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## 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 28, 2024  
8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

**WELCOME** to worship! We are now in 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: *Be Thou My Vision* by M. McDonald Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30am/10am)  
Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

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

#836

**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.**

**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.**

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

THE KYRIE (People sing refrain below.)

#154



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

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Arts & Outreach Minister Michelle Lum

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

THE FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

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

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

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

#169



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 1:21-28

**They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.**

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (10am)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM (10am): *Day By Day* arr. Robert Leaf Sanctuary Choir, Music Director Kathy Person

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service**

#712 vv. 1-3

**Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose ev-'ry gift which you impart.**

**Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the deeds and burdens your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.**

THE MESSAGE:

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

Minister of Arts & Outreach Michelle Lum

**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-communicating 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** #195

**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.**

**Lord, I Lift Your Name on High** (sing 2x) #857

**Lord, I lift your name on high;  
Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life,  
I'm so glad you came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,  
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift your name on high.**

**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.)**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

**THE SENDING HYMN: When Morning Gilds the Skies** #853 vv. 1, 2, 4

**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!**

**When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
God's holy house of prayer has none that can compare  
With "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!**

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

POSTLUDE: *Rondino on G* by Carson Cooman 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: Bob & Bonny Gillespie; Communion: Diane Kelly & Liane Schuller; Lector: Shelli Parajeckas; Ushers: Pam & Steve Weiss; Welcome Table: Bob & Brenda Gaumer  
**10am:** Acolyte: Bryan Hallowell; Coffee Clean-up: Ann & Jim St. Martin; Communion: Katherine Dickinson & Peggy Johnson; Lector: Jeanne Mills; Usher: Daneen & Dennis Pysz; Welcome Table: Virginia Anderson  
**5pm:** Communion & Lector: Stephanie Anderson



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5pm Worship Leader Micaela Lum

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Reverend John & Marj Knudson in memory of their great grandson, Henry John Crosson.

**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.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS** - Bill & Teri Abrams; Clayton, Michelle & Emmaline Dietrich; Natalie, Sean, Isabelle, Grace & Aria Hribar-Kelly; Steven, Kim, Micah & Kennedy Merchant; AnnMarie & Mitchell Thomas; Pam & Patrick Thomas; and Mary & Tom Whitman.

**BIBLE YEAR STUDY** Thursdays, 6:30pm, Pastor David leads a study on the readings and answers questions. (1/28: Psalm 90:1 - Psalm 119:88). 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.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Corinne Fredrick will take place this Saturday, February 3, 1pm.

**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** (fall 2024) begins Thursday for church members & returning students. If interested, please contact Preschool Dir. Shelli Parajeckas at [preschool@mygloriadei.org](mailto:preschool@mygloriadei.org).

**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. You can also pick up a copy of the Annual Report at the Welcome Table.

**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.

**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.

**BOWERS MUSEUM TOUR** - All women are welcome on February 17, 11am. Cost - \$17 general or \$15 for seniors. Sign-up & pay at the Welcome Table. Carpool? Meet at the church at 10am.

**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!

**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!

## 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 soup. Every Wednesday soup is served from 6pm-6:30pm before worship. Join in! Thanks for providing soup.

**FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION** begins for young children in the Sanctuary on three Wednesdays: February 28, March 6, & March 13 at 5:15pm. Sign-up. Child and a parent need to attend. Questions, speak with Pastor David or Assistant Minister Dana Becker.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** (Age 4 - 5th grade/8:30am & 10am service). 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!

**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, a 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); Vacation Bible School (July 8-12)

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 3, 2024**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am, 10am, & 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); New Member Welcome (10am); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

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

**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Al Anon (7pm)

**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); DHHS Baja Study Planning Meeting (6pm)

**Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); South Coast Literacy Council Games & Conversation (1pm); CPR Staff Training (4:30pm); 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)

**Saturday:** AA Men (7am); Prayer Shawl Meeting (9am); Corinne Fredrick Memorial (1pm); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); NA Meeting (7pm)