



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 3, 2023
8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

WELCOME to worship! A blessed Labor Day weekend to you. Whether you're laboring on Monday or grilling, relaxing, or traveling, thank you for joining us today. 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: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

#865 vv. 1-2, 4

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise the everlasting King!**

**Praise him for his grace and favor to our forebears in distress.
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Glorious is his faithfulness!**

**Angels help us to adore him, who behold him face to face.
Sun and moon bow down before him; all who dwell in time and space.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise with us the God of grace.**

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (Saint Augustine)

Lord, I commit my failures as well as my successes into Your hands, and I bring for Your healing the people and the situations, the wrongs and the hurts of the past. Give me courage, strength and generosity to let go and move on, leaving the past behind me, and living the present to the full. Lead me always to be positive as I entrust the past to Your mercy, the present to Your love, and the future to Your providence; through Jesus Christ. Amen. (Silence for confession. Pastor proclaims the forgiveness.)

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING AND KYRIE

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Refrain

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

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

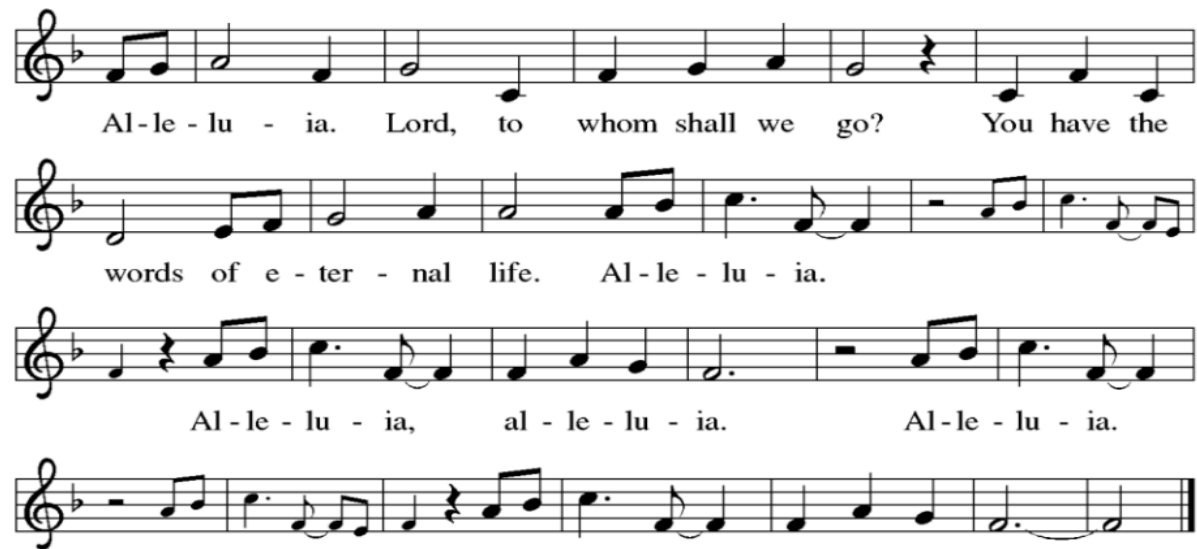
THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE LESSON: Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you' This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.
(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand.)

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The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 16th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**
THE GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-26
From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:30am/10am) Preschool Director Shelli Parajeckas

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF THE DAY: Here I Am, Lord #574
**"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"**

Refrain: **Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" (Refrain.)**

**"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" (Refrain.)**

THE MESSAGE: "*Sole Man*" Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Whisper His Name* Billy Steele and Saint Andrews Lutheran Musicians

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: **The Doxology**

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.**)

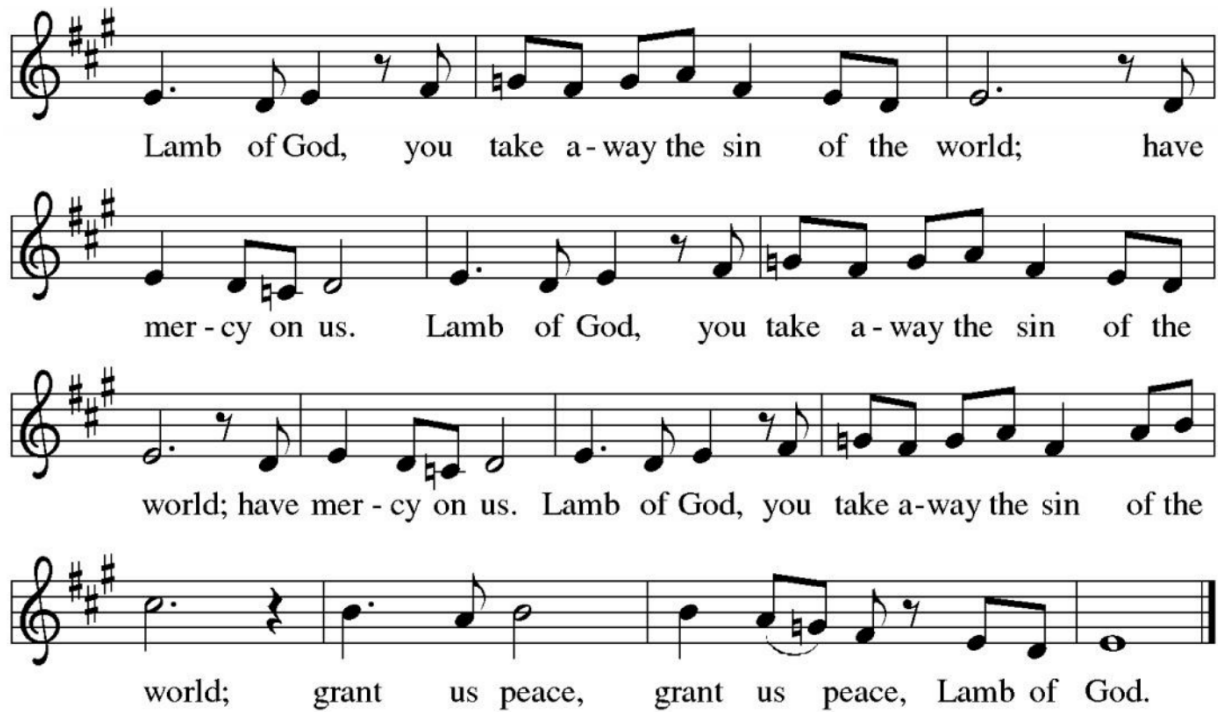
WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(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)

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

He Came Down

#253

**He came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
hallelujah forever more.**

He came down that we may have light;

**he came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
hallelujah forever more.**

**He came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
hallelujah forever more.**

**He came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy;
hallelujah forever more.**

Let Us Break Bread Together

#471

**Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Let us drink wine together on our knees . . .

Let us praise God together on our knees . . .

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

#413 vv. 1-3

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,**

only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

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

POSTLUDE: Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist (8:30am/10am)
Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Blaine & Peggy Johnson in celebration of their 63rd anniversary! They are also given by Nadine Graven in honor of Mike Graven's birthday; May he rest in peace.

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 (teens and adults) singing on Rally Sunday, September 10. The first rehearsal will be Thursday, September 7, 7:30pm. If interested in joining, speak with Music Director Kathy Person - music@mygloriadei.org.

WOMEN'S BUNCO EVENT - 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. Today is the last Sunday to sign up.

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 Sat., Sept. 9, 8:30am (2nd Saturday/month), Bankson Hall. Study led by Pastor David - focus on Scripture from The Bible Year program. All men are invited!

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

'OUT OF THE BOX' CEREAL EVENT on Rally Sunday, we will serve various cereals, milks & toppings immediately following each morning service on the patio. Come join us & "dig in"!

SUNDAY SCHOOL begins next Sunday! Teachers, helpers, volunteers needed during both the 8:30am and 10am service. Questions, contact Susie Boland at fellowship@mygloriadei.org.

THE BIBLE YEAR DEVOTIONAL is available for purchase at the Welcome Table (\$20). 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.

HEART LIFTERS study for all women, 2nd & 4th Tuesday/month, 6:30pm. Next meeting, Donna Combe's home Sept. 12 - studying *A Life Beyond Amazing* by Dr. David Jeremiah. Study is available for purchase online (\$10). More details? Ann St. Martin or Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (949-493-3414).

YOUTH PIZZA PLANNING PARTY SUNDAY - 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.

HOLY LAND TRIP MEETING: Sunday, September 17, 6pm. Meet in the Sanctuary.

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 (Lutheran Orange County Youth) GROUP EVENT - September 24, 6-9pm. The host church for the area high school youth event is Our Savior Lutheran in San Clemente. Contact Paige at youth@mygloriadei.org to sign up.

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING JULY 16 - 20, 2024, New Orleans happens every 3 years. Sign-ups for kids start in early September. Incoming 9th graders (those leaving 8th grade in 2024) through graduating seniors are welcome on this awesome trip. Reach out to Paige at youth@mygloriadei.org for details.

WATERCOLOR PAINT ALONG - Saturday, September 30, 1:00-3:30pm. Learn from artist Dan Long. You will come away with a finished piece. All are welcome. Experience is geared towards beginners but open to intermediate/advanced watercolorists. Questions? michellelum@mygloriadei.org.

RAISE THE ROOF - Thanks to the many people who have given to this effort! To date, we have raised \$104,544.15 for the Bankson and Knudson Hall roofs! Roofing on Knudson Hall is complete and Bankson Hall has required more extensive work, but will be done soon.

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: Confirmation Classes Begin (October 1, 11am); Festival of Saint Francis/Pet Blessing (October 1, 5pm); Segerstrom Theatre Tour, Lunch & OC Museum of Arts Event (October 7, 10am); Medicare Options Workshop (October 8, 2pm); Art Ministry Gathering (October 13, 6:30pm); Oktoberfest (October 14, 5pm); Israel Trip (October 24 - November 2); Reformation Sunday (October 29); Trick or Trunk (October 29, 4pm).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 3 - 9, 2023

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

Monday: Office Closed Labor Day; Al Anon (5:30pm)

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Al Anon (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Staff Meeting (12:30pm); Piano Tuning (1pm); Mission Hospital Alumni Group (6pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); South Coast Literacy Council Group (10am); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

Friday: Women's Bunco (6pm)
Saturday: AA Men's (7am); Men's Breakfast (8:30am); Women's Board Meeting (9am); Adult Inquiry (10am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School (1:30pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee Prep: Pam & Steve Weiss; Communion: Pam & Steve Weiss; Lector: Amy Don; Ushers: Lynne & Wes Morgan; Welcome Table: Sharon Derr
10am: Coffee Clean-up: Daneen & Dennis Pysz; Communion: Katherine Dickinson & Lisa Mers; Lector: Daneen Pysz; Usher: Daneen & Dennis Pysz; Welcome Table: Betty Prock
5pm: Communion & Lector: Gary Bridge

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