



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 27, 2023

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

WELCOME to worship! Today, we finish 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: *Prelude on "Converse"* by Lani Smith    Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist (8:30am/10am)  
Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

### GATHERING HYMN: *All Are Welcome*

#641 vv. 1-3

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

Refrain:

**All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign a-new.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: (Refrain.)**

**Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (Refrain.)**

THE PSALM: Psalm 124

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side—  
**let Israel now say—**

if it had not been the Lord who was on our side,  
**when our enemies attacked us,**

then they would have swallowed us up alive,  
**when their anger was kindled against us;**

then the flood would have swept us away,  
**the torrent would have gone over us;**

then over us would have gone the raging waters.  
**Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.**

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;  
**the snare is broken, and we have escaped.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

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

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.  
(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

SECOND LESSON: Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.  
(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 Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 16th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**  
THE GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20  
**Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.**  
(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: You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore** #817  
**You have come down to the lakeshore**  
**Seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,**  
**But only asking for me to follow.**

Refrain: **Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;**  
**kindly smiling, you’ve called out my name.**  
**On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;**  
**now with you, I will seek other seas.**

**You know full well what I have, Lord:**  
**Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,**  
**Just these my fish nets and will for working.** (Refrain.)

**You need my hands, my exhaustion,**

**Working love for the rest of the weary  
A love that’s willing to go on loving.** (Refrain.)

**You who have fished other waters;  
You, the longing of souls that are yearning:  
O loving Friend, you have come to call me.** (Refrain.)

THE MESSAGE: “*If Not for God*” Associate Minister Dana Becker

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Come Thou Fount* Fred Johnson, piano & Kathy Person, violin

**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)** #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.**

**The Old Rugged Cross**  
**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suf-f’ring and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain.**

Refrain: **So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.**

**O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
has a wondrous attraction for me;  
for the dear Lamb of God left His glory above  
to bear it to dark Calvary.** (Refrain.)

**To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
then He'll call me some day to my home far away,  
where His glory forever I'll share.** (Refrain.)

**Give Me Jesus** #770  
**In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,  
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.**

Refrain: **Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.  
You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.  
Dark mid-night was my cry, dark mid-night was my cry,  
dark mid-night was my cry, give me Jesus.** (Refrain.)

**Just about the break of day, just about the break of day,  
just about the break of day, give me Jesus.** (Refrain.)

**Oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die,  
Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.** (Refrain.)

**And when I want to sing, and when I want to sing,  
and when I want to sing, give me Jesus.** (Refrain.)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

**THE SENDING HYMN: On Our Way Rejoicing** #537  
**On our way rejoicing gladly let us go.  
Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe.  
Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy;  
who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?**

Refrain: **On our way rejoicing; as we forward move,**

hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing;  
unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring;  
unto God the Spirit bow we and adore,  
on our way rejoicing now and evermore. (Refrain.)

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

POSTLUDE: *Toccata Animato* by Lani Smith                      Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist (8:30am/10am)  
Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Wayne & Storrow Johnson in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary!

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.

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).

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.

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!

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!

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).

THE BIBLE YEAR DEVOTIONAL is available for purchase at the Welcome Table (\$20). This guide will lead you through the reading of the Bible in one year. You can do it! Also, on Thursdays, 6:30pm, beginning September 21, Pastor David will lead a study on our readings. September 21 we will have a special "kickoff" for the study, including dinner.

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).

YOUTH PIZZA PLANNING PARTY SUNDAY - September 17, 11:30am, Let's plan our adventures for the coming year over some pizza at Beach Pizza in Dana Point. Questions: [youth@mygloriadei.org](mailto:youth@mygloriadei.org).

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.

LOCY GROUP EVENT - September 24, 6-9pm. The host church for the area youth event is Our Savior Lutheran in San Clemente.

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING JULY 16 - 20, 2024 - This youth gathering happens every 3 years, but due to COVID, there hasn't been one since 2018. Sign-ups for kids start in early September and registration closes in early November. Incoming 9ths graders (those leaving 8th grade in 2024) through graduating seniors (those leaving 12th grade in 2024), are welcome on this awesome trip. Please reach out to Paige at [youth@mygloriadei.org](mailto:youth@mygloriadei.org) for details.

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 both halls are completed.

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](https://mygloriadei.org/donate). Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei Lutheran!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Confirmation Classes Begin (October 1, 11am); Festival of Saint Francis/Pet Blessing (October 1, 5pm); Art Ministry Gathering (October 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 27 - SEPTEMBER 2, 2023**

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

**Monday:** 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)

**Saturday:** AA Men's (7am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School (1:30pm); Simitrio Silva Event in Bankson Hall (3pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Coffee Prep: Bob & Bonny Gillespie; Communion: Phil & Sandy Furlong; Lector: Tim Boyd; Ushers: Lynne & Wes Morgan; Welcome Table: Janice Olson

**10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Melody & Ron Bacon; Communion: Betty Prock & Susan Warneke; Lector: Jeanne Mills; Usher: John Cummings & Sharon Miller; Welcome Table: Peggy Johnson

**5pm:** Communion & Lector: Lorraine McCarty

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