



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## ThanksLIVING

### 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 12, 2023

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 in and grab a pager. Our Fall Theme is ThanksLIVING - giving thanks through our time, talent, and treasure - for the amazing gift of Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection. This weekend is also Veteran's weekend and we thank those who have served and pray for safety for those in harm's way.

PRELUDE: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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

Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

**GATHERING HYMN: SENDING HYMN: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!** #413 vv. 1, 2, 4

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!**

**Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.**

**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!**

**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

**All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.**

**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!**

**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

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

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*Refrain*

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Annette Fettis

FIRST LESSON: Amos 5:18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

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


SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

(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 25th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord!**)  
THE GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

**“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. (The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**)**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANTHEM (10am): *Ubi Caritas* by Becki Slagle Mayo

Fred Johnson-piano  
Mallory Bacon-oboe  
Music Director Kathy Person, Women's Choir

HYMN OF THE DAY: *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore* #817

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.)

THE MESSAGE: "... Ready For It?" Assistant Minister Dana Becker

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* by R. Founds, arr. by Cota  
Gloria Dei Bell Choir, Music Director Kathy Person

**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)** 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.**

**Let Us Break Bread Together** #471  
**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 . . .**

**Gather Us In** #532  
**Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.**

**Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry,  
we are the old who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of his-t'ry,  
called to be light to the whole human race.**

**Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.**

**Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

**THE SENDING HYMN: Shout to the Lord** #821  
**My Jesus, my Savior,  
Lord, there is none like you.  
All of my days I want to praise  
the wonders of your mighty love.**

**My comfort, my shelter,  
tower of refuge and strength;  
let ev'ry breath, all that I am  
never cease to worship you.**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing  
power and majesty, praise to the King.**

**Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;  
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.**

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

POSTLUDE: *Sortie in G* by Martin Ellis Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist (8:30am/10am)  
Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Gloria Dei in honor of Veterans who have served our country.

**THANK YOU** to all who donated & helped with the blood drive. We collected enough blood to save over 130 lives!

**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. There is 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. (11/12 - 11/18: finish Samuel starting with 1 Samuel 4:1 - 7:17). Never too late to join. All are welcome!

**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!

**SR. HIGH HELPERS** - Come help out at Serra's Pantry, November 18, 8:30am. Friends and family are welcome. Earn community service hours. Details - Youth Director Paige at [youth@mygloriadei.org](mailto:youth@mygloriadei.org).

**THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP:** Wednesday, November 22, 7pm. Special music, uplifting message, and pie served. 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.*” (James 1:17)

**“FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT PAUL”** (Greece Trip) - As an alternative to the Holy Land, Pastor David will be leading a group to Greece (land/sea), April 9-20, 2024. Flier available at the Welcome Table.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** join the *first Saturday/month, 9am, Knudson Hall*. Next meeting - Dec. 2. If you know of someone in need of a shawl or for more information, call Peggy Johnson or the office.

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

**CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING** - December 8, 2pm meet in the Sanctuary to help decorate for the Christmas season! Everyone's invited! Mark your calendars and come join in the fun!

**WOMEN'S COOKIE EXCHANGE** - Sunday, Dec. 10, 3pm, Bankson Hall. Bring 3 dozen cookies (homemade or store bought). Containers provided to take cookies home. Extra cookies delivered later that evening during caroling. You are also welcome to bring a Nativity set to share for the day. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING** - Sunday, December 10, 5pm - meet at the church & caravan to sing at shut-ins homes. Maps and song sheets provided that evening.

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP** - Sunday, December 24, 8:30am, 4pm, 5:30pm & 10pm. Carols, candlelight, special music, & uplifting message. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8:30am and 10pm. Invite a friend to worship with you.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Surfside Quilters Bizarre (Nov. 14, 9am - 1pm); Alzheimer Service & Luncheon (Dec. 6, 10:30am); Adult Inquiry Class-Membership (Jan.20, 9am); New Member Sunday (Jan. 28); Annual Meeting & Aloha Luncheon (Feb.4); Stephanie Trick & Paolo Alderighi Piano Concert; Ash Wednesday Worship (Feb.14)

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR NOVEMBER 12 - 18, 2023**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

**Monday:** South Coast Lit. Council (10am); Surfside Quilters Set-Up in Bankson; Al Anon (5:30pm); GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Meeting (6:30pm)

**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters Bizarre (9am - 12pm); Heart Lifters (6:30pm); VFW Auxiliary (6:30pm); Al Anon (7pm); Church Council (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)

**Saturday:** AA Men's (7am); Serra's Pantry (8:30am); ACA Meeting Meeting (10:30am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School (1:30pm); Ukrainian Worship (2pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Acolyte: Evan Neiderhiser; Coffee Prep: David Ross; Communion: Bonny Gillespie & Scott Neiderhiser; Lector: John Adams; Ushers: Pam & Steve Weiss; Welcome Table: Janice Olson

**10am:** Acolyte: Reed Jensen; Coffee Clean-up: Ashleigh & Kevin Jensen; Communion: Laurene Holmes-Hylton & Colleen McCray; Lector: Laurene Holmes-Hylton; Usher: Gini Sherwood & Susan Warneke; Welcome Table: Katherine Dickinson

**5pm:** Communion & Lector: Nancy Marcello