



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ASCENSION SUNDAY/7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21, 2023

8:30am, 10:00am

WELCOME to worship! We continue our worship series this week: *Overcoming*. This week we will look at our theme in relation to the Easter art installation, *A New Day Dawns*. 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: *Come, Gracious Spirit* by Lani Smith Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist (8:30am/10am)

THE GATHERING HYMN: **Crown Him with Many Crowns**

#855 vv. 1, 3, 5

**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 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.**

**Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.**

THE WELCOME AND INVOCATION

THE CONFESSION

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

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING (The grace... be with you all. **And also with you.**)

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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Susie Boland, Congregational Life Director

Pastor Intern Dana Becker

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 1:6-14

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

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

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Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: John 17:1-3

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sanctuary Choir & Music Director Kathy Person

#365 vv. 1, 2, 4

**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!**

**Sing we to our God above, Al-le-lu-ia!
praise eternal as his love; Al-le-lu-ia!
praise him, all you heav'n-ly host, Al-le-lu-ia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia!**

Michelle Lum, Minister of Arts and Outreach

Kathy Person, violin & Fred Johnson, piano

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *The Doxology*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.**

One Bread, One Body #496

Refrain: **One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.**

And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. (Refrain.)

Many the gifts, many the works, One in the Lord - of all. (Refrain.)

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. (Refrain.)

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High #857

Lord, I lift your name on high;

Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life,

I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,

from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift your name on high.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! #634 vv. 1, 5, 6

**All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal di-a-dem and crown him Lord of all.**

Bring forth the royal di-a-dem and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball

to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.

To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *Voice of Praise* by Ellen Jane Lorenz Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist (8:30/10am)

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THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee Prep: Dave Ross; Communion: Bob & Brenda Gaumer; Lector: Pam Weiss; Ushers: Pam & Steve Weiss; Welcome Table: Gene Rathbun

10am: Acolyte: Colin O'Byrne; Coffee Clean-up: Staff; Communion: Lisa Mers & Mary Jane Rylaarsdam-Pike; Lector: Jim St. Martin; Usher: Susan Behnke & Scott Lund; Welcome Table: Sharon Miller

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5pm Worship Leader Micaela Lum

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Melody & Ron Bacon in celebration of God's love & grace!

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECOGNITION - Today, 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. We thank our Sunday school volunteers: Laura Brodrick, Barb Collins, Kristen Doorn, Audrey Johnston, Ashleigh Jensen, Greg Person, Shannon Schroeder & Liane Schuller.

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

RAISE THE ROOF INVITATION - Please sign-up for the “*Raise the Roof*” celebration at the Welcome Table. This celebration is today at 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”!

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.

LARS TALSTAD MEMORIAL - May 28, 12pm outside in the Sanctuary.

NEXT SUNDAY May 28 is Pentecost - We celebrate the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. You are invited to wear something red. It is also Confirmation Sunday and we pray for those young people affirming their faith.

MEETING FOR WOMEN'S RETREAT - May 28, 9:30am in the Sanctuary to discuss more details.

WOMEN'S RETREAT - Friday, June 2- Sunday, June 4. 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). Sign-up.

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. Location tbd.

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 are 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. Today is the last day.

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: Jr. High Catalina Day Trip (July 8); Summer Bible Study (Wednesdays, 5pm July 12, 19 & 26); Angels Game & Tailgate Party (July 14, 4pm); Church Picnic (July 23, 12pm); Sr. High White Water Rafting Trip (July 29 - Aug. 1); Matthew Shephard Benefit Concert (July 12, 7pm); Hammer Museum Trip (July 19); David Clemensen and Friends Concert (July 29, 7pm); The Bible Year - Theme For Rally Sunday (September 10).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAY 21 - 27, 2023

Today: Worship & Sunday School Recognition (8:30am, 10am); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); Confirmation (11:15am); Raise the Roof Dinner (5pm); NA (6:30pm)

Monday: Al Anon (5:30pm)

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

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Blood Drive (9am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Preschool Graduation (5pm); Mission Hospital Alumni Group (6pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm)

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

