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4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 25, 2023

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

WELCOME to worship! Today, we continue our series on the Psalms and will use the "people's choice" favorite hymns for the summer. Today, we look at Psalm 69 and what it has to tell us about dealing with hardship. May you experience God's guidance and support in all of your new ventures and journeys as well.

PRELUDE: Great is Thy Faithfulness

Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist

GATHERING HYMN: **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

#504 vv. 1-3

**A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.**

**No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.**

**Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat-'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot o-ver-pow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.**

THE INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 69)

(People read/sing bold words.)

Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;

according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

Do not hide your face from your servant,

for I am in distress—make haste to answer me.

Draw near to me, redeem me,

set me free because of my enemies.

You know the insults I receive, and my shame and dishonor;

my foes are all known to you.

Insults have broken my heart, so that I am in despair.

I looked for pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none.

But I am lowly and in pain;

let your salvation, O God, protect me.

I will praise the name of God with a song;

I will magnify him with thanksgiving.

Let heaven and earth praise him,

the seas and everything that moves in them.

For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah;

and his servants shall live there and possess it;

the children of his servants shall inherit it,

and those who love his name shall live in it. Amen.

THE HYMN: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

#504 vv. 4

God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!

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

THE FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 20:7-13

O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

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

THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand for the Gospel.)

#169



Leader: Speak, O Lord, Your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.
(People sing Alleluia again.)

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 10th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**
"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF THE DAY: Great is Thy Faithfulness

#733

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: **Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!**

**Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)**

THE MESSAGE: *"Psalm 69: For When It Hurts"* Arts & Outreach Minister Michelle Lum

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ by J.S. Bach (arr. Busoni) Micaela Lum

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Doxology

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love; through the One who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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.**

Here Is Bread

**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.)**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.**

**Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.**

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: *Blessed Assurance*

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in this blood.**

#483

#632

#195

#638

Refrain: **This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.** (Refrain.)

**Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.** (Refrain.)

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

POSTLUDE: Arabesque No. 2 by Claude Debussy Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Ruth Anderson in memory of her husband, Harvey. They are also given by John & Linda Friend in memory of their infant, Lisa.

SANCTUARY CHOIR - Thanks for a wonderful year of music. They are now on summer break. If you are interested in joining in the fall, speak with Music Director Kathy Person - music@mygloriadei.org.

NURSERY is available at the 8:30am & 10am services. Services for babies - pre-K. The attendants are vaccinated. They will be inside the preschool room closest to the church. Sign in and grab a pager.

THANKS to the many who have shared their thoughts on a favorite hymn/song. Each Sunday, as we sing the "people's choice" of hymns, we'll hear from people about why a song is a favorite for them.

DANA BECKER is back at Luther Seminary (Minnesota) for the month of June. She will return for the year beginning in July.

DEVOTIONALS - "Christ In Our Home". Pick up your July - Sept., 2023 devotional - Welcome Table.

PASTOR DAVID MATTSON is gone on sabbatical until mid-August. For pastoral assistance or questions, please contact the church office.

DISNEY SING-ALONG for children (preschoolers) with Michelle and Micaela Lum: Friday, June 30, 10am. Dress up is encouraged! Following the Sing-A-Long in the Sanctuary - a movie and snack in Preschool room. Sign-up. Adult/teen helpers also needed. Questions: Michellelum@mygloriadei.org.

RAISE THE ROOF - Thanks to the many people who have given to this effort! To date, we have raised \$91,647.65 for the Bankson and Knudson Hall roofs. Construction will begin the week of July 10.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY - On Wednesdays at 4pm July 12, 19, and 26 we will study the Psalms. Meet on the patio at Luciana's in Dana Point. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

ANGELS GAME & TAILGATE - sponsored by MGD (Men of Gloria Dei), July 14, 4pm Tailgate. The game is at 6pm. Sign-up, tailgate details and tickets for purchase at the Welcome Table. Tickets: \$25. Questions - Danabecker@mygloriadei.org.

JR. HIGH CATALINA DAY TRIP - July 8, 8:45am - 6:30pm. Meet at Dana Wharf in Dana Point Harbor for a fun day on Catalina. Advance ticket required (\$90). Sign-up at the Welcome Table by June 25. Contact Youth Director Paige Gulck for scholarship at youth@mygloriadei.org. Friends welcome!

CHURCH PICNIC - July 23, 12pm at Dana Woods Park. Food, games, swimming (no lifeguard), and fellowship! Gloria Dei provides bratwurst/hotdogs, water and utensils. Sign up at the Welcome Table to bring a side dish. Maps available. Questions - fellowship@mygloriadei.org.

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.

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!

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS: Sr. High White Water Rafting Trip (July 29 - Aug. 1)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: David Clemensen and Friends Concert (July 29, 7pm); Matthew Shephard Benefit Concert (August 12, 6:30pm); Darius Miertschin Concert (August 16, 2pm); Hammer Museum Trip with Michelle Lum (August 19, 9:15am); Mitch Redden Memorial Blood Drive (August 22); Women's Bunco (Sept. 8);The Bible Year - Theme For Rally Sunday (Sept. 10).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR JUNE 25 - JULY 1, 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); Al Anon (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Mission Hospital Alumni Group (6pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

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

Friday: Disney Sing-Along (10am)

Saturday: AA Men's (7am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); NA Meeting (7pm)

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee Prep: Carol Set-Up; Communion: Bonny Gillespie & Kathy Martino; Lector: Pam Weiss; Ushers: Henri Nurminen & Gene Rathbun; Welcome Table: Shelli Parajeckas and Karen Sanchez

10am: Coffee Clean-up: Lisa Mers; Communion: Laurene Holmes-Hylton & Betty Prock; Lector: Neta Wenrick; Usher: Susan Behnke & Gini Sherwood; Welcome Table: Sharon Miller

5pm: Communion & Lector: Carol Simpson

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