

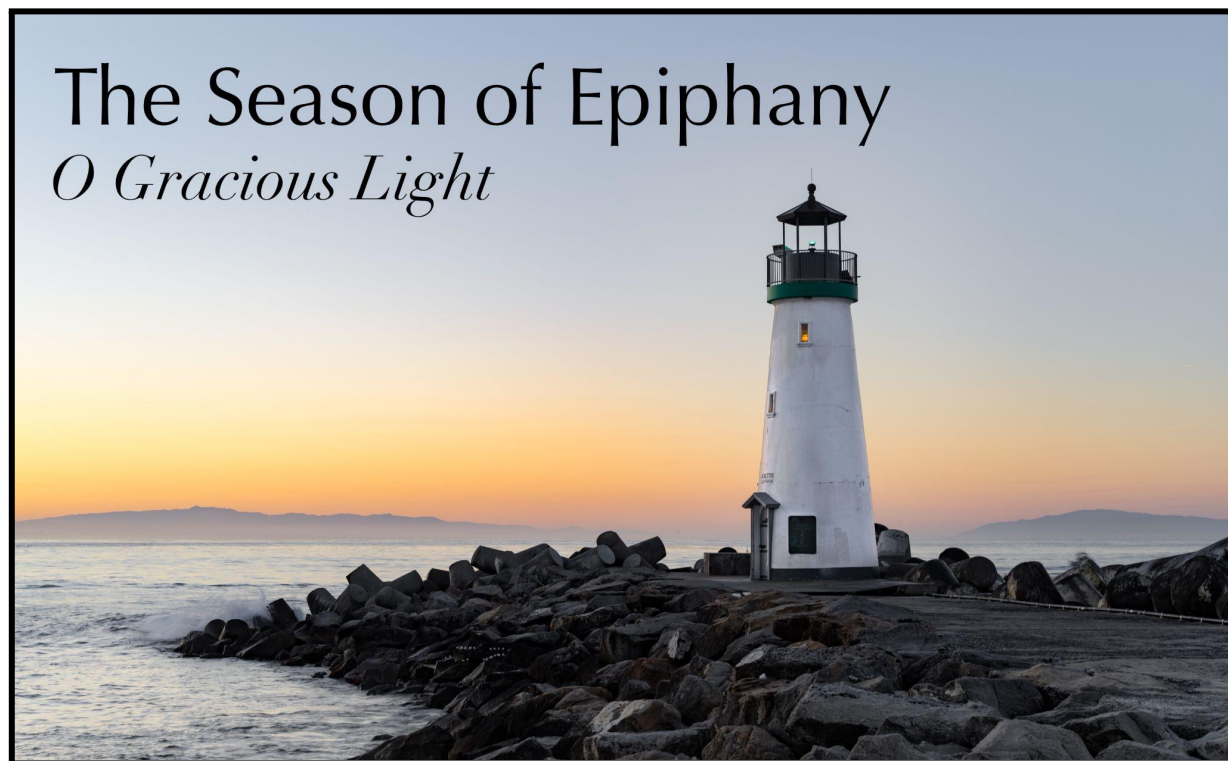


# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## The Season of Epiphany *O Gracious Light*

February 12, 2023 (8:30am & 10:00am, no 5pm worship today.)

**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 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.

THE PRELUDE: *We Look to Thee* by G. M. Martin

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

(Sacrament of Baptism - **Harlow Shae Garton and Oliver Thatcher Garton** - will take place outside just prior to the 10am service. You are invited to join us at the Baptismal Fountain.)

THE WELCOME AND INVOCATION

THE GATHERING HYMN: **Lord of All Hopefulness**

#765 vv. 1-3

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

THE CONFESSION

(People read **bold** words.)

KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord have mercy.")

(People sing refrain below.)



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

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:30/10am) Pastor David R. Mattson  
(Children may leave for Sunday school and they return at Holy Communion.)

THE FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.  
(Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who

waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.  
(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. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: **John 15: 7-17**

**If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.**  
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ!**)

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM: *Take Us As We Are, O God* (10am) Sanctuary Choir and Music Director Kathy Person

THE HYMN: **Gather Us In**

#532 vv. 1-3

**Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry,  
we are the old who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of his-t'ry,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

THE MESSAGE: "Pray Together, Play Together" Intern Dana Becker

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Jesus Loves Me* arr. by J.S. Cool Fred Johnson, piano/Kathy Person, violin

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 'Lamb of God' (Agnus Dei). It is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on' are written below the staff.

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn 'Lamb of God' (Agnus Dei). It continues the melody from the first line. The lyrics 'us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the' are written below the staff.

Taste and See #493

Refrain: **Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**  
**Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**  
**I will bless the Lord at all times.**  
**Praise shall always be on my lips; my soul shall glory in the Lord;**  
**for God has been so good to me. (Refrain.)**

**Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name.**  
**I called the Lord, who answered me;**  
**from all my troubles I was set free. (Refrain.)**

**Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.**  
**Taste and see that the Lord is good;**  
**in God we need put all our trust. (Refrain.)**

All Are Welcome #641 vv. 1-4

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,**  
**a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.**  
**Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;**  
**here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

Refrain: **All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,**  
**where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign a-new.**  
**Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;**  
**here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: (Refrain.)**

**Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:**  
**a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.**  
**Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;**  
**as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (Refrain.)**

**Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone**  
**to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.**  
**Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;**  
**let us bring an end to fear and danger: (Refrain.)**

THE BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee #836

**Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!**  
**Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.**



**Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow-'ry meadow, flashing sea  
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!**

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

THE POSTLUDE: *Fanfare* by James Conely Fred Johnson (8:30/10am)

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Joni, Paul, Kevin, Aaron, Lyndsay, and Rowan, family of Julie Vlahos, in celebration of Julie’s 80th 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!

**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)).

**"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.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Lynn Heuer’s daughter, Jill Eller is this Saturday, February 18, 2pm.

**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 - bounce house, fellowship & other fun. 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.

**LENTEN OFFERING** this year will go to Lutheran Disaster Response which works both internationally and domestically (including Turkey/Syria earthquake assistance). Coin boxes will also be available on Ash Wednesday.

**LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE TRIP** - A day trip to Los Angelitos (Tijuana, Mexico) on February 25, 7am - 7pm. Passports are required. Please sign-up at the Welcome Table for more information.

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

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

**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.

**CONFIRMATION/MIDDLE SCHOOL TRIP** via train to the Union Rescue Mission, Saturday, March 18. Leaving in the morning and returning late afternoon. Parents are needed to attend. Sign-up coming

soon or email Youth Director Paige Gulck at [youth@mygloriadei.org](mailto:youth@mygloriadei.org). This is an amazing trip of service and fun!

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES (Middle School)** - Next meeting is Sunday, March 5 and 19, 11:15am, in Knudson Hall. Questions: [pastordavid@mygloriadei.org](mailto:pastordavid@mygloriadei.org).

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

**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:** Acolyte: Jenna Hallowell; Coffee Prep: Bill Jonas; Communion: Phil & Sandy Furlong; Lector: Amy Don; Usher: Dave & Judy Ross; Welcome Table: Liane Schuller  
**10am:** Acolyte: Jackson Brodrick; Coffee Clean-up: Melody & Ron Bacon; Communion: Roger Grefsrud & Betty Prock; Lector: Jay Pederson; Usher: Lisa Mers & Sharon Miller; Welcome Table: Sally Manville

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEBRUARY 12 - 18, 2023**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Baptism for Harlow & Oliver Garton (9:45am); NA Meeting (6:30pm)  
**Monday:** South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Preschool Choir (11:30am); Al Anon (5:30pm)  
**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Staff Meeting (1pm); VFW Auxiliary (6:30pm); Al Anon (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); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)  
**Saturday:** AA Men's (7am); Serra's Pantry (8:30am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); Jill Eller Memorial Service (2pm); NA (7pm)

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