



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER/MOTHER'S DAY

May 14, 2023

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

WELCOME to worship! We continue our 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: *When He Cometh* by Larry Shackley

Fred Johnson, organist/pianist (8:30/10am)

Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

THE GATHERING HYMN: **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!**

#413 vv. 1-3

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.**

THE INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 111)

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord
studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

Holy and awesome is his name.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord have mercy.") (People sing refrain below. Leader sings verses) #184

Refrain



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

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

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also

suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.
(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 Holy Gospel according to Saint John the 14th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM: *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* (10am) Sanctuary Choir & Music Director Kathy Person

THE HYMN: *In Christ Alone*

**In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live**

**There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

THE MESSAGE: "Where is She Going?" Intern Pastor Dana Becker

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Michelle Lum

**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.**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing #807
**Come, thou Fount of ev-'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

Be Thou My Vision #793
**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought . . . by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:**

thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after vic-to-ry won,
may I reach heav-en's joys, O heav-en's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, what-ev-er be-fall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: *Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart* #873 vv. 1-2, 4
Rejoice, ye pure in heart!, Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,
send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days. (Refrain.)

Still lift your standard high, still march in firm array,
as pilgrims through the darkness wend till dawns the golden day. (Refrain.)

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

THE POSTLUDE: *Recessional* by Douglas Wagner Fred Johnson, organist/pianist (8:30/10am)
Micaela Lum (5pm)

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THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee Prep: Pam & Steve Weiss; Communion: Katy Desmond & Diane Kelly; Lector: Paige Gulck; Ushers: Phil & Sandy Furlong; Welcome Table: Barb Collins

10am: Acolyte: Evan Neiderhiser; Coffee Clean-up: Ann & Jim St. Martin; Communion: Peggy Johnson & Susan Warneke; Lector: Lora Schultz; Usher: Donna & Jerry Combe; Welcome Table: Melody & Ron Bacon

5pm: Communion & Lector: Jeff Contestabile

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5pm Worship Leader Micaela Lum

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS - David, Ingrid, Sophie & Ava Echternach, Nancy Marcello, Don & Jeanne Mills, and Brian Worek & Lindsey Engel. Thanks to them for joining our church family last Sunday and most importantly, our mission to share God's grace!

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) - Last class for the school year is next Sunday, 11:15am - final, party, dress rehearsal for 8th graders. Questions - Speak with Youth Director Paige (youth@mygloriadei.org)

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECOGNITION - Next Sunday, May 21, morning services. Recognition of Sunday School students, as well as teachers! This will also be our last day of Sunday School until fall.

RAISE THE ROOF INVITATION - Please sign-up for the *"Raise the Roof"* celebration at the Welcome Table. This celebration will be next Sunday, May 21, 5pm. Please join us for fun, bbq & the band Darden, cornhole tournament, and more! This is an all church, all age event!

FAVORITE HYMNS/SONGS - You get to choose your favorites this summer (June-August) to be sung during worship. Fill out a form at the Welcome Table. We will sing "the people's choice!"

NOTES FROM FRED JOHNSON L&L - By popular demand, slides/handouts from his presentation are available for pickup at the Welcome Table.

GLORIA DEI BLOOD DRIVE - Wednesday, May 24, 9am - 3pm. Sign up at the Welcome Table or online: www.redcrossblood.org. Type *Gloria Dei* in the "Find a Blood Drive" red box in the upper right corner and Gloria Dei blood drive will "pop up".

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Wednesday, May 24, 10am in Knudson Hall will be having a potluck during the last study before summer break. Bring a dish to share.

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. You are also welcome to come for the day on Saturday. Sign-up!

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY - June 4 at morning services. If you have a high school graduate, please contact the church office or fill out a form at the Welcome Table. We will celebrate them with a gift, prayers, and sending blessings.

INTERNSHIP CELEBRATION - June 4, 5:30pm. Join us for dinner (taco cart), as we celebrate Dana Becker's completion of the internship portion of her seminary education. She will continue working at Gloria Dei for the coming year, while taking classes at Luther Seminary (St. Paul).

ART MINISTRY - ARTIST TALK — 2nd Thursday at 6pm in Bankson Hall - Mini artist talk series with a guest artist. Plein Air Painting with Jay Smith on June 8.

CONCERT - ST. JOHN'S BOYS' CHOIR from Collegeville, Minnesota, Wednesday, June 21, 7pm in the Sanctuary. Free-will offering received.

LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE TRIP - Next scheduled visit June 17. Information at the Welcome Table. Sign up. Contact David or Susan Warneke or the Church office for details.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) - July 24 - 28, 9am - noon. 4 years old - 5th grade. Scholarships available. Military families free. Registration forms at the Welcome Table and on mygloriadei.org. Invite a friend!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) VOLUNTEERS - Looking for youth, adult & snack volunteers. Sign up at the Welcome Table or contact Susie Boland at fellowship@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. 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.

NURSERY available every Sunday morning - 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: Angels Game & Tailgate Party (July 14, 4pm); Youth White Water Rafting Trip (July 29 - Aug. 1); The Bible Year - Theme For Rally Sunday (September 10).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAY 14 - 20, 2023

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

Monday: South Coast Literacy Council (10am); 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 Guild (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 Potluck(7pm)

Saturday: AA Men's (7am); Serra's Pantry (8:30am); Jr. Bach Festival (9am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); NA Meeting (7pm)