



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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21TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 22, 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. Speaking of gratitude, today, we are grateful for and welcome musical guests, Arvid and Miriam Pettersen from Norway. May the Spirit inspire you through their singing and presence to follow our Lord more deeply.

PRELUDE: *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness;

come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him; bless his name.

For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever

and his faithfulness to all generations.

GATHERING HYMN: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

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All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,

stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow-'ry meadow, flashing sea

chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,

well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;

teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Arts & Outreach Minister Michelle Lum

(Children may leave for Sunday School and return at Holy Communion.)

THE LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.
(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 22th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord!**)
THE GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22
Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC: Arvid and Miriam Pettersen

HYMN OF THE DAY: Will You Come and Follow Me #798 vv. 1-3
Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

**Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"**

**“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray’r in you and you in me?"**

**“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris-'ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"**

THE MESSAGE: *Oldie, but Goodie* Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Arvid and Miriam Pettersen

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: Page 191
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.

COMMUNION MUSIC by Arvid and Miriam Pettersen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: When Morning Gilds the Skies #853 vv. 1, 4-5
**When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all of humankind, in this their concord find;
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around, ring joyous with the sound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,
sing, “Jesus Christ be praised!”
God’s whole creation o’er, today and evermore,
shall Jesus Christ be praised!

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

POSTLUDE: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* by M. Hyzer Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist

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THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!
8:30am: Acolyte: Elliot Don; Coffee Prep: Barb Collins; Communion: John Adams & Phil Furlong; Lector: Barbara Keim; Ushers: Tim Boyd & Gene Rathbun ; Welcome Table: Diane Kelly
10am: Acolyte: Jackson Brodrick; Coffee Clean-up: Jeff Chipman & Pearl Zimmerman; Communion: Melody Bacon & Katherine Dickinson; Lector: Marsha Atkinson; Usher: Laurene Holmes-Hylton & Gia Lugo; Welcome Table: Cheryl Swinehart

OPPORTUNITIES FOR OCTOBER 22 - 28, 2023
Today: Worship (8:30am & 10am); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); NA (6:30pm)
Monday: South Coast Lit. Council (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm)
Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Men’s Book Club (6:30pm); 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)
Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); South Coast Literacy Council Games & Conversation (1pm); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Bell Choir (6:30pm); Desserts with Dana LWF (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)
Saturday: AA Men’s (7am); ACA Meeting Meeting (10:30am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School (1:30pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

GLORIA DEI STAFF: Pastor David R. Mattson (pastordavid@mygloriadei.org); Assistant Minister Dana Becker (danabecker@mygloriadei.org); Administrative Assistant Carol Weinhardt (gloriadei@mygloriadei.org); Preschool Director Shelli Parajeckas (preschool@mygloriadei.org); Minister of Arts and Outreach Michelle Lum (michellelum@mygloriadei.org); Congregational Life Susie Boland (fellowship@mygloriadei.org); Youth Director Paige Gulck (youth@mygloriadei.org); Music Director Kathy Person (music@mygloriadei.org); Organist/Pianist Fred Johnson (organist@mygloriadei.org); 5pm Worship Leader Micaela Lum

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Kathi Anderson in loving memory of Cliff Anderson. They are also given by Lisa Mers in honor of Hazel’s 5th birthday! Additionally, Margaret & Tom Cawein provided flowers in celebration of their 35th anniversary!

WELCOME to our special musical guests and friends, Arvid and Miriam Pettersen! More information about them and music is available at the Welcome Table.

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.

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!

ISRAEL TRIP with Pastor David has been canceled. More information about an alternative will be coming as things get sorted out.

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.

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. All are welcome!

BIBLE YEAR STUDY Thursdays, 6:30pm, Pastor David will lead a study on the readings and answer questions. (10/22-10/28: Deuteronomy) 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!

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!

“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.

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 for details.

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. 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.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER - “*Say Pie to Fall*” - 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.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP: Wednesday, November 22, 7pm. Special music, uplifting message, and pie served following worship. Offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response and World Hunger. We pause to say thank You to the “giver of all good gifts.”

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Surfside Quilters Guild Gift Bizarre (November 14, 9am - 1pm);
- 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, 8:30am, 4pm, 5:30pm & 10pm).