



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*"I am the bread of life."*

## 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 10, 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. Also, 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 Is Lord of All* by T. Beaney Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30am/10am)  
Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

### THE WELCOME AND INVOCATION

**GATHERING HYMN: *Taste and See*** (leader will sing v. 1-2. All sing refrain & v. 3)

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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.**

Leader: **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.)

Leader: **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.)

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

**I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed; in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, by my fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.** (Silence for confession. Pastor proclaims the forgiveness.)

### THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

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

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lisa Zylstra

THE FIRST LESSON: Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live. (Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

(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 6:35-51

**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. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day." Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not**

**complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."**

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM (10am): *Seed That in Earth is Dying* Sanctuary Choir, Music Director Kathy Person

THE HYMN: **Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal**

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**Bread of life, our host and meal**

**Jesus, feed us**

**Christ, by faith, to see and feel**

**Feed us with your love**

**Bread now break and wine now pour**

**Jesus, feed us**

**Make us one, our hope restore**

**Feed us with your love**

**Grant forgiveness in the feast**

**Jesus, feed us**

**For the greatest and the least**

**Feed us with your love**

**Thank you for this gift we share**

**Jesus, feed us**

**Save God's children ev'rywhere**

**Feed us with your love**

THE MESSAGE: *YJGIDY?*

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Andy Degan

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, 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... You take away...  
the sins of the world... Miserere nobis.**

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the sins of the world... Miserere nobis.**

**Agnus Dei... You take away...  
the sins of the world... Dona nobis pacem...**

***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.**

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.)**

***I Am the Bread of Life***

**"I am the Bread of life.  
You who come to me shall not hunger,  
and who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."**

Refrain:

**"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day."**

**"The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and if you eat of this bread,  
you shall live forever, you shall live forever." (Refrain.)**

**"Unless you eat  
of the flesh of the Son of Man**

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**and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood  
you shall not have life within you.”** (Refrain.)

**“I am the resurrection, I am the life.  
If you believe in me, even though you die,  
you shall live forever.”** (Refrain.)

**Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God, who have come into the world.** (Refrain.)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSINGS

**SENDING HYMN: “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”**  
**Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain;  
free to all, a healing stream flows from Cal-v'ry's mountain.**

#335 vv.1-3

Refrain: **In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

**Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;  
there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me.** (Refrain.)

**Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.** (Refrain.)

SENDING WORDS

THE POSTLUDE: *Festal Voluntary on “Ellacombe”* by F. Ashdown Fred Johnson (8:30am/10am)  
Micaela Lum (5pm)

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Nadine Graven in honor of her beloved brother, Mike Graven. They are also given by Gia & Eric Overton in celebration of Henri's birthday!

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY** - All members are invited to vote on calling Daneen Pysz as Deacon (Ministry of Word and Service), 11:15am. Meeting will take place in the Sanctuary.

**EASTER LILIES** - To honor or remember a loved one this Holy season, you may wish to purchase a lily for our Easter worship. Cost: \$10 per plant. Forms are available at the Welcome Table.

**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. (3/10 -Isaiah 12:1 - 44:28). This group will be taking a break for Lent and begin after Easter.

**GOT VASES?** For delivery of unclaimed Altar flowers, to members unable to make it to church. If you have any extra vases to donate, please bring to the Welcome Table or the church office.

**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.

## **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, 8:30am, 10am (No 5pm) - Procession with Palms and a donkey, First Communion, Sanctuary Choir sings at both morning services, special refreshments;
- Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7pm
- Good Friday, March 29, Noon and 7pm (Tenebrae - 7 Last Words as the Sanctuary grows darker. Nailing of Prayer Concerns);
- Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil - March 30, 10am, Brief service celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with Adult Baptisms and Renewal of Baptism;
- Easter - Resurrection Sunday, March 31 (6:30am-outside; 8:30am, 10am); Eggstravaganza (9:30am). Trumpets, choirs, special music, refreshments.

**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.

**DEVOTIONALS** - Pick up a *Christ in Our Home* devotional (April - June) at the Welcome Table.

**LUTHERAN SUMMER MUSIC ACADEMY (LSM)** - Residential academy for high school musicians at Valparaiso University. Scholarships available. (LSMacademy.org)

**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.

**DANIELA Y SU MARIACHI** provides special music on Sunday, April 7, 2024 at both morning services (8:30 & 10am). They will perform during the service times, but also in between on the patio (9:30am).

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** 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 MARCH 10 - 16, 2024**

**Today:** Worship(8:30am & 10am, & 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

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

**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters Guild General Meeting (9am); Dana Hills High Baja Meeting (6pm); Heart Lifters (6:30pm); VFW Auxiliary Meeting (6:30pm); Al Anon (7pm)

**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters Guild (9am); 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)

**Saturday:** AA Men (7am); Serra's Pantry (8:30am); Women's Board Meeting (9:30am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); First Communion Chalice Making (1pm); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); Kathy Martino Family Event (3pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Coffee Prep: Kristina Mayfield; Communion: Pat McKinley & Gene Rathbun; Lector: Diane Kelly; Ushers: Wes Morgan & John Gustavson; Welcome Table: Gene Rathbun

**10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Ashleigh & Kevin Jensen; Communion: Susan Behnke & Laurene Holmes-Hylton; Lector: Dean Frasche; Usher: John Cummings & Katherine Dickinson; Welcome Table: Peggy Johnson

**5pm:** Communion & Lector: Donna Sandidge

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