



THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY 2024  
*Celebrating the Light of Lights*

## 3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 21, 2024  
8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

**WELCOME** to worship! We are now entering the *Season of Epiphany* (Jan./Feb.). May the Light of Lights, Jesus Christ, fill you with hope and peace in 2024.

**GUESTS**, please sign in at the "Welcome Table" and receive a gift. For young children, a nursery is available - sign in your child and grab a pager. We also love children in worship and Sunday school (8:30am and 10am).

PRELUDE: *Jesus Loves Even Me* by Mark Hayes Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30am/10am)  
Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

**GATHERING HYMN: Lord of All Hopefulness**

#765 vv. 1-2

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts Lord, at the noon of the day.**

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 95)

(People read **bold** words.)

O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
**let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.  
**In his hand are the depths of the earth;**

the heights of the mountains are his also.  
**The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.**

O come, let us worship and bow down,  
**let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! Amen.**

**THE HYMN: Lord of All Hopefulness**

#765 vv. 3-4

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

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

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(8:30/10am - Children may leave for Sunday school and return during Holy Communion.)

Assistant Minister Dana Becker

THE FIRST LESSON: Jonah 3:1-10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish." When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE PSALM: Psalm 139 - *Hold Me Fast* by Aaron Shust

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand for the Gospel.)

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Leader: Speak, O Lord, Your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.

(People sing Alleluia again.)

(The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark , the 1st chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord!**)

THE GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

**Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.**

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM (8:30am): *Rise, Shine!* By Dale Wood Sanctuary Choir, Music Director Kathy Person

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord, I Want To Be a Christian**

**Lord, I want to be a Christian, in my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian, in my heart,  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian, in my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be more loving, in my heart, in my heart...**

**Lord, I want to be like Jesus, in my heart, in my heart**

**Lord, I want to be a Christian, In my heart, in my heart...**

THE MESSAGE: "*Seconds Anyone?*"

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERTORY MUSIC: "And Can it Be" arr. D. Forrest

Andy Degan

**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. Also, juice is located in the center of each tray, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request—please indicate this choice to a pastor.)

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:

**Lamb of God** (Agnus Dei)

**Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

**Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me**

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: **Thine the Amen**

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#779

#623

#826 vv. 1-4

**Thine the amen thine the praise al-le-lu-ias angels raise  
thine the everlasting head thine the breaking of the bread  
thine the glory thine the story thine the harvest then the cup  
thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.**

**Thine the life eternally thine the promise let there be  
thine the vision thine the tree all the earth on bended knee  
gone the nailing gone the railing gone the pleading gone the cry  
gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.**

**Thine the truly thine the yes thine the table we the guest  
thine the mercy all from thee thine the glory yet to be  
then the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war  
thine the living thine the loving evermore evermore.**

**Thine the kingdom thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise  
thine the banquet then the praise then the justice of thy ways  
thine the glory thine the story then the welcome to the least  
then the wonder all increasing at thy feast at thy feast.**

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30am/10am)  
Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

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**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Coffee Prep: Dave Ross; Communion: Bill Jonas & Kathy Martino; Lector: Shannon Schroder; Ushers: John Gustavson & Diane Kelly; Welcome Table: Janice Olson

**10am:** Acolyte: Bryan Hallowell Coffee Clean-up: Ann & Jim St. Martin; Communion: Roger Grefsrud & Peggy Johnson; Lector: Lisa Mers; Usher: Susan Behnke & Pat Kramer; Welcome Table: Ann & Jim St. Martin

**5pm:** Communion & Lector: Jeff Contestabile

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Melody & Ron Bacon in honor of their son Justin Kubassek's birthday!

**NURSERY** is available on Sunday mornings at 8:30am & 10am services (babies - pre-K.). It is located up the steps, inside the preschool room, closest to the church. Sign your child in and grab a pager.

**BIBLE YEAR STUDY** Thursdays, 6:30pm, Pastor David leads a study on the readings and answers questions. (1/21/24 Psalm 60:1- Psalm 89:52). Next meeting is January 18, 2024. Never too late to join. All are welcome in this read-through-the-Bible program. Questions - contact the office.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** - For those who don't give electronically, you may pick up your 2024 offering envelopes on the patio at the Welcome Table.

**MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI** - To all joining, there is a New Member Orientation, Sunday, today, January 21, 2024 at 11:15am at Mattson's home (33022 Daniel Drive). New members received in church on Sunday, January 28, 2024.

**CONFIRMATION** (Middle School) - resumes today, 11:15am with class & lunch. It is led by Pastor David, Assistant Minister Dana Becker or Youth Director Paige Gulck.

**LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE TRIP** - A day trip to Los Angelitos (Tijuana, Mexico) next Saturday (Jan. 27, 2024, 7am - 7pm.) Passports required. Meeting for all who are going is today, 9:30am.

**MEN'S BOOK GROUP** - Meets the *last Tuesday of the month, 7pm* at members' homes. *They will be meeting on January 30.* For information contact the church office.

**PRESCHOOL TOURS & REGISTRATION (for fall 2024)** - Begin on February 1 for church members & returning students. If interested, please contact Shelli Parajeckas at preschool@mygloriadei or call the office at 949-493-3414, immediately if you want to register your child or grandchild.

**ALOHA LUNCHEON** - Ministry Celebration/Annual Meeting: All members are welcome for a wonderful luncheon (donation) and election of new Church Council, approval of annual budget, and celebration of new ministries. Sunday, February 4, 11:15am. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

**AMAZING CONCERT** - Stephanie Trick & Paolo Alderighi Piano Concert - Monday, February 12, 7pm. Appetizers/drinks beforehand at 6pm. Join us for this great time of fellowship and music. Sign-up.

**MEN'S SPRING TRAINING RETREAT** (Arizona). Wonderful time of watching baseball and fellowship. Leave early Friday morning from the church and return late Sunday afternoon. (March 1-3). See the sign-up. There's room for only 30. Meeting for all going - Sunday, (9:30am), Feb. 11, in the Sanctuary.

**TIME & TALENT** - volunteer schedule for February - July 2024, has been distributed, via email & by mail. If you expected to receive a schedule but didn't, please contact Carol Weinhardt at [gloriadei@mygloriadei.org](mailto:gloriadei@mygloriadei.org) or 949-493-3414. Thanks for making Gloria Dei run by volunteering!

## LENT 2024

*The Great Lutheran Bake Off (John 6)*

**SEASON OF LENT** begins with Ash Wednesday, February 14. Three opportunities for The Imposition of Ashes, 8-9am (drive thru-upper circle); noon worship in the Sanctuary, 7pm worship in Bankson Hall (Soup suppers begin that night, 6pm). Theme for Lent will be based on John 6, Bread for the Journey as we follow Jesus to the cross and then on to the empty tomb.

**SOUP SUPPERS FOR LENT** - begin February 14. Sign-up to provide a soup. Every Wednesday soup is served from 6pm-6:30pm before worship. Join in! Thanks for providing a soup.

**FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION** begins for young children in the Sanctuary on three Wednesdays: February 28, March 7, & March 14 at 5:15pm. Sign-up. Child and a parent need to attend. Questions, speak with Pastor David or Dana Becker.

**NEW ARTWORK** by Arts & Outreach Minister Michelle Lum and volunteers, "*Lights of the World*" is hanging from the window near organ pipes/bell choir. Thanks to Jeff Contestabile for helping construct the artwork & to all those who made it possible!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** (Age 4 - 5th grade/8:30am & 10am service) *resumes today*. Kids leave worship with their teacher following the Children's Message and return at Communion. To register your child for Sunday school, speak with Susie Boland: [fellowship@mygloriadei.org](mailto:fellowship@mygloriadei.org). Thanks to all our leaders and teachers in this ministry!

**WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** - Every Wednesday at 10am all women are invited to join in! Great way to start the new year! Study is led by Assistant Minister Dana Becker and Pastor David.

**"FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT PAUL"** (Greece Trip) - Pastor David will be leading a group to Greece (land/sea), April 9-20, 2024. This trip is full. For all participating, meeting will be held Sunday, February 18, 6pm in the Sanctuary.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Billy Steele leads music (Feb.25); First Communion Classes begin (Feb. 28); Women's One Day Retreat (Mar. 16); Church Campout (June 7-9).

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR JANUARY 21 - 27, 2024**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am, 10am, & 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); Confirmation (11:15am); New Member's Orientation (11:15am); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

**Monday:** South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm)

**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Heart Lifters (6:30pm); Men's Book Club (6:30pm); Al Anon (7pm)

**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); 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); Fred Johnson Rehearsal (5pm); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Bell Choir (6:30pm); Bible Year Study (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

**Friday:** Staff Calendar Planning Meeting (12:30pm);

**Saturday:** AA Men's (7am); Los Angelitos Trip (7am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

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