



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Lent 2023

### "Blessed Are You"

Matthew 5:1-12

## 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 5, 2023

**8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! The 40 day Season of Lent is about following Jesus to the cross and preparing our hearts, minds, and lives for Easter. Our emphasis this year is on *The Beatitudes* - Jesus' famous words on the way of blessing. (Matthew 5:1-12) Thank you for joining us on the journey!

THE PRELUDE: *Partita on "Nettleton"*

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

Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

THE GATHERING HYMN: ***Leaning on the Everlasting Arms***

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What a fellowship, what a joy divine,

**Leaning on the everlasting arms;**

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,

**Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain: **Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;**

**Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,**

**Leaning on the everlasting arms;**

**O, how bright the path grows from day to day,**

**Leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain.)**

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,**

**Leaning on the everlasting arms?**

**I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,**

**Leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain.)**

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (Psalm 51)

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

KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord have mercy") by Matt Maher

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie, eleison.** Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie, eleison.**

Lord of reconciliation, heal our wounds in darkest times.

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie, eleison.** Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie, eleison.**

In the midst of fear and violence, make our lives a prayer of peace.

Christe, eleison - **Christe, eleison.** Christe, eleison - **Christe, eleison.**

Healer of the broken-hearted, guide us to heaven's shores.

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie eleison.** Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie eleison.**

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

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Youth Director Paige Gulck

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 12: 1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him.  
(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**)

THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17  
What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.  
(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**)

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Please stand.) Page 189

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12  
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**  
**When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”**  
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM (8:30am): *Mercy* by Craig Courtney Sanctuary Choir, Music Director Kathy Person

**THE HYMN: Give Me Jesus** #770 v. 1-3  
**In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,  
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.**

Refrain:  
**Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.**  
**You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.**

**Dark mid-night was my cry, dark mid-night was my cry,  
dark mid-night was my cry, give me Jesus.** (Refrain.)

**Just about the break of day, just about the break of day,  
just about the break of day, give me Jesus.** (Refrain.)

**Oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die,  
Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.** (Refrain.)

THE MESSAGE: “*Misery Loves Company*” Intern Dana Becker

THE OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Who You Say I Am* Abby Herzog

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: **Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am** (sung 2x) #814  
**Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each petition – Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... and join their unending hymn:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

**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** (People repeat each line after the leader.)  
**Lamb of God... You take away...**  
**the sins of the world... Miserere nobis.**

**Lamb of God... You take away...**  
**the sins of the world... Miserere nobis.**

**Agnus Dei... You take away...**

the sins of the world... Dona nobis pacem...

**O Love That Will Not Let Me Go**  
**O Love that will not let me go,**  
**I rest my weary soul in thee;**  
**I give thee back the life I owe,**  
**That in thine ocean depths its flow**  
**May richer, fuller be.**

**O Light that fol-lowest all my way,**  
**I yield my flick-'ring torch to thee;**  
**My heart restores its borrowed ray,**  
**That in thy sunshine's blaze its day**  
**May brighter, fairer be.**

**O Joy that seekest me through pain,**  
**I cannot close my heart to thee;**  
**I trace the rainbow through the rain**  
**And feel the promise is not vain**  
**That morn shall tearless be.**

**Shout to the Lord**  
**My Jesus, my Savior,**  
**Lord, there is none like you.**  
**All of my days I want to praise**  
**the wonders of your mighty love.**

**My comfort, my shelter,**  
**tower of refuge and strength;**  
**let ev'ry breath, all that I am**  
**never cease to worship you.**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing**  
**power and majesty, praise to the King.**  
**Mountains bow down and the seas will roar**  
**at the sound of your name.**  
**I sing for joy at the work of your hands;**  
**forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.**  
**Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING



THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: *How Firm a Foundation*

#796 v. 1-3

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply.  
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”

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

THE POSTLUDE: *Sing to God* by Lani Smith Fred Johnson (8:30am/10am)  
Micaela Lum (5pm)

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5pm Worship Leader Micaela Lum

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Nadine Graven and Larry Lisser in honor of Mike Graven's incredible life of service.

**THANKS** to Arts and Outreach Minister Michelle Lum for providing the artwork for our season - *You Are Dust*. Please take a look (and invite a friend) to view it in the Sanctuary.

**LENT 2023** - Soup suppers in Bankson Hall on Wednesdays, 6pm, worship, 6:30pm. If you would like to provide a soup, see the sign-up. LENTEN OFFERING this year will go to Lutheran Disaster Response. Lenten Coin Boxes available - bring them back on Palm Sunday or drop off at the office.

**MEN'S SPRING TRAINING RETREAT** - Please keep our men in your prayers for a safe return home from their retreat today.

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

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Richard Horner will take place on Tuesday, March 7 at 10am.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME** next Sunday - clocks spring ahead one hour!

**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.

**GLORIA DEI ART MINISTRY** — 2nd Thursday monthly, 6pm - next gathering is March 9. Our guest artist will be Mel Cabrera, who will give an artist talk and lead us through an art workshop. Contact: Arts & 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).

**SR. HIGH FAM KIT MAKING** - March 17, 6pm in Knudson Hall. Come put together kits for FAM - Family Assisted Ministries. Bring a friend! Contact Paige Gulck at [youthdirector@mygloriadei.org](mailto:youthdirector@mygloriadei.org) if you plan to attend.

**COME SAIL AWAY** - Sail out of Dana Point Harbor via the Aventura Sailing Club with Captain Jeff Chipman, March 17, 10am-2pm or 2:30-6:30pm (two time slots). Cost \$50, payable to Jeff Chipman. See sign up at the Welcome Table for more details.

**LOS ANGELITOS TRIP** - This day trip has been rescheduled to Tijuana, Mexico for March 18, 7am - 7pm. Passports are required. Please sign-up at the Welcome Table for more information.

**WOMEN'S EVENT** - Headlands Hike with Ren Higgins - March 18, 10am. Sign-up and details at the Welcome Table.

**(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.)

**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](mailto:youth@mygloriadei.org). This is an amazing trip of service and fun!

**HOLY LAND TOUR** led by Pastor David, October 24 - November 2, 2023. Official brochure is at the Welcome Table. Contact Pastor David if interested list (no obligation): [pastordavid@mygloriadei.org](mailto:pastordavid@mygloriadei.org).

**EASTER LILIES** - To honor or remember a loved one this Holy season, you may wish to purchase a lily for our Easter worship. Cost: \$10 per plant. Forms are available at the Welcome Table.

**CHRIST IN OUR HOME** - April - June 2023 Devotional is available for pick up at the Welcome Table.

**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!

**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!

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

**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Acolyte: Bryan Hallowell; Coffee Prep: Bob & Bonny Gillespie; Communion: Sharry Hilyard & Peggy Johnson; Lector: Sandy Furlong; Refreshments: Karen Sanchez; Usher: Lynne & Wes Morgan; Welcome Table: Kathy Martino

**10am:** Acolyte: Shane Beaudry; Coffee Clean-up: Lisa Mers Communion: Donna & Jerry Combe; Lector: Roger Grefsrud; Refreshments: Virginia Anderson; Usher: Katherine Dickinson & Gini Sherwood; Welcome Table: Nancy Smith

**5pm:** Communion & Lector: Jeannie Moyer

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

**Today:** Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Confirmation (6th - 8th); Men's Spring Retreat Return (4:30pm); NA (6:30pm)

**Monday:** South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Preschool Choir (11:30am); Al Anon (5:30pm); GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group (6:30pm)

**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Richard Horner Memorial (10am); Staff Meeting (1pm); Al Anon (7pm)

**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters (9am); Women's Bible Study (10am); First Communion Class (5:15pm); Soup Supper (6pm); Lenten Worship (6:30pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

**Thursday:** AA Men (7am); South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Art Ministry (6pm); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

**Saturday:** AA Men's (7am); Women's Board Meeting (9am); VFW Auxiliary Event (10:30am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); NA (7pm)