



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 23, 2023

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

WELCOME to worship! Today, we continue our series on the Psalms and we will use the “people’s choice” of favorite hymns for this summer. Thank you for joining us. May you experience God’s grace through this time of worship and may you know deeply that God is for you, always.

PRELUDE: *Meditation* by Iteke Prins

Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist (8:30am/10am)

Mark Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

GATHERING HYMN: ***Joy to the World***

#267 vv. 1-2, 4

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let ev’ry heart prepare him room
and heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n and nature sing,
and heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.**

THE PSALM: 86:11-17

(People read/sing bold words.)

Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.

For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

O God, the insolent rise up against me;
a band of ruffians seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.


But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant; save the child of your maidservant.


Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE ELEISON (People sing refrain below. Leader sings verses.)



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

(The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray...)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

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

#169



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 13th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**
THE GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen! (The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.)**

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

Annette Fettis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF THE DAY: Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart (sing 2x)
Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (Repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us" (Repeat)

THE MESSAGE: "Outrunning the Ruffians" Pastor Dana Becker

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Giants Fall by Francesca Battistelli Michelle Lum

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful (Taizé) (Sing 2x)
In the Lord I'll be ever thankful.
In the Lord, I will rejoice.
Look to God, do not be afraid,
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.
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) #195
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.

Gather Us In #532 v. 1-3
Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;

call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of his-t'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

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: Shine, Jesus, Shine #671
Refrain:
Shine, Jesus, Shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me:** (Refrain)

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me:** (Refrain)

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

POSTLUDE: *Grand Sortie* by John S. Dixon Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist (8:30am/10am)

ANNOUNCEMENTS
ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Gloria Dei Staff in memory of Nancy Ficken.

THANKS to Dr. Mark Lum for providing music at the 5pm services throughout July.

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.

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. Roofing on Bankson Hall continues in August.

CHURCH PICNIC - TODAY, 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.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY - Our final Wednesday Psalm study is July 26 at 4pm. The study will be led by Pastor Dana Becker. Meet in the tent at Luciana's in Dana Point. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

SR. HIGH WHITE WATER RAFTING TRIP - July 29 - August 1 on the Kern River. Keep our kids in your prayers for a fantastic experience & safe travels!

DAVID CLEMENSEN AND FRIENDS RECITAL- Sat. July 29; 7pm. David is well known in SoCal and some of the singers on the program are from Pacific Chorale. It is a themed program about stages of life, all male voices, 15 people.

MATTHEW SHEPHARD BENEFIT CONCERT FEATURING BIG BAND MUSIC - August 12, 6:30pm. Enjoy the passion and the magic of Big Band Music, with Vocalist Pearl Zimmerman, Musical Director and Saxophonist, Kyle Sheldon Zimmerman and Pianist Ron Kobayashi. Tickets - \$25.

WOMEN'S ART EVENT - Saturday, August 12 at 10am. Women's Ministries is sponsoring a Summer Art Event. Michelle Lum will lead us in creating a jewelry piece. Light breakfast will be provided. Cost: \$20. Sign up at the Welcome Table.

DARIUS MIERTSCHIN CLASSICAL GUITARIST RECITAL - Wednesday, August 16, 2pm. You may have seen Darius play at church recently. Come enjoy more of his amazing music! Free will offering.

HAMMER MUSEUM BUS TRIP - Guided by Michelle Lum on August 19. Meet at Gloria Dei parking lot at 9:15am to board the bus. Cost: \$25 per person. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

BLOOD DRIVE - Mitch Redden 3rd Annual Memorial Blood Drive, Tuesday August 22, 9am - 3pm. Sign up online at redcrossblood.org & enter 92629, then scroll for August 22 drive at Gloria Dei or call the office to have Carol Weinhardt help you sign up at 949-493-3414. It will be held in Bankson Hall.

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.

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

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

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!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Women's Bunco Event (Sept. 8, 6pm); The Bible Year - Theme For Rally Sunday (Sept. 10); Los Angelitos Orphanage Trip (September 23, 7am - 7pm); Festival of Saint Francis/Pet Blessing (October 1, 5pm); Art Ministry Gathering (October 13, 6:30pm); Oktoberfest (October 14, 5pm).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR JULY 23 -29, 2023

Today: Worship (8:30am & 10am & 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); Church Picnic (12pm); NA (6:30pm)
Monday: VBS (9am); South Coast Literacy Council / off-site (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm)
Tuesday: AA Men (7am); VBS (9am); Al Anon (7pm); Big Band Rehearsal (8pm)
Wednesday: AA Men (7am); VBS (9am); Summer Bible Study at Luciana's (4pm); Mission Hospital Alumni Group (6pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)
Thursday: AA Men (7am); VBS (9am); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); AA Men (7pm)
Friday: VBS (9am)
Saturday: AA Men's (7am); Sr. High White Water Rafting Trip (7am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Concert Rehearsal (3pm); David Clemensen & Friends Concert (7pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee Prep: Martyn & Vanessa Frost, Communion: Pam & Steve Weiss; Lector: Gretchen Sallash; Ushers: Matt Dubow & Wes Morgan; Welcome Table: Peggy Johnson

10am: Coffee Clean-up: Ann & Jim St. Martin; Communion: Colleen McCray & Lisa Mers; Lector: Laurene Holmes-Hylton; Usher: Gia Lugo & Laurene Holmes-Hylton; Welcome Table: Kathi Anderson

5pm: Communion & Lector: Gary Bridge

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