



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Easter Season 2023

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 16, 2023

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

WELCOME to worship! We start a new worship series this week: Overcoming. As Christ overcame the cross and the grave, we will look at other obstacles and objections to our faith and how we overcome them. May the Spirit guide our weeks of doubts, questions, and anxieties.

PRELUDE: *Awaken the Dawn* by Garrard/Shackley

Maurita Hanford, Pianist (8:30am/10am)

Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

THE GATHERING HYMN: ***Jesus Christ is Risen Today***

#365 vv. 1-3

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Al-le-lu-ia! our triumphant holy day, Al-le-lu-ia!
who did once upon the cross, Al-le-lu-ia! suffer to redeem our loss. Al-le-lu-ia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Al-le-lu-ia!
who endured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia! sinners to redeem and save. Al-le-lu-ia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Al-le-lu-ia! our salvation have procured, Al-le-lu-ia!
now above the sky he's king, Al-le-lu-ia! where the angels ever sing. Al-le-lu-ia!**

THE INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

(Silence for reflection and confession. Pastor proclaims the forgiveness.)

KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord have mercy.")

(People sing refrain below. Leader sings verses) #184



PRAYER OF THE DAY

(The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**)

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

Linda Smith

(Children may leave for Sunday school at 10am)

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:14, 22-28

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with

deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.) p. 188

Alleluia Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the 20th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and

stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.”

(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN: *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord* #787 vv. 1-3
You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: “My refuge, . . . my rock . . . in whom I trust!”

Refrain: **And he will raise you up on eagle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,**
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowl-er will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear;
under God’s wings your refuge with faith-ful-ness your shield. (Refrain.)

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. (Refrain.)

THE MESSAGE: *“Locked in and locked out ”* Intern Pastor Dana Becker

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Jesus, Lover of my Soul* by Parry/Shackley

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.

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.**

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION
(All who believe Christ is present in this sacrament are welcome. Non-communing children and adults who choose not to receive, may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms as a signal you would prefer a blessing. Juice is located in the center of each tray, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

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Come, Let Us Eat

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body let us take together,
Our Lord's body let us take together.

#491

Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,
In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.
In the presence of our Lord we gather,
In the presence of our Lord we gather.

Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word,
Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word.
Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom,
Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom.

What Feast of Love

What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heav-en?
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

#487

What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!

What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: Jesus Shall Reign #434 vv. 1-3
Jesus shall reign wher-e'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise, with ev-'ry morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev-'ry tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

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

THE POSTLUDE: *Joyful, Joyful* by Beethoven/John Kraus Maurita Hanford (8:30/10am)
Micaela Lum (5pm)

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THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!
8:30am: Acolyte: Jillian Yagher; Coffee Prep: Kristina Mayfield; Communion: Christian Asis & Liane Schuller; Lector: Shannon Schroeder; Ushers: Pam & Steve Weiss; Welcome Table: Gretchen Sallash
10am: Coffee Clean-up: Ann & Jim St. Martin; Communion: Marsha Atkinson & Jim St. Martin; Lector: Kim Santore; Usher: John Cummings & Pat Kramer; Welcome Table: Mary Jane Rylaarsdam-Pike
5pm: Communion & Lector: Stephanie Anderson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Glen and Maria Fouret in celebration of their anniversary! They are also given by Jim & Neta Wenrick honor of their 41st anniversary!

THANKS to Maurita Hanford for playing piano this morning while Fred Johnson is on vacation.

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY (“Bright Sunday”) has been celebrated for centuries the Sunday after Easter (today). God gets the last laugh! Enter a joke (see form at Welcome Table) and you may win a prize!

EASTER SEASON MESSAGES (April/May) - “Overcoming!” (grief, fear, doubts, obstacles to faith, hypocrisy, etc) - for the Season of Easter. The sermons and studies focus on God's strength in the midst of all sorts of objections and problems.

NEW ART INSTALLATION - *A New Day Dawns* is hanging in the back windows of the sanctuary. Thanks to Arts and Outreach Minister Michelle Lum and all the volunteers who helped with this new work. It will be up for the Season of Easter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES today for young children during both morning services. Children leave after the Children's Message and return at Holy Communion. (Age 4 - 5th grade/8:30am & 10am service) - To register your child for Sunday school - Susie Boland: fellowship@mygloriadei.org.

NURSERY is available every Sunday morning at 8:30am & 10am services. The nursery is for babies - pre-K. and is located inside the preschool room, closest to the church. Sign in and grab a pager. But of course, we love children in worship too!

ART MINISTRY GATHERING - Our monthly gathering is this Thursday, April 13 at 6pm in the sanctuary. We'll be talking about and celebrating our newest art installation together. Questions? Contact Michelle at michellelum@mygloriadei.org.

A.R.Π. Experience - Join Jane Zeiger for a time of painting and fellowship, April 21, 3-5pm in Bankson Hall. Questions? Contact Jane Zeiger via the Gloria Dei office at 949-493-3414 or Michelle Lum at michellelum@mygloriadei.org.

MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI - There are two ways to join: 1) For those from a non-Lutheran background, attend the Adult Inquiry Class, Saturday, April 22, 9am or 2) Transfer your membership from a Lutheran church. To all joining - New Member Orientation, Sunday, April 23, 11:15am. New members received April 30. See the sign-up at the Welcome Table for more information.

LOCY (Lutheran Orange County Youth) - Next fun gathering will be April 23, 6pm at Community Lutheran. Contact Youth Director Paige (youth@mygloriadei.org) for details and to carpool.

LADIES TEA - Saturday, April 29, 2pm, Bankson Hall with food catered by Ellie Snyder. Cost: \$30. Invite a friend! Sign up at the Welcome Table to attend or host a table. Table hosts attend for free.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - April 30, 9:30am - 10:15am. Come enjoy our petting zoo for all ages, in the parking lot, near the labyrinth.

(L&L) LUNCH & LEARN - Sunday, April 30, 11:15am. Pianist/Organist Fred Johnson will present about ways to better protect yourself from hackers with some concrete steps you can take to make it more difficult for them to be successful. Sign-up so your place is reserved. Donation accepted for lunch.

CONFIRMATION (Jr. High) - Whale watching with Youth Director Paige - Sunday, May 7, noon. Many are already attending, but please email Paige if you plan to attend (youth@mygloriadei.org).

WOMEN'S RETREAT - Friday June 2- Sunday June 4. Join us for a weekend of fun, rest, and renewal at the Welk Resort in Escondido. A time for spiritual retreat, plus, we'll share meals and enjoy the resort's activities and beautiful property. See the welcome table for more information next week.

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!

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: *“Raise the Roof”* Party (May 21, 5pm); Blood Drive (May 24, 9am - 3pm); Vacation Bible School/VBS (July 24 - 28); Youth White Water Rafting Trip (July 29 - Aug. 1).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR APRIL 16-22, 2023

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); NA (6:30pm)

Monday: South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Preschool Choir (11:30am); RIOT/Reading Is Our Thing Book Club (2pm); Al Anon (5:30pm)

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

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters Meeting (9am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Mission Hospital Alumni Group (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); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30am)

Friday: A.R.Π. Experience (3pm)

Saturday: AA Men's (7am); Adult Inquiry (9am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

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