



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Grace changes everything.*

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

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Guests, please sign in at the Welcome Table and receive a gift. For young children, a nursery is available. Sign your child in and grab a pager. We also love children in worship and Sunday school (Children may leave after children's message for Sunday school and return at Holy Communion). We are glad you are here!

**TODAY** is Reformation Sunday, when we celebrate Martin Luther posting his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. On Reformation Sunday, we remember and retell the family stories of our faith. Stories about men and women who came before us and taught us about the faith. Stories about people who risked everything so that we would be able to gather and worship in the manner that we do.

PRELUDE: *Prelude in Classic Style* by Craig A. Penfield

Fred Johnson, organist/pianist  
Micaela Lum, worship leader (5pm)

**THE GATHERING HYMN: A Mighty Fortress is Our God**

#504 vv. 1-2

**A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.**

**No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.**

THE INVOCATION AND PSALM 46

(People read **bold** words.)

God is our refuge and strength,  
**a very present help in trouble.**

Therefore we will not fear,  
**though the earth should change,**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
**the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
**God will help it when the morning dawns.**

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
**he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

The Lord of hosts is with us;  
**the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Come, behold the works of the Lord;  
**see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
**he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.**

"Be still, and know that I am God!"

**I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."**

The Lord of hosts is with us;  
**the God of Jacob is our refuge. Amen.**

**THE HYMN: A Mighty Fortress is Our God** #504 vv. 3-4  
**Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat-'ning to devour us,**  
**we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot o-ver-pow'r us.**  
**Let this world's tyrant rage in battle we'll engage!**  
**His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!**  
**One little word subdues him.**

**God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;**  
**for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.**  
**Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,**  
**though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.**  
**The Kingdom's ours forever!**

(The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY  
Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BIBLE PRESENTATION Susie Boland, Congregational Life Director

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Melody King  
(8:30am & 10am - Children may leave for Sunday school.)

THE LESSON: Romans 3:19-28  
Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who

has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.  
(Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God!**)

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (Please stand.) #509  
**God's word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;**  
**to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.**  
**Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay.**  
**Lord, grant while time shall last**  
**your church may hold it fast throughout all generations.**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 8th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**  
THE GOSPEL: John 8:31-36  
**Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."**  
**They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"**  
**Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.**  
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ!**)

THE NICENE CREED  
**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**  
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**  
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANTHEM: *One Faith, One Hope, One Lord* Sanctuary Choir directed by Fred Johnson

Tim Shevlin, trumpet

THE HYMN: ***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*** #858 vv. 1-3  
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear, Now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with his love he befriend you.

THE MESSAGE: "The Day a Monk Went Viral" Assistant Minister Dana Becker

THE OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Intermezzo from L'Arlesienne Suite no.2* by G. Bizet  
Fred Johnson, piano  
Tim Shevlin, trumpet

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: ***The Doxology***

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (All who believe Christ is present in this Sacrament are welcome to receive. Non-communing children and others who wish to receive only a blessing may come forward also. For those who prefer, white juice is located in the center of each tray.)

HOLY COMMUNION MUSIC: ***Lamb of God*** Page 191  
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.

***Taste and See*** #493  
Refrain: **Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**  
**Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

**I will bless the Lord at all times.**  
**Praise shall always be on my lips; my soul shall glory in the Lord;**  
**for God has been so good to me.** (Refrain.)

**Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name.**  
**I called the Lord, who answered me;**  
**from all my troubles I was set free.** (Refrain.)

**Worship the Lord, all you people.**  
**You'll want for nothing if you ask.**  
**Taste and see that the Lord is good;**  
**in God we need put all our trust.** (Refrain.)

***One Bread, One Body*** #496  
Refrain: **One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.**  
**And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.**

**Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.** (Refrain.)

**Many the gifts, many the works, One in the Lord - of all.** (Refrain.)

**Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.** (Refrain.)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN: ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** #634 vv. 1, 5-6  
**All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;**  
**bring forth the royal di-a-dem and crown him Lord of all.**  
**Bring forth the royal di-a-dem and crown him Lord of all.**

**Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball**  
**to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.**  
**To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.**

**Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!**  
**We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.**  
**We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.**

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

THE POSTLUDE: *Recessional on "Ein fest Burg"* by Michael Ryan Fred Johnson (8:30am/10am)



**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Acolyte: Elliot Don; Coffee Prep: Kristina Mayfield; Communion: John Adams & Phil Furlong; Lector: Jenny Dubow Smith; Ushers: Henri Nurminen & Gene Rathbun ; Welcome Table: Tim & Denise Boyd

**10am:** Acolyte: Jackson Brodrick; Coffee Clean-up: Lora & William Stoll; Communion: Roger Grefsrud & Peggy Johnson; Lector: Katherine Dickinson; Usher: Katherine Dickinson & Scott Lund; Welcome Table: Kathi Anderson

**5pm:** Communion & Lector: Jeannie Moyer

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by John & Marj Knudson in memory of great grandparents of Henry John Cross.

**WELCOME** to our special musical guest, Tim Shevlin playing the trumpet.

**REFORMATION SUNDAY** - TODAY! Celebrate with special music, trumpets, and festive worship. Bibles presented to 3rd graders. Contact the office for that presentation.

**TRICK OR TRUNK** (Fall Festival): TODAY, 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.

**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.

**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 location is inside the preschool room closest to the church. Sign in and grab a pager.

**HANDBELL CHOIR** - Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm. Our group is preparing special music for November 12th services and Advent. **We have room for a few more ringers**. Note reading skills are helpful for jumping into this ensemble. Contact Kathy Person: [music@mygloriadei.org](mailto:music@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. (10/29-11/4: Joshua - Judges 3:7-5:31) Never too late to join. All are welcome!

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** - This ministry invites people of all ages to join their group. They meet the *first Saturday of the month at 9am in Knudson Hall*. Their next meeting is November 4. If you know of someone in need of a shawl or would like more information, call Peggy Johnson or the office.

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

**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](http://mygloriadei.org/donate). Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei!

**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.

**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** - "*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. Non-perishable food items collected for F.A.M. We pause to say thank You to the "giver of all good gifts."

**ADVENT SEASON** - The four week preparation for Christmas begins Sunday, December 3. Lighting of the Advent candles. Theme: “4 Prophets 4 Christmas.”

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- Surfside Quilters Guild Gift Bizarre (November 14, 9am - 1pm)
- Alzheimer Service & Luncheon (December 6, 10:30am)
- Women’s Cookie Exchange (December 10, 3pm)
- Christmas Caroling (December 10, 5pm)
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship (December 24, 8:30am, 4pm, 5:30pm & 10pm)

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR OCTOBER 29 - NOVEMBER 4, 2023**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Trick or Trunk (4pm)

**Monday:** South Coast Lit. 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)

**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)

**Friday:** WELCA Retreat (2pm); Brent Boyd & Allison Kawata Wedding in San Clemente (3:15pm)

**Saturday:** AA Men’s (7am); ESL Training/Conference Room (9am); Prayer Shawl (9am); ACA Meeting Meeting (10:30am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School (1:30pm); NA Meeting (7pm)