

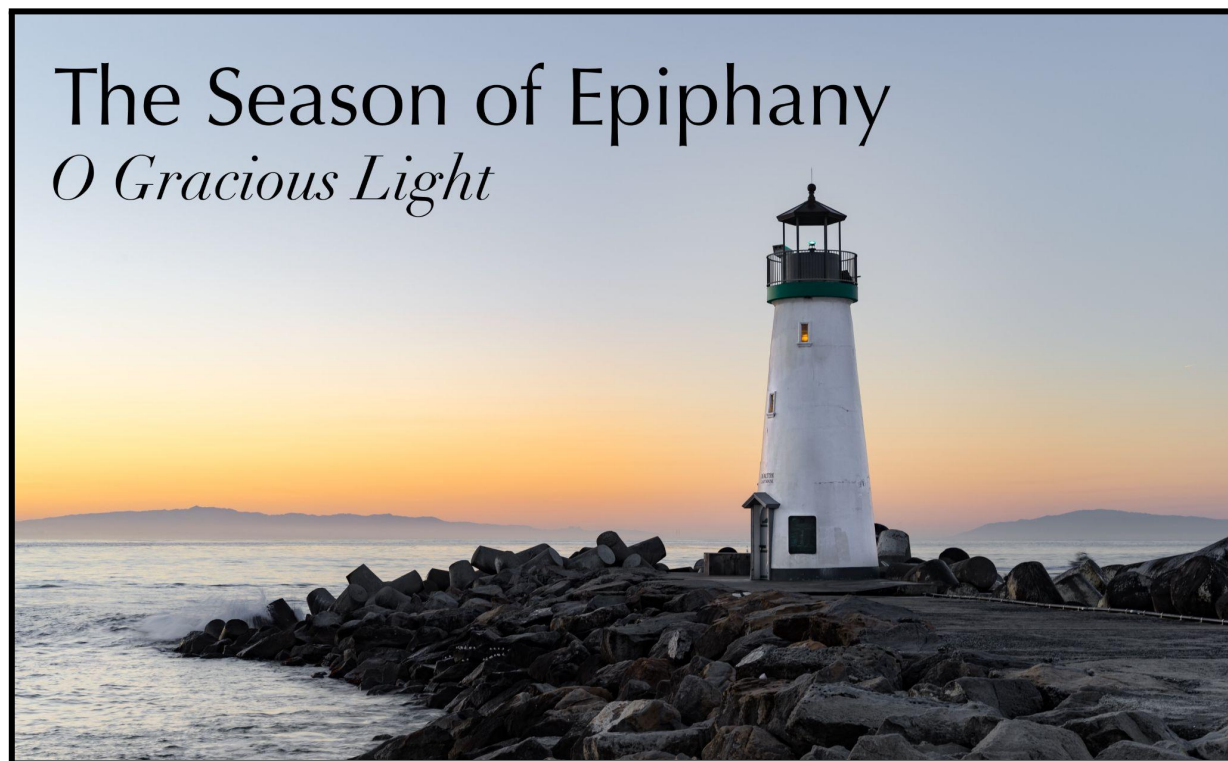


GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Season of Epiphany

O Gracious Light

February 19, 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 finish up a preaching series: "*O Gracious Light*." For the last few months, we have explored how God's light comes to us, illuminates the world, and is seen in our worship. We have considered how elements of our worship/liturgy are so important in our walk of faith. Finally, we will look at the closing blessing. May God's Spirit grant you strength to be a light to the world in Jesus' name.

PRELUDE: *Grace* by Carolyn Hamlin

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

Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

(Sacrament of Baptism - **Lily Catherine Donoff** - prior to the 10am service.
If you are able, please join us at the Baptismal Font outside in the courtyard.)

THE GATHERING HYMN: Crown Him with Many Crowns

#855 vv. 1-3

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'n-ly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.**

**Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown him the Lord of love - behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.**

THE WELCOME AND INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 67)

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

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make His face to shine upon us,

that Your way may be known upon earth,
Your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise You.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise You, O God;
let all the peoples praise You.

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere Him.

THE HYMN: Crown Him With Many Crowns #855 vv. 4
**Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (8:30/10am) Annette Fettis
(Children may leave for Sunday school and they return at Holy Communion.)

THE FIRST LESSON: Numbers 6:22-27
The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.
(Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 Peter 1:16-21
For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.
(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 17th chapter. Glory to You, O Lord.
THE GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ!**)

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM (8:30am): *Dazzling Presence on the Mountain*
Sanctuary Choir, Music Director Kathy Person

THE SONG OF THE DAY: Lord, I Want To Be a Christian
**Lord, I want to be a Christian, in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian, in my heart,
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian, in my heart.**

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart . . .

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart . . .

Lord, I want to be a Christian, in my heart, in my heart...

THE MESSAGE: “*Bless You, and You, and You, and You...*” Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *The Blessing* Michelle Lum, Arts & Outreach Minister

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

Musical notation for the hymn "Lamb of God" (Agnus Dei). The notation 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."

Beautiful Savior # 838
Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,

Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forever more be thine!

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry #732
"I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
To see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."

"In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
With just one more surprise."

"I was there to hear your borning cry,

I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
To see your life unfold."

THE BLESSING

SENDING HYMN:Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven #865 vv. 1-2, 4
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor to our forebears in distress.
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Glorious is his faithfulness!

Angels help us to adore him, who behold him face to face.
Sun and moon bow down before him; all who dwell in time and space.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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

THE POSTLUDE: *Fanfare on “Duke Street”* by John S. Dixon Fred Johnson (8:30am/10am)
Micaela Lum (5pm)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by John & Kristina Mayfield in celebration of their anniversary!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS - Barbara Baldwin & Tom McKeown, Jeff Chipman & Pearl Zimmerman, Eric Houser, Dick & Mary Koebler, and Chris Wuebbens. Please greet them and reach out on the patio!

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, Feb. 22, 6pm. Worship at 6:30pm. The Women's Board is graciously bringing soup that evening. If you would like to provide a soup, see the sign-up.

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

NEW ARTWORK - “You are Dust”. Our thanks to Arts and Outreach Minister Michelle Lum for displaying her work for the Season of Lent (beginning on Ash Wednesday). There will be a video and signs describing it in detail. Invite a friend to come and see!

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.

MEN'S SPRING TRAINING RETREAT MEETING - final informational meeting, next Sunday, February 26, 9:30am in the Sanctuary. All men going on the retreat (March 3-5) are encouraged to attend.

YOUTH GATHERING AT GLORIA DEI - Our Saviors and Community Lutheran are joining Gloria Dei youth (Jr. & Sr. High) on Sunday, Feb. 26, 6-9pm, Bankson Hall - bounce house, fellowship & other fun. Sign-up at the Welcome Table. Question - Youth Director Paige Gulck (youth@mygloriadei.org).

CONFIRMATION CLASSES (Middle School) - Next meetings are Sunday, March 5 and 19, 11:15am, in Knudson Hall. Questions: pastordavid@mygloriadei.org.

FIRST COMMUNION classes for children begin for three Wednesdays on March 8, 5:15pm. For youth (age 10 or younger) and a parent - meet in the Sanctuary. See the sign-up for details. First Communion will take place on Palm Sunday, April 2, 10am.

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).

MEN'S SPRING TRAINING RETREAT (March 3-5) - Carpool over Friday, watch games, great fellowship and home on Sunday. Questions, speak with Pastor David (pastordavid@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.

(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. An informational meeting - tonight, February 19, 6pm in the Sanctuary.

CONFIRMATION/MIDDLE SCHOOL TRIP via train to Union Rescue Mission, Sat., March 18. Leaving in the morning and returning late afternoon. Parents are needed to attend. Sign-up. Questions - email Youth Director Paige Gulck at youth@mygloriadei.org. This is an amazing trip of service and fun!

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!

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!

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).

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 (May 21, 5pm); Women's Retreat (June 2 - 4).

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Acolyte: Jenna Hallowell; Coffee Prep: Dianne & Greg Blanda; Communion: Phil & Sandy Furlong; Lector: Jennifer Dubow; Usher: Henri Nurminen; Welcome Table: Shelli Parajeckas & Karen Sanchez

10am: Acolyte: Jackson Brodrick; Coffee Clean-up: Ashleigh & Kevin Jensen; Communion: Paige Gulck & Laurene Holmes-Hylton; Lector: Sharon Miller; Usher: David & Susan Warneke; Welcome Table: Dana Becker

5pm: Communion & Lector: Jeannie Moyer

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEBRUARY 19 - 25, 2023

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Los Angelitos Planning Meeting (9:40am); Baptism for Lily Catherine Donoff (9:45am); Holy Land Informational Meeting (6pm); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

Monday: RIOT Book Club (2pm); Al Anon (5:30pm)

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Staff Meeting (1pm); DHHS Baja Meeting (6pm); Al Anon (7pm); Virtual GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Meditative Prayers Group (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Ash Wednesday Drive By Ashes (8-9am); Ash Wednesday Worship (12pm); Soup Supper (6pm); Ash Wednesday Worship (6:30pm); 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)

Saturday: AA Men's (7am); Los Angelitos Trip (7am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); NA (7pm)

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