



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 15, 2023  
8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

WELCOME to worship! Every fall, we give thanks to God and think about how we can live out our gratitude. Today's gospel reading is about the blind receiving their sight and about God's compassion. Lord, help us to see Your grace all around us! May this time of worship inspire our giving - time, talent, and treasure - not only to the ministry of the church, but in every area of life, thanksgiving.

PRELUDE: *From the Inside Out* by Joel Houston      Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist (8:30am/10am)  
Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

### GATHERING HYMN: *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

#619 vv. 1-2

**I know that my Redeemer lives!**  
**What comfort this sweet sentence gives!**  
**He lives, he lives, who once was dead;**  
**He lives, my ever-living head!**

**He lives triumphant from the grave;**  
**He lives eternally to save;**  
**He lives exalted, throned above;**  
**He lives to rule his Church in love.**

### INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!  
**Your steadfast love endures forever.**

Open our eyes to see Your grace anew -  
**Your steadfast love endures forever.**

Open our hearts to Your forgiveness and new beginnings -  
**Your steadfast love endures forever.**

Open our hands to serve those both near and far in Your name -  
**Your steadfast love endures forever.**

Open our lives to Your empowering Spirit,  
**Your steadfast love endures forever. Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN: *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

#619 vv. 3-4

**He lives and grants me daily breath;**  
**He lives, and I shall conquer death;**  
**He lives my mansion to prepare;**  
**He lives to bring me safely there.**

**He lives to silence all my fears;**  
**He lives to wipe away my tears;**  
**He lives to calm my troubled heart;**  
**He lives all blessings to impart.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC: (10am) Preschool Choir & Arts Minister Michelle Lum

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:30am/10am) Assistant Minister Dana Becker  
(Children may leave for Sunday School and return at Holy Communion.)

THE FIRST LESSON: Leviticus 23:1-11  
The LORD said to Moses, "Say to the people of Israel, The appointed feasts of the LORD which you shall proclaim as holy convocations, my appointed feasts, are these. Six days shall work be done; but on the seventh day is a sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation; you shall do no work; it is a sabbath to the LORD in all your dwellings. These are the appointed feasts of the LORD, the holy convocations, which you shall proclaim at the time appointed for them. In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening, is the LORD's passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread to the LORD; seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work. But you shall present an offering by fire to the LORD seven days; on the seventh day is a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work." And the LORD said to Moses, "Say to the people of Israel, When you come into the land which I give you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest; and he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, that you may find acceptance; on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it."  
(Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: Philippians 4:1-9  
Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.  
(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 20th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord!**)  
THE GOSPEL: Matthew 20:29-34

**As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. There were two blind men sitting by the roadside. When they heard that Jesus was passing by, they shouted, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" The crowd sternly ordered them to be quiet, but they shouted even more loudly, "Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David!" Jesus stood still and called them, saying, "What do you want me to do for you?" They said to him, "Lord, let our eyes be opened." Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes. Immediately they regained their sight and followed him.**  
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM (8:30am): *Ubi Caritas* by Becki Slagle Mayo Mallory Bacon, oboe  
Music Director Kathy Person, Sanctuary Choir

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Will You Let Me Be Your Servant #659**  
**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?**  
**Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav-'lers on the road;**  
**we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;**  
**I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.**  
**I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.**

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?**  
**Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

THE MESSAGE: *Catching the Wave* Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Loure from Suite for Lute BWV1006a* Darius Miertschin, guitar

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am (sung 2x) #814**  
**Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;**  
**set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

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

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.

Let Us Break Bread Together

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 . . .

Here I Am, Lord

“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.)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: Praise My Soul the King of Heaven  
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.

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

POSTLUDE: *Thine is the Glory* by Robert Lau Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist (8:30am/10am)  
Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Elvia & John Gustavson in celebration of their 29th anniversary!  
They are also given by Nadine Graven & Larry Lisser in celebration of Mavis Graven's 90th birthday!

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.

THANKS to all our musicians this morning - The Preschool Choir and director Michelle Lum, The Sanctuary Choir and Music Director Kathy Person, Oboist Mallory Bacon, Guitarist Darius Miertschin, Organist/Pianist Fred Johnson, and 5pm Worship Leader Micaela Lum.

STEWARDSHIP PACKETS - All members and friends are invited to fill out the Time & Talent Sheet (or online) and Pledge Card for 2024. Thank you for supporting the ministry of Gloria Dei with your time, talent, and treasure. Thank you for making our ministry go!

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

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.

**CONFIRMATION** (Junior High) - Beach Day at Strands, 11:30 - 1:30 pm. Drop off & pick up is at Strands parking lot near the funicular, where Youth Director Paige Gulck will be waiting. Questions: contact Paige Gulck ([youth@mygloriadei.org](mailto:youth@mygloriadei.org)).

**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!

**BIBLE YEAR STUDY** Thursdays, 6:30pm, Pastor David will lead a study on the readings and answer questions. (10/15 - 10/21: Numbers 8-36) Never too late to join. 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!

**NEXT SUNDAY MUSICAL GUESTS** - Arvid, Miriam, and Josefine Pettersen sing at morning worship on October 22. Come enjoy their joyous music! Bring a friend. (*No 5pm service*).

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

**SERRA'S PANTRY** - Volunteers serve food to those in need. Gloria Dei serves at Serra's Pantry every *third Saturday of the month, 8:30am*. Oct. 21 is the next opportunity. Contact the office for details.

**ELCA YOUTH GATHERING** (30,000 youth) New Orleans, July 16 - 20, 2024 - an amazing opportunity! Sign-up. Incoming 9th graders (those leaving 8th grade in 2024) through graduating seniors. Deposit: \$150 due by November 1, 2023. Reach out to Paige at [youth@mygloriadei.org](mailto:youth@mygloriadei.org) for details.

**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!

**"DESSERT WITH DANA" PRESENTATION** on the Lutheran World Federation Assembly which took place in Poland last month - Assistant Minister Dana Becker who attended will give an update on our global work on Thursday, October 26, 6:30pm in Bankson Hall. Sign up at the Welcome Table.

**REFORMATION SUNDAY** - Oct. 29 - Celebrate with special music, trumpets, and festive worship. You're invited to wear something red. [Bibles presented to 3rd graders](#). Contact the office for that presentation.

**TRICK OR TRUNK** (Fall Festival): Sun., Oct. 29, 4pm - Decorate your trunk & pass out candy, costume contest, games, In & Out Truck & inflatable slide. Invite friends! [Volunteers needed](#) to help set up, direct parking, judge costumes/trunks, manage slide & clean up. Flyers & sign up at 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.

**BLOOD DRIVE** - American Red Cross Blood Drive is in Bankson Hall on November 10, 9am - 3pm. Sign up at the Welcome Table or online to donate blood at: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Type *Gloria Dei* in the "Find a Blood Drive" red box in the upper right corner and our blood drive will "pop up".

**ART MINISTRY GATHERING** - November 10, 6:30pm, Bankson Hall. Join the art ministry for our monthly gathering, this month we will be working on our upcoming Christmas artwork! All are welcome. Questions: [michellelum@mygloriadei.org](mailto:michellelum@mygloriadei.org).

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER** - Saturday, November 11, 5pm. Event will start with appetizers & drinks at Gloria Dei. Then we will move to members' homes for dinner & dessert. Sign-up at the Welcome Table. Maps will be available as we get closer to the event.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Surfside Quilters Guild Gift Bizarre (November 7, 9am - 1pm); 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, 10am, 4pm, 5:30pm & 10pm).

**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Acolyte: Elliot Don; Coffee Prep: Jim & Laura Bankson; Communion: Katy Desmond & Liane Schuller; Lector: Pam Weiss; Ushers: Phil & Sandy Furlong ; Welcome Table: Gail Rightmire  
**10am:** Acolyte: Jackson Brodrick; Coffee Clean-up: Gloria Dei Staff; Communion: Marsha Atkinson & Colleen McCray; Lector: Kim Santore; Usher: Willie Knottnerus & Lisa Mers; Welcome Table: Lora & William Stoll  
**5pm:** Communion & Lector: Gary Bridge

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR OCTOBER 15 - 21, 2023**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am & 10am & 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Preschool Choir (10am); Confirmation (11:15am); Medicare Options Workshop (2pm); NA (6:30pm)  
**Monday:** South Coast Lit. Council (10am); RIOT (Reading Is Our Thing) Book Club (2pm); Al Anon (5:30pm)  
**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Al Anon (7pm)  
**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters (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); South Coast Literacy Council Games & Conversation (1pm); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Bell Choir (6:30pm); Bible Year Study (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)  
**Saturday:** AA Men's (7am); Serra's Pantry (8:30am); Cliff Anderson's Memorial (10am); ACA Meeting (10:30am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School (1:30pm); Ukrainian Worship (2pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

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