



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 17, 2023

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

WELCOME to worship! Glad you are here. We are just starting our year of reading through the Bible, you can still join in! Today we look at the Exodus story of the parting of the Red Sea. May we always remember that God is for us.

PRELUDE: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist (8:30am/10am)

Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

### GATHERING HYMN: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

#834 v. 1-2, 4

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light in-ac-ces-si-ble hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!**

**Un-resting, un-hasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

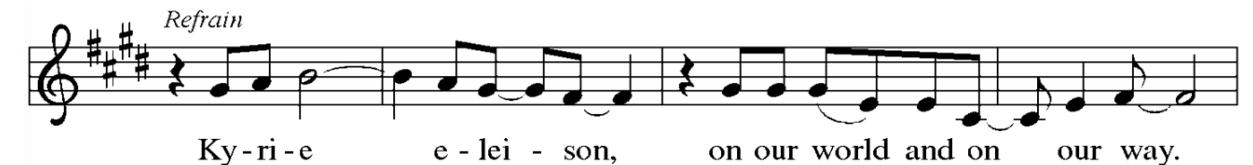
**Thou reign-est in glory; thou dwell-est in light;  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render; oh, help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

### 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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### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

## THE LESSON: Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

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

## THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the

judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God. (Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand.)

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

(The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 18th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord!**)

## THE GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-22

**Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."**

(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**)

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANTHEM (8:30am): *Praise the One Who Makes Us One* by Tom Trenney

Music Director Kathy Person, Sanctuary Choir (8:30/10am)

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Canticle of the Turning**

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**My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest,  
Could the world be about to turn?**

Refrain: **My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.**

**Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn. (Refrain.)**

**From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev-'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn. (Refrain.)**

**Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around. (Refrain.)**

THE MESSAGE: Extraordinary Expectations  
Lum

Minister of Arts & Outreach Michelle

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Sinfonia BWV 21* by Johann Sebastian Bach

Mallory Bacon, oboe

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE: The Doxology**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

**Change My Heart, O God** (Sing 2x)

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Refrain: **Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

**You are the potter; I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.** (Refrain.)

**Give Me Jesus**

**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: 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.**

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: *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist (8:30am/10am)  
Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Staff in honor of our newest members!

**WELCOME** to our new members: Sandra Dosick, Marilyn Hemingway, Harold Limbong, Jeff, Jorie, Ansley & Will Ramsauer, Sean Salimian, Elizabeth Zeiger, Evelyn & Eliana Seiger-Salimian, Bonnie Schultz, and David & Lisa Zylstra

**THANKS** to Melody Bacon for providing special music on her oboe during the offertory today!

**LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE** - FYI - The church council has decided to give from our benevolence - \$5,000 to Hawaii and \$5,000 to where most needed. We can do wonderful things together! Of course, people are always encouraged to give as individuals too.

**YOUTH PIZZA PLANNING PARTY SUNDAY** - TODAY, 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).

**HOLY LAND TRIP MEETING** - TODAY, 6pm. For those going on the trip, meet in the Sanctuary.

**DEVOTIONALS** - Pick up a Christ in Our Home devotional (October - December) at the Welcome Table.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is underway! Teachers, helpers, volunteers needed during both the 8:30am and 10am service. Questions, contact Susie Boland at [fellowship@mygloriadei.org](mailto:fellowship@mygloriadei.org).

**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 today. If interested in joining, speak with Music Director Kathy Person - [music@mygloriadei.org](mailto:music@mygloriadei.org).

**BIBLE YEAR DEVOTIONAL** - purchase on Amazon, etc. or call the office for assistance. Guide will lead you through the reading of the Bible. On Thursdays, 6:30pm, beginning September 21, Pastor David will lead a study on our readings. The reading for this week (9/10-9/16) is Genesis 21-45.

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**HEART LIFTERS** study for all women, 2nd & 4th Tuesday/month, 6:30pm. *Next meeting, Donna Combe's home Sept. 26 - 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).

**WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** - Every Wednesday, 10am. All women are invited to Knudson Hall for a Bible study led by a pastor. Join in!

**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) EVENT:** Sept. 24, 6-9pm. Host church for the area high school youth event is Our Savior in San Clemente. Contact Paige at [youth@mygloriadei.org](mailto:youth@mygloriadei.org) to sign up.

**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](mailto:michellelum@mygloriadei.org).

**CONFIRMATION PARENT'S MEETING** will take place between morning services (9:30am) next Sunday (Sept. 24), Sanctuary. The class schedule, lesson plan, & acolyting schedule will be given out. This is for parents of all 6th-8th graders. Questions, speak with Pastor David or Youth Director Paige Gulck.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** begin October 1, 11:15am in Knudson Hall. Confirmation is for 6th - 8th grades students & will be led by one of the Pastors or Youth Director Paige Gulck.

**FESTIVAL OF SAINT FRANCIS** - Blessing of the Pets service on October 1, 5pm. It will be held outside the Sanctuary. All furry, feathery & scaly friends are welcome. Invite a friend to bring their pet too!

**WOMEN'S EVENT** - Segerstrom Theatre Tour, Lunch & OC Museum of Arts Event Saturday, **October 7**, 10am (note date change). Meet at the Segerstrom plaza for a tour of Segerstrom Hall and the Concert Hall. Lunch and OC Museum of Art to follow. Sign ups available today. Don't miss out!

**ART MINISTRY GATHERING** - October 13, 6:30pm in Bankson Hall. Join the art ministry for our monthly gathering.

**OKTOBERFEST** - October 15, 5pm. Sponsored by MGD (Men of Gloria Dei). Cost: \$10/person, children free. Join us for polka music, games, great conversation and refreshments. 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](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 \$104,544.15 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](http://mygloriadei.org/donate). Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei Lutheran!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Medicare Options Workshop (October 15, 2pm); Israel Trip (October 24 - November 2); All Saints Sunday (November 1); American Red Cross Blood Drive (November 10); Progressive Dinner (November 12); Thanksgiving Eve Service (November 22, 7pm).

#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 17 - 23, 2023**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am & 10am & 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); New Member Welcome (10am); Sr. High Pizza & Annual Planning Event (11:30am); Holy Land Trip Meeting (6:30pm); NA (6:30pm)

**Monday:** South Coast Literacy Council (10am); RIOT (Reading Is Our Thing) Group (2pm); Al Anon (5:30pm):

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

**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters Guild (9am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Staff Meeting (12:30pm); Mission Hospital Alumni Group (6pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

**Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

**Friday** - Church Council & Staff Dinner (6pm)

**Saturday:** AA Men's (7am); Los Angelitos Orphanage Trip (7am - 7pm); Serra's Pantry (8:30am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School (1:30pm); Ukrainian Worship (2pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

#### **THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Coffee Prep: Dave Ross; Communion: Christian Asis & Shelly Higgins; Lector: Christian Asis; Ushers: Dave & Judy Ross; Welcome Table: Denise Boyd. **10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Ashleigh & Kevn Jensen; Communion: Colleen McCray & Mary Jane Rylaarsdam-Pike; Lector: Paige Gulck; Usher: Daneen & Dennis Pysz; Welcome Table: Virginia Anderson. **5pm:** Communion & Lector: Guy Boicey.

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