



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*"I am the bread of life."*

## 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 3, 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. Each week we will look at John 6 where Jesus says, *"I am the bread of life"* and give thanks to God for all the resources we receive on our journey of faith.

THE PRELUDE: *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30am/10am)  
Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

### THE GATHERING HYMN: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

#774

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain: **Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.** (Refrain.)

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.** (Refrain.)

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (Psalm 51)

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

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

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

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Arts & Outreach Minister Michelle Lum

THE FIRST LESSON: Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the

iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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

THE SECOND LESSON: I Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)

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

THE GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

**So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give**

**us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.**

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM (8:30am): *Seed That in Earth is Dying* Sanctuary Choir, Music Director Kathy Person

THE HYMN: *Give Me Jesus*

#770 v. 1-4

**In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,  
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.**

Refrain:

**Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.**

**You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.**

**Dark mid-night was my cry, dark mid-night was my cry,  
dark mid-night was my cry, give me Jesus.** (Refrain.)

**Just about the break of day, just about the break of day,  
just about the break of day, give me Jesus.** (Refrain.)

**Oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die,  
Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.** (Refrain.)

THE MESSAGE:

Assistant Minister Dana Becker

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Simple Gifts* arr. P. Sanders Cota

Gloria Dei Handbell Choir

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

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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.)

**Christ, Be Our Light**

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.**

**Longing for truth, we turn to you.**

**Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.**

Refrain:

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice. (Refrain.)**

**Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed. (Refrain.)**

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless,  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone. (Refrain.)**

**Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
signs of your kingdom come. (Refrain.)**

**O Love That Will Not Let Me Go**

**O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.**

**O Light that fol-lowest all my way,  
I yield my flick-'ring torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.**

**O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;**

**I trace the rainbow through the rain  
And feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSINGS

**THE SENDING HYMN: How Firm a Foundation  
How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

#796 v. 1-3

**“Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”**

**“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply.  
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”**

SENDING WORDS

THE POSTLUDE: *Postlude on “St. Anne”* by Anthony Giamanco Fred Johnson (8:30am/10am)  
Micaela Lum (5pm)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Dianne & Greg Blanda in celebration of Frances McFarland’s 100th birthday!

**MEN’S SPRING TRAINING RETREAT** - 30 men and Pastor David are in Arizona this weekend - prayers for great time, good fellowship, and safe travels home this afternoon.

**MONTHLY ART GATHERING** is this Friday, March 8th at 6:30pm. This gathering will be an artist talk from Michelle (event pairs with her upcoming exhibit). We’ll meet in the sanctuary.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** - All members are invited to vote on calling Daneen Pysz as Deacon (Ministry of Word and Service), next Sunday, March 10, 11:15am.

**GOT VASES?** Each week we are delivering Altar flowers that are not picked up, to members unable to make it to church. If you have any extra vases you could donate to this ministry, please bring to the Welcome Table or the church office.

**CANDY FILLED EASTER EGGS** - We need **candy filled plastic eggs** to hide for the Egg Hunt. Please bring them to the church office or leave them in the large basket by the Welcome Table by 3/24.

**BIBLE YEAR STUDY** Thursdays, 6:30pm, Pastor David leads a weekly study on the readings. (3/3: Ecclesiastes 6:1 - Isaiah 11:16). This group will be taking a break for Lent and begin after Easter.

## **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); Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil - March 30, 10am, Baptisms and Renewal of Baptism. Easter - Resurrection Sunday, March 31 (6:30am-outside; 8:30am, 10am)

**WOMEN’S ONE DAY RETREAT** - March 16 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.

**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.

**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](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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Good Friday Services (March 29, 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 25 - MARCH 2, 2024**

**Today:** Voting (7am-7pm); Worship(8:30am & 10am, & 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Confirmation (11:15am); Return from Men's Retreat: (4:30pm); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

**Monday:** Voting (7am-7pm); South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group (6:30pm)

**Tuesday:** Voting (7am-7pm); AA Men (7am); Preschool Dad's Event (8am); Al Anon (7pm)

**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Voting Booth Dismantle (9:30am); Staff Meeting (12:30pm); First Communion (5:15pm); Lenten Soup Supper (6pm); Lenten Worship (6:30pm); 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)

**Friday:** Art Ministry Gathering (6:30pm)

**Saturday:** AA Men (7am); Women's Board Meeting (9:30am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Coffee Prep: Bob & Bonny Gillespie; Communion: Bonny Gillespie & Sonja Krafcik; Lector: Sonja Krafcik; Refreshments: Kathy Martino; Ushers: David & Lisa Zylstra; Welcome Table: Bob & Bonny Gillespie

**10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Daneen & Dennis Pysz; Communion: Harold Limbong & Colleen McCray; Lector: Kathering Dickinson; Refreshments; Daneen Pysz Usher: Donna & Jerry Combe; Welcome Table: Sally Manville

**5pm:** Communion & Lector: Gary Bridge

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