



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FESTIVAL OF SAINT FRANCIS  
*All Creatures of Our God and King*

## FESTIVAL OF SAINT FRANCIS

October 1, 2023

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

WELCOME to worship! We are glad you are here. Today, we remember Saint Francis – his humble service of Jesus, his focus on peace, and his love for creation. At the 5pm service, we have our annual blessing of the animals/pets. All dogs, cats... are welcome to join in for a brief prayer and blessing. GUESTS, please join us for refreshments following the service and sign in at the Welcome Table.

PRELUDE: *Prelude on "Pleading Savior"*

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

Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

**GATHERING HYMN: All Creatures of Our God and King**

**All creatures of our God and King,**

**Lift up your voice with us and sing:**

**Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

**O burning sun with golden beam,**

**And silver moon with softer gleam:**

**Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!**

**Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!**

**O rushing wind and breezes soft,**

**O clouds that ride the winds aloft:**

**Oh, praise him! Al-le-lu-ia!**

**O rising morn, in praise rejoice**

**O lights of evening, find a voice.**

**Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!**

**Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!**

**Dear mother earth, who day by day,**

**Unfolds rich blessings on our way,**

**Oh, praise him! Al-le-lu-ia!**

**The fruits and flow'rs that verdant grow,**

**Let them his praise abundant show.**

**Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!**

**Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!**

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 104*)

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

**In wisdom you have made them all;**

the earth is full of your creatures.

**These all look to you to give them their food in due season;**

when you give to them, **they gather it up;**

when you open your hand,

**they are filled with good things.**

When you hide your face, **they are dismayed;**

when you take away their breath,  
**they die and return to their dust.**

When you send forth your spirit, they are created;  
**and you renew the face of the ground. Amen.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING AND KYRIE (Leader sings verses. People sing refrain.) page 184

*Refrain*



THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

THE LESSON: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8  
For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. (Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: Colossians 1:13-20  
He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. (Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand.) page 188



(The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 11th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord!**)  
THE GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30  
**At that time Jesus said in reply, "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him. Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for your selves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."**  
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANTHEM (8:30am): *For Everyone Born* arr. Tom Trenney Annika Krafcik, cello  
Music Director Kathy Person, Sanctuary Choir (8:30/10am)

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Children of the Heavenly Father** #781  
**Children of the heav'n-ly Father safely in his bosom gather;**

nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;  
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

THE MESSAGE: "Jesus and Saint Francis Meet in Yosemite" Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* by Dan Forrest Fred Johnson, piano

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am (sung 2x) #814

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

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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.

The King of Love My Shepherd Is #502  
The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth  
and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.



**You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore**

**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.)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

THE BENEDICTION

**THE SENDING HYMN: Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

**“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**

**“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son’s story, here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**

**“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.**

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**Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."**

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

POSTLUDE: *Festive Rondeau* by David Lasky                      Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist (8:30am/10am)  
Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

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**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Gloria Dei in celebration of the Festival of Saint Francis.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR OCTOBER 1 - 7, 2023**  
**Today:** Worship (8:30am & 10am & 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Confirmation (11:15am); Festival of St. Francis /Pet Blessing (5pm); NA (6:30pm)  
**Monday:** South Coast Literacy Council (10am); AL Anon (5:30pm)  
**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); AL Anon (7pm);  
**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Staff Meeting (12:30pm); Mission Hospital Alumni Group (6pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm); Yoga (7:30am)  
**Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); South Coast Literacy Council Games & Conversation (1pm); AL Anon Coed (5:30pm); Bell Choir (6:30pm); Bible Year Devotional Study (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)  
**Friday** - Preschool Choir (11:40am)  
**Saturday:** AA Men’s (7am); ACA Meeting (10:30am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Erika Mills Event (1pm); Ukrainian School (1:30pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**  
**8:30am:** Acolyte: ??? ; Coffee Prep: Bill Jonas; Communion: Bob & Brenda Gaumer; Lector: Bill Jonas; Refreshments: Shelli Parajeckas & Karen Sanchez; Ushers: Wes Morgan & Judy Ross ; Welcome Table: Sandy Hall  
**10am:** Acolyte: ???; Coffee Clean-up: Brent & Maria Boyd; Communion: Donna & Jerry Combe; Lector: Jay Pederson; Usher: Sharon Miller & Pat Kramer; Welcome Table: Lora & William Stoll

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME** to our new members: Sandra Dosick, Marilyn Hemingway, Harold Limbong, Jeff, Jorie, Ansley & Will Ramsaur, Sean Salimian, Elizabeth Zeiger, Evelyn & Eliana Zeiger-Salimian, Bonnie Schultz, and David & Lisa Zylstra. Their photos are at the Welcome Table today.

**THANKS** to Annika Krafcik for playing her cello for us this morning and the Sanctuary Choir, and Music Director Kathy Person.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** begin TODAY, 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 TODAY at 5pm, will be held outside the Sanctuary. All furry, feathery & scaly friends welcome. Invite a friend for this brief time of prayer!

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

**OCTOBER NEWSLETTER** - Pick up a hard copy at the Welcome Table or read online at [www.mygloriadei.org/newsletter](http://www.mygloriadei.org/newsletter).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is held during both the 8:30am and 10am service. If you can help, assist, teach, or have a question, please contact Susie Boland at [fellowship@mygloriadei.org](mailto:fellowship@mygloriadei.org).

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

**SANCTUARY CHOIR** (teens and adults) rehearses every Thursday, 7:30pm. If interested in joining, speak with Music Director Kathy Person - [music@mygloriadei.org](mailto:music@mygloriadei.org). All are welcome!

**NEW BIBLE STUDY - BIBLE YEAR** Thursdays, 6:30pm, Pastor David will lead a study on our readings, answer questions, and encourage all of us in reading the Bible. All are welcome!

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

**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 the monthly gathering.

**OKTOBERFEST** - October 14, 5pm, sponsored by MGD (Men of Gloria Dei). Cost: \$10/person, children free. Join us for polka music, games, dancing, corn hole, great conversation and wonderful refreshments. You're welcome to wear traditional costumes (or not). Sign-up.

**MEDICARE WORKSHOP** - October 15, 2pm, Neta Wenrick will host a workshop on timing & options available. Meet in Bankson Hall.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** - Arvid and Miriam Pettersen sing at morning worship on October 22. Come enjoy their joyous music! Bring a friend.

**ELCA YOUTH GATHERING** happens every 3 years. This year it's in New Orleans, July 16 - 20, 2024. This is an amazing opportunity! Sign-ups for teens start in September. Incoming 9th graders (those leaving 8th grade in 2024) through graduating seniors are welcome on this awesome trip. Deposit: \$150 due by Nov. 1, 2023. Reach out to Paige at [youth@mygloriadei.org](mailto:youth@mygloriadei.org) for details.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** to celebrate Cliff Anderson's life is Saturday, October 21, 10am. (Luncheon follows)

**SERRA'S PANTRY** - Volunteers needed to provide food to those in need. Gloria Dei serves at Serra's Pantry *every third Saturday of the month, 8:30am, year round*. October 21 is the next volunteer opportunity. Please contact the office for details.

**RAISE THE ROOF** - Thanks to all who have given to this effort! We have raised \$110,944.15 for Bankson and Knudson Hall roofs! Roofing is complete on Knudson and Bankson Hall.

**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!

**REFORMATION SUNDAY** is October 29. We celebrate with special music, trumpets, and festive worship. You're invited to wear something red. Bibles are presented to all 3rd graders. Please contact the office for that presentation.

**TRICK OR TRUNK** (Fall Festival): Sunday, October 29, 4pm - Decorate your trunk and pass out candy, costume contest, games, In & Out Truck & an inflatable slide. Invite friends to join in the festivities! Volunteers needed to help set up, direct parking, judge costumes/trunks, manage slide & clean up. Flyers & sign up at the Welcome Table.

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** is November 5. If you would like a loved one remembered during the tolling of the bells in the morning, please fill out a form at the Welcome Table. There will also be a brief service of remembrance and thanksgiving at the Columbarium, 9:30am, for those interred there.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Cliff Anderson Memorial (October 21, 10am); Israel Trip (October 24 - November 2); Surfside Quilters Guild Gift Bizarre (November 7, 9am - 1pm); American Red Cross Blood Drive (November 10); Progressive Dinner (November 12); Thanksgiving Eve Service (November 22, 7pm); Alzheimer Service & Luncheon (December 6, 10:30am); Christmas Caroling (December 10, 5pm); Women's Cookie Exchange (December 10, 3pm); Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship (December 24, 4pm, 5:30pm & 10pm).