



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Easter Season 2023

## 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 2023

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

WELCOME to worship! We continue 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 and lead us through them to a place of peace.

PRELUDE: *O Day of Radiant Gladness* by L. Smith Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist (8:30am/10am)  
Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

### THE GATHERING 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!

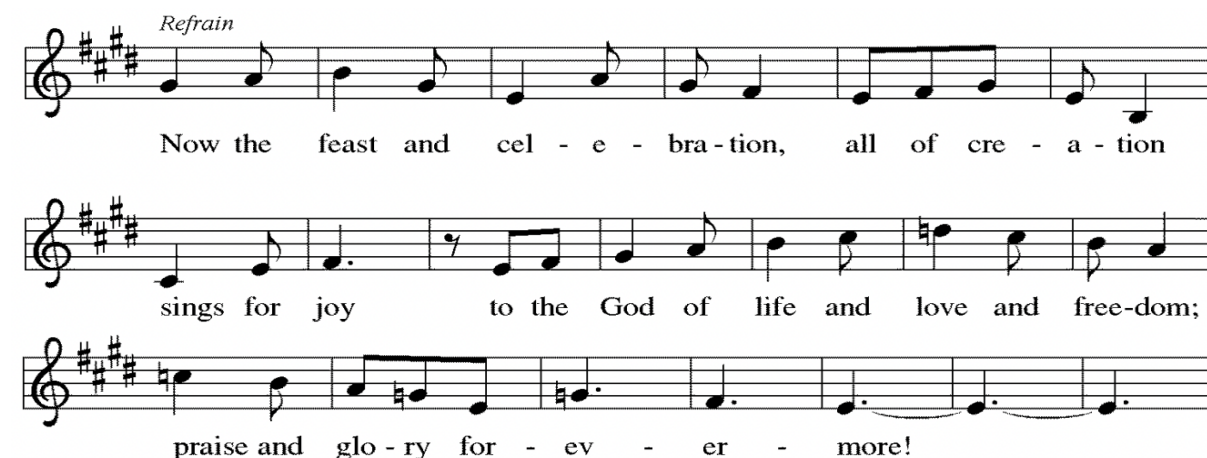
### THE WELCOME AND INVOCATION

### THE CONFESSION

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

**I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed; in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, by my fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.** (Silence for confession. Pastor proclaims the forgiveness.)

### THE CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *"Now the Feast"* (People sing refrain. Leader sings verses) page 167



PRAYER OF THE DAY (The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**)  
**O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:30am/10am) Neta Wenrick  
(Children may leave for Sunday school.)

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.  
(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 1:17-23  
If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.  
(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: Luke 24:13-35  
The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 24th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**  
**Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had**

**happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.**  
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

ANTHEM: *Jesus, Feed Us* arr. B. Wetzel (10am) Sanctuary Choir & Music Director Kathy Person

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN: *Will You Come and Follow Me* #798 vv.1-2,5  
**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?**  
**Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?**  
**Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,**  
**will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"**

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?”

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

THE MESSAGE: “Easter 10K” Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death* (Video for the Easter Season)

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) p. 191  
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.

*That Priceless Grace* #591  
That priceless grace, that priceless grace,  
that priceless grace, which gave me life:  
Jesus' life is priceless grace.  
That priceless grace is life for me.

That priceless blood, that priceless blood,  
that priceless blood was shed for me:  
Jesus' blood is priceless grace.  
That priceless grace is life for me.

That painful death, that painful death,  
that painful death took sins away:  
Jesus' death is priceless grace.  
That priceless grace is life for me.

That precious word, that precious word,  
that precious word, which brought me light:  
Jesus' word is priceless grace.  
That priceless grace is life for me.

*Here Is Bread* #483  
Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

Refrain: **In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.**

**Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here.** (Refrain.)

**Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified.** (Refrain.)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN:*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* #858 vv.1-2,4  
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!**

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

POSTLUDE: *Trumpet Tune on “The Day of Resurrection”* by J.D. Payne Fred Johnson (8:30/10am)  
Micaela Lum (5pm)

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Marj Knudson in celebration of Pastor John's 90th birthday today!

**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.

**CONFIRMATION** (Jr. High) - Class Meets today in Knudson Hall, 11:15am. 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](mailto:youth@mygloriadei.org)).

**LOCY (Lutheran Orange County Youth)** - Next fun gathering will be today, 6pm at Community Lutheran. Contact Youth Director Paige ([youth@mygloriadei.org](mailto:youth@mygloriadei.org)) for details and to carpool.

**RAISE THE ROOF INVITATION** - Please pick up your “*Raise the Roof*” invitation at the Welcome Table today. This celebration will be on May 21 at 5pm. Please join us for fun, bbq & the band Darden!

**MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI** - To all joining - New Member Orientation Brunch, Sunday, today, 11:15am. New members will be received in church on April 30.

**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.

**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. Cost: \$275-\$325. Scholarships available. Sign-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!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is offered 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](mailto: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!

**UPCOMING:** “*Raise the Roof*” Party (May 21, 5pm); Blood Drive (May 24, 9am - 3pm); Dinner to Celebrate Internship Completion (June 4), Angel Game & Tailgate Party (July 14, 4pm); Vacation Bible School/VBS (July 24 - 28); Youth White Water Rafting Trip (July 29 - Aug. 1).

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR APRIL 23 - 29, 2023**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); New Member Orientation (11:15am); Israel Trip Meeting (6pm); LOCY Joint Youth Event (6pm); NA (6:30pm)

**Monday:** Preschool Bike-a-thon (9am); South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Preschool Choir (11:30am); Al Anon (5:30pm)

**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Staff Meeting (1pm); Heart Lifters (6:30pm); Al Anon (7pm); Men's Book Club (7pm)

**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); 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 (7:30pm)

**Friday:** Women's Tea Set-up (3pm)

**Saturday:** AA Men's (7am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ellen Kietz Interment (1pm); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); Ellen Kietz Memorial (2pm); Women's Spring Tea Event (2pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Acolyte: Jillian Yagher; Coffee Prep: Jim & Laura Bankson; Communion: Kathy Martino & Gretchen Sallash; Lector: Ren Higgins; Ushers: Bob Gaumer & Henri Nurminen; Welcome Table: Judy Young

**10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Scott Lund; Communion: Marsha Atkinson & Sharry Hilyard; Lector: David Warneke; Usher: Lisa Mers & Sharon Miller; Welcome Table: Betty Prock

**5pm:** Communion & Lector: Bill Ramsey

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5pm Worship Leader Micaela Lum