



5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 4, 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: *Abide With Me* by Jina Park

Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30am/10am)

Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

GATHERING HYMN: *Christ, Be Our Light*

#715 vv. 1-3

**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.)**

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 147

Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

The LORD builds up Jerusalem;

he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted,

and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars;

he gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

his understanding is beyond measure.

The LORD lifts up the downtrodden;

he casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.

He covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.

He gives to the animals their food,
and to the young ravens when they cry.

His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;

but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love. Praise the LORD!

THE HYMN: *Christ, Be Our Light*
Longing for shelter, many are homeless,
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

#715 v. 4

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

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

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor David Mattson

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

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my

equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some.

(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 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all

who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM (8:30pm): *Day By Day* arr. Robert Leaf Sanctuary Choir, Music Director Kathy Person

HYMN OF THE DAY: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #858 vv. 1-3
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear, Now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.

THE MESSAGE: "*People Pleaser Paul*"

Assistant Minister Dana Becker

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

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

#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.

Take My Life, that I May Be

#685

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in cease-less praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing, always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use ev-'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

#597

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: **On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;**
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,

**I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev-'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil.** (Refrain)

**His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay.** (Refrain)

**When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne!** (Refrain)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

Minister of Arts & Outreach Michelle Lum

THE SENDING HYMN: Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart #873 vv. 1-2, 4
**Rejoice, ye pure in heart!, Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.**

Refrain: **Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

**With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,
send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days.** (Refrain.)

**Still lift your standard high, still march in firm array,
as pilgrims through the darkness wend till dawns the golden day.** (Refrain.)

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

POSTLUDE: *Grand Sortie* by John S. Dixon

Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30am/10am)
Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

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THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Acolyte: Elijah Don; Coffee Prep: Dianne & Greg Blanda; Communion: John Adams & Diane Kelly; Lector: Pam Weiss; Refreshments: Linda Smith; Ushers: Pam & Steve Weiss; Welcome Table: Tim Boyd

10am: Acolyte: Jenna Hallowell; Coffee Clean-up: Gloria Dei Staff; Communion: Donna & Jerry Combe; Lector: Marsha Atkinson; Refreshments: Scott Neiderhiser; Usher: David & Susan Warneke; Welcome Table: Lora & William Stoll

5pm: Communion & Lector: Lorraine McCarty

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Kathi Anderson in loving memory of Cliff Anderson on his 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.

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. (2/4: Psalm 119:89 - Psalm 150:6). Never too late to join. All are welcome in this read-through-the-Bible program. Questions - contact the office.

PRESCHOOL TOURS & REGISTRATION (fall 2024) begins Thursday for church members & returning students. If interested, please contact Preschool Dir. Shelli Parajekas at preschool@mygloriadei.org.

ALOHA LUNCHEON - Ministry Celebration/Annual Meeting today at 11:30am. All members are welcome for a wonderful luncheon (donation) and election of new Church Council, approval of annual budget, and celebration of new ministries.

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.

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.

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.

BILLY STEELE - Three time Grammy winner Billy Steele leads Gospel music at the morning services on Sunday, February 25 (8:30am & 10am. No 5pm service). Invite a friend to this wonderful time!

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.

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 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!

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.

"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 Sunday, February 18, 6pm in the Sanctuary.

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 4 - 10, 2024

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am, & 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); Confirmation (11:15am); Annual Meeting & Aloha Luncheon (11:30am); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

Monday: South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Dana Point Historical Society Dinner Meeting (5pm); Al Anon (5:30pm); ELCA Foundation Meeting (6:30pm); GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Small Group (6:30pm)

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); 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); 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)

Friday: Wedding Rehearsal (3:30pm); Art Ministry Gathering (6:30pm)

Saturday: AA Men (7am); Men's Bible Breakfast Study (8:30am); Women's Board Meeting (9am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Lindsey Engel & Brian Worek Wedding (2pm); NA Meeting (7pm)