



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 20, 2023  
8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

WELCOME to worship! As we come to the end of our summer series on the Psalms (and singing "the people's choice" of hymns/songs), we consider Psalm 67 and God's desire to bless the entire world. May God use us as humble servants of Jesus to bring the blessings of grace, forgiveness, and purpose to all we meet.

PRELUDE: *Toccata for the Flutes* by Craig Penfield Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30/10am)  
Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

(Sacrament of Holy Baptism for **Claire Lisa Cabodi** will take place at 9:45am at the outdoor baptismal fountain. Please join in the celebration of this child of God!)

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.

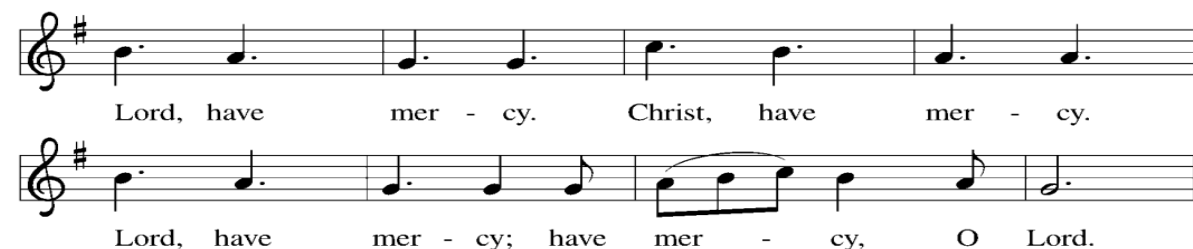
Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

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

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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



(The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 45:1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself

known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him. (Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

PSALM 67  
May God be gracious to us and bless us  
**and make his face to shine upon us,**

that your way may be known upon earth,  
**your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
**let all the peoples praise you.**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
**for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**


Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
**let all the peoples praise you.**

The earth has yielded its increase;  
**God, our God, has blessed us.**

May God continue to bless us;  
**let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew; for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all. (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 15th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**  
THE GOSPEL: Matthew 15:29-31  
**After Jesus had left that place, he passed along the Sea of Galilee, and he went up the mountain, where he sat down. Great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the maimed, the mute, and many others. They put them at his feet, and he cured them, so that the crowd was amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.**  
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:30am/10am)Associate Pastor Dana Becker

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF THE DAY: Borning Cry#732  
"I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."

“When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.”

“In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.”

“I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.”

THE MESSAGE: “Othering” Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERTORY MUSIC: The Blessing Song Minister of Arts & Outreach, Micelle 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

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.

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.

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.)

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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: The Blessing Song

The Lord bless you And keep you Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His Face toward you And give you peace

Chorus:  
A - men, A - men, A - men  
A - men, A - men, A - men

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Blessed Assurance* by James Mansfield    Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30/10am)  
Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Marty Ficken & the Geil Family in loving memory of Nancy Ficken.

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

RALLY SUNDAY - September 10, includes the start of fall programming, music groups & Bible studies. Our theme is *The Bible Year*. The Sanctuary Choir will sing at the morning services, Sunday school begins and the Education Team will be installed. There will also be special refreshments. Invite a friend to join you for festive worship!

THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE - Thursdays, 6:30pm, beginning September 21, Pastor David will talk about “how to” read/study the Bible & in the following weeks there will be a weekly Bible study on the readings. September 28 we will have a special “kickoff” for the study, including dinner. Devotional/guides are available at the Welcome Table.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will begin September 10. Teachers, helpers, volunteers needed during both the 8:30am and 10am service. Informational meeting on August 27, 9:30am in the sanctuary. Questions, contact Susie Boland at [fellowship@mygloriadei.org](mailto:fellowship@mygloriadei.org).

BLOOD DRIVE - Mitch Redden 3rd Annual Memorial Blood Drive, Tuesday August 22, 9am - 3pm. Sign up online at [redcrossblood.org](http://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.

JASON BONHAM - Dana Point resident and concert violist, Jason Bonham, will be joined by German pianist Christian Regul in a recital titled “The Romantic Viola” at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church on Wednesday, August 23rd at 6pm. Come enjoy this lovely concert!

FANTASY FOOTBALL - Owner spots are available in our Fantasy Football league. This is an opportunity for great friendship and fellowship. Draft is August 26 & draft times will be assigned. For more details, contact Paul or Matt Dubow or contact the office at 949-493-3414.

SOCIAL SAIL - Saturday, August 26, Captain Jeff Chipman is offering two options 10am - 1pm or 2pm - 5pm. It will be on a 36’ Catalina, up to 7 people. Sign-up at the Welcome Table. Cost: \$50

WOMEN'S BUNCO EVENT is Friday, September 8, 6pm in Bankson Hall. All ladies - 10 years & older. No experience needed. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Cost \$5. Sign up at the Welcome Table.

MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI - Two ways to join: 1) For from a non-Lutheran background, attend the Adult Inquiry Class, September 9, 10am OR 2) Transfer your membership from a Lutheran church. To

all joining (new & transfer), there will be a New Member Orientation , Sunday, September 10, 11:15am. New members will be received in church on Sunday, September 17. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

TIME & TALENT ASSIGNMENTS - for August 2023 - January 2024 have been sent out via email (if you have an email address) or sent by regular mail if you don't use email. Thanks again to all who volunteer to help Sundays run smoothly!

MEN'S BREAKFAST Bible Study begins Saturday, September 9, 8:30am (2nd Saturday of every month) in Bankson Hall. This brief study is led by Pastor David. This year, the focus will be on Scripture from The Bible Year program. All men are invited!

HEART LIFTERS - Bible Study for all interested ladies, on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday/month, 6:30pm. *Their next meeting is September 12* & they will be studying *A Life Beyond Amazing* by Dr. David Jeremiah. The study guide can be purchased at christianbook.com or Amazon for \$10. *It will be at Donna Combe's home*. More details? Ann St. Martin or Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (949-493-3414).

LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE TRIP - A day trip to Los Angelitos (Tijuana, Mexico) on September 23, 7am - 7pm. Passports are required. Please sign-up at the Welcome Table for more information.

RAISE THE ROOF - Thanks to the many people who have given to this effort! To date, we have raised \$104,044.15 for the Bankson and Knudson Hall roofs! Roofing on Bankson Hall is currently in progress.

SANCTUARY CHOIR - We are going to be starting choir again on Rally Sunday, September 10. The first rehearsal will be Thursday, September 7, 7:30pm. If you are interested in joining in the fall, speak with Music Director Kathy Person - [music@mygloriadei.org](mailto:music@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](http://mygloriadei.org/donate). Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei Lutheran!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Festival of Saint Francis/Pet Blessing (October 1, 5pm); Art Ministry Gathering (Oct. 13, 6:30pm); Oktoberfest (October 14, 5pm); Stewardship Sunday (October 15); Israel Trip (October 24 - November 2); Reformation Sunday (October 29); Trick or Trunk (October 29, 4pm).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR AUGUST 20 - 26, 2023

**Today:** Worship (8:30am & 10am & 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); Claire Lisa Cabodi Baptism (9:45am); NA (6:30pm)  
**Monday:** RIOT Book Club (2pm); Wiley Hall Memorial (4pm); Al Anon (5:30pm)  
**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Al Anon (7pm)  
**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Barbara Kay Stocky Columbarium Installation (12:30pm); Jason Bonham Viola Recital (6pm); Mission Hospital Alumni Group (6pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)  
**Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Saddleback Conference Meeting (5:30pm); AA Men (7pm)  
**Saturday:** AA Men's (7am); Fantasy Football Draft (8am); Saturday Social Sail (10am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School (1:30pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Coffee Prep: Dianne & Greg Blanda; Communion: Sharry Hilyard & Henri Nurminen; Lector: Denise Boyd; Ushers: Tim Boyd & Matt Dubow; Welcome Table: Diane Kelly  
**10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Lisa Mers; Communion: Betty Prock & Susan Warneke; Lector: Sharon Miller; Usher: John Cummings & Sharon Miller; Welcome Table: David Warneke  
**5pm:** Communion & Lector:Jeff Contestabile

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