



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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All Saints' Sunday 2023

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count.
(Revelation 7:9)

November 5, 2023

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

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Our fall theme is ThanksLIVING, and today we give thanks to God for all the saints! We thank God for those who have finished their race on earth and now dwell in light. We will toll the bells in thanks for them. We also give thanks for saints in our midst who share the grace of God through their very lives.

PRELUDE: *O Come, Angel Band* by Larry Shackley Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30/10am)
Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

THE GATHERING HYMN: *For All the Saints* (Please stand.) #422 vv. 1-2

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

THE INVOCATION AND LITANY OF SAINTS (People read/sing **bold** words.)

THE HYMN: *For All the Saints* #422 vv. 3

**Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**)

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Youth Director Paige Gulck

THE LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: For All the Saints (Please stand.)

#422 vv. 4

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

(The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 5th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**)

READING OF THE GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ!**)

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANTHEM (8:30am): *Shall We Gather at the River* arr. by R. McIver

Sanctuary Choir, Music Director Kathy Person

THE HYMN: For All the Saints

#422 vv. 5-6

**The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

THE MESSAGE: "Imagine"

Pastor David R. Mattson

THE OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC: *When the Saints* by Sara Groves

Michelle Lum

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: For All the Saints

#422 v. 7

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(Our Lord Jesus Christ, In the night in which He was betrayed... In heaven and on earth, O God, the saints and angels unite around your holy altar to proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Amen.**)

THE LORD'S PRAYER, INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT

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 also come forward. For those who prefer, white juice is located in the center of each tray. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.)

HOLY COMMUNION MUSIC:

Lamb of God

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**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.**

Abide with Me

#629

**Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.**

**I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?**

**Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.**

**I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me!**

**Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

Be Still My Soul (tune: Finlandia)

**Be still, my soul! the Lord is on thy side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to thy God to order and provide;
in every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul. Thy best, thy heavenly, Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul! thy God doth undertake
to guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.**

**Be still, my soul. The hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul. When change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall all meet at last.**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE TOLLING OF THE BELLS

(Following the reading of the names of loved ones who have died in Christ, there will be a moment of silence and then the bell will toll twelve times, in remembrance and thanksgiving for those people who have finished their life on earth.)

THE BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN: *When the Saints Go Marching In*

**Oh, when the saints go marching in,
oh, when the saints go marching in,
oh, Lord I want to be in that number,
when the saints go marching in.**

**And when the sun begins to shine,
and when the sun begins to shine,
oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
when the sun begins to shine.**

**Oh, when the trumpet sounds its call,
oh, when the trumpet sounds its call,
oh, Lord, I want to be in that number
when the trumpet sounds its call.**

**And on that hallelujah day,
And on that hallelujah day,
oh, Lord, I want to be in that number
On that hallelujah day.**

THE SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *Recessional on "Sine Nomine"* by G. Sewell Fred Johnson, Organist (8:30am/10am)
Micaela Lum (5pm)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Gloria Dei in honor of all the saints who finished their journey on earth this past year and are now with God and all the saints in light.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - a brief service of remembrance and thanksgiving will take place at the Columbarium, 9:30am, for those interred there.

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

CONFIRMATION (6th-8th grade) meets today for lunch and lesson, Bankson Hall, 11:15am.

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.

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. (11/5 - 11/11: Judges 6:1 -8:35 - 1 Samuel 3:21). 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. Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei!

BLOOD DRIVE - Bankson Hall, Nov. 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 - This Friday, Nov. 10, 6:30pm, Bankson Hall. Everyone is welcome to come and begin working on Christmas artwork! Questions: michellelum@mygloriadei.org.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY - This Saturday, November 11, 8:30am - All men are invited for a time of fellowship, good food, and brief study. (Knudson Hall)

PROGRESSIVE DINNER - "*Say Pie to Fall*" - Sat., Nov. 11, 5pm. Appetizers & drinks at church and then to members' homes for dinner & dessert. Sign-up at Welcome Table. Maps available closer to the event.

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.

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)

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.*"

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.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING - Sunday, December 10, 5pm - meet at the church & caravan to sing at shut-ins homes. Maps provided.

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 5 - 11, 2023

Today: All Saints Sunday; Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Confirmation (11:15am); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

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: Blood Drive (9am - 3pm); Art Ministry Gathering (6:30pm)

Saturday: AA Men's (7am); Men's Bible Breakfast (8:30am); Women's Board Meeting (9am); ACA Meeting Meeting (10:30am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School (1:30pm); "*Say PIE to Fall*" Progressive Dinner (5pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Acolyte: Evan Neiderhiser; Coffee Prep: Martyn & Vanessa Frost; Communion: Bonny Gillespie & Scott Neiderhiser; Lector: Amy Don; Ushers: Pam & Steve Weiss; Welcome Table: Gene Rathbun

10am: Acolyte: Reed Jensen; Coffee Clean-up: Gloria Dei Staff; Communion: Roger Grefsrud & Jim St. Martin; Lector: Dennis Pysz; Usher: Katherine Dickinson & Dennis Pysz; Welcome Table: Gini Sherwood

5pm: Communion & Lector: Lorraine McCarty