** classes for children begin for three Wednesdays on March 8, 5:15pm. These classes for youth (age 10 or younger) are with a parent and meet in the Sanctuary. See the sign-up for details.

**KINTSUGI EXPERIENCE** led by Arts & Outreach Minister Michelle Lum will take place on Monday, March 13, 1-4pm. See the sign-up at the Welcome Table. Questions: [michellelum@mygloriadei.org](mailto:michellelum@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.)

**HOLY LAND TOUR** led by Pastor David, October 24 - November 2, 2023. Official brochure is at the Welcome Table. Contact Pastor David if you want to be placed on the interested list (no obligation): [pastordavid@mygloriadei.org](mailto:pastordavid@mygloriadei.org). An informational meeting - Sunday, February 19, 6pm in the Sanctuary.

**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!

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

**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.

**UPCOMING** - Palm Sunday and Pancake Breakfast (April 2); Good Friday Worship (April 7, noon and 7pm); Easter/Resurrection Sunday (April 9, 6:30am, 8:30am, 10am); Raise the Roof Dinner Event (May 21, 5pm); Women's Retreat (June 2 - 4).

**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Coffee Prep: Kristina Mayfield; Communion: Katy Desmond & Sandy Hall; Lector: Katy Desmond; Refreshments: Sandy Hall; Usher: Bob Gaumer & John Gustavson; Welcome Table: Sharon Derr  
**10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Staff Communion: Roger Grefsrud & Liane Schuller; Lector: Melody Bacon; Usher: Donna & Jerry Combe; Welcome Table: Peggy Johnson  
**5pm:** Communion & Lector: Stephanie Anderson

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEBRUARY 5 - 11, 2023**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Annual Meeting/Bankson Hall (11:15am); Confirmation/Knudson Hall (11:15am); NA Meeting (6:30pm)  
**Monday:** South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Preschool Choir (11:30am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Group (6:30pm)  
**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Staff Meeting (1pm); 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); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Art Ministry Gathering (6pm); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)  
**Saturday:** AA Men's (7am); Men's Breakfast Bible Study (8am); Women's Board Meeting (9am); (ACA (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); NA (7pm)

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