



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 18, 2024

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

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! The 40 day Season of Lent is about following Jesus to the cross and preparing our hearts, minds, and lives for Easter. Our emphasis this year is on bread for the journey (*The Great Lutheran Bake Off*). That is, giving thanks for all those things, gifts, people who give us strength to follow Jesus. Each week we will look at John 6 where Jesus says, "I am the bread of life."

THE PRELUDE: *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30am/10am)
Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

THE GATHERING HYMN: **Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer**

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**Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow'r-ful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and ever-more,
feed me now and ever-more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv-'rer, strong deliv-'rer,
shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises
I will raise forever-more, I will raise forever-more.**

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (Psalm 51)

(People read/sing **bold** words.)

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit. Amen.

(A moment of silence. Proclamation of forgiveness.)

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord have mercy") by Matt Maher

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie, eleison.**

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie, eleison.**

Lord of reconciliation, heal our wounds in darkest times.

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie, eleison.**

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie, eleison.**

In the midst of fear and violence, make our lives a prayer of peace.

Christe, eleison - **Christe, eleison.**

Christe, eleison - **Christe, eleison.**

Healer of the broken-hearted, guide us to heaven's shores.

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie eleison.**

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie eleison.**

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

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Youth Director Paige Gulck

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 3:18-22

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)

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Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

(The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**)

THE GOSPEL: John 6:1-14

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of

them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”
(The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM (8:30am): *Bread of the World* Sanctuary Choir, Music Director Kathy Person
Jenna Hallowell, soloist

THE HYMN: 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 . . .

THE MESSAGE: “*The Great Lutheran Bake Off*” Pastor David R. Mattson

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY VIDEO: *Holy Communion* sung by The Brilliance

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: **Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am** (sung 2x) #814
Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each petition - Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... and join their unending hymn:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

THE SACRAMENT OF 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 MUSIC:

Lamb of God (People repeat each phrase after the leader.)

Lamb of God - **Lamb of God**

You take away - **You take away,**

The sins of all - **The sins of all,**

the world - **the world,**

Miserere nobis - **Miserere nobis.**

Lamb of God...

Agnus Dei...

Blest Are They

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

#728

Refrain:

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. (Refrain.)

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God. (Refrain.)

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.

Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. (Refrain.)

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom;

shine for all to see. (Refrain.)

Here Is Bread

Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.

Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

#483

Refrain:

In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.

In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.

Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. (Refrain.)

Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.

We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. (Refrain.)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: Be Thou My Vision

#793 vv. 1-2, 4

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:

thou my best thought . . . by day and by night,

waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;

I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.

Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,

raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Light of my soul, after vic-to-ry won,

may I reach heav-en's joys, O heav-en's Sun!

Heart of my own heart, what-ev-er be-fall,

still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

THE POSTLUDE: *Am I a Soldier of the Cross* by Robert J. Powell Fred Johnson (8:30am/10am)

Micaela Lum (5pm)

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Acolyte: Elijah Don; Coffee Prep: Lynne & Wes Morgan; Communion: Denise Boyd & Melody King; Lector: Henri Nurminen; Ushers: Henri Nurminen & Gene Rathbun; Welcome Table: Judy Young

10am: Acolyte: Jenna Hallowell; Coffee Clean-up: Ann & Jim St. Martin; Communion: Ron Bacon & Katherine Dickinson; Lector: Ron Bacon; Usher: Dean Frasche & Gini Sherwood; Welcome Table: Jeff & Pearl Chipman

10am: Communion & Lector: Nancy Marcello

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Bob & Brenda Gaumer in celebration of their 47th anniversary

"FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT PAUL" (Greece Trip) - Pastor David will be leading a group to Greece (land/sea), April 9-20, 2024. One spot is open for a woman. For all participating, a meeting will be held today, February 18, 6pm in the Sanctuary.

GLOBAL REFUGE (Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services): Karla Leitzman from this ministry will be at Gloria Dei for a brief update on their work, Monday, 2/19, 2pm. You are invited to meet her.

MEN'S SPRING TRAINING RETREAT (Arizona). Wonderful time of watching baseball and fellowship. Leave early Friday morning (6am) from the church and return late Sunday afternoon. (March 1-3). See the sign-up. This retreat is full, but there is a waiting list.

LENT 2024

The Great Lutheran Bake Off (John 6)

WORSHIP AND SOUP SUPPERS FOR LENT - Every Wednesday, soup begins at 6pm and worship, 6:30pm. Various members will provide the message. Music led by Music Director Kathy Person and a small group. 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.

LENTEN OFFERING BOXES for World Hunger are available to pick up at the Welcome Table. Offerings during Lent will go to help in this area. Grab one or two today!

HOLY WEEK: Palm Sunday, March 24 (Procession with Palms and a donkey; First Communion); Maundy Thursday, March 28; Good Friday, March 29 (Tenebrae - 7 Last Words. Noon & 7pm); Easter - Resurrection Sunday, March 31 (6:30am-outside; 8:30am, 10am)

BIBLE YEAR STUDY Thursdays, 6:30pm, Pastor David leads a study on the readings. (2/18: Proverbs 14:1-35 - Proverbs 23:35). This group will be taking a break for Lent and begin after Easter.

PRESCHOOL TOURS & REGISTRATION (fall 2024) in full swing for church members & returning students. If interested, please contact Preschool Dir. Shelli Parajeckas at preschool@mygloriadei.org.

BILLY STEELE - Three time Grammy winner Billy Steele leads Gospel music at the morning services next Sunday, February 25 (8:30am & 10am. No 5pm service). Invite a friend to this wonderful time! Pick up a flier at the Welcome Table and invite a friend to hear him.

WOMEN'S ONE DAY RETREAT - March 16, 2024 at Marina Hills Clubhouse, 9am - 4pm. Speaker is Stephanie Spencer from *40 Orchards* in Minnesota. She'll lead us through scripture circles around grace & wholeness. All women are welcome. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

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.

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. 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.

MICHELLE LUM'S MFA EXHIBIT at Claremont Graduate University will take place on Tuesday, March 19, 5pm - 7pm. For details or carpool information, please see the sign-up at the Welcome Table.

HOPE PHOTOS - Join the art ministry in our Easter project this year! Take photos of where you see hope and submit them for viewing. Link to the submission form at the Welcome Table.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Good Friday Services (12pm & 7pm); Easter Sunday Services (March 31, 6:30am, 8:30am & 10am); Children's Eggstravaganza Hunt (March 31, 9:30am); Good Shepherd Petting Zoo (April 21); Youth Fundraiser Dinner for National Youth Gathering (April 19); Gen2Gen Cinco de "Magico" Dinner (May 5, 5pm); Mom's & Mimosa Pancake Breakfast (May 12, 11am); Church Campout (June 7-9); Vacation Bible School (June 17-21)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEBRUARY 18-24, 2024

Today: Worship (8:30am & 10am); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); Children's Message Meeting (9:30am); Greece Trip Meeting (6pm); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

Monday: South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); RIOT (Reading Is Our Thing) Book Club (2pm); Al Anon (5:30pm)

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Global Refuge Meeting (2pm); DHHS Baja Meeting (6pm); Al Anon (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Saddleback Conference Meeting (11:30am); Staff Meeting (12:30pm); Lenten Soup Supper (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); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

Saturday: AA Men (7am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian Event (1pm); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); Ukrainian Worship (2pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

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