



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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LENT 2024

"I am the bread of life."

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT/ST. PATRICK'S DAY

March 17, 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. Today is also Saint Patrick's Day, so we will be singing Irish hymns and other words from the "Emerald Isle."

PRELUDE: *A Celtic Benediction* by R. Boesiger

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

Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

THE WELCOME AND INVOCATION

GATHERING HYMN: Canticle of the Turning

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**My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest,
Could the world be about to turn?**

Refrain: **My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.**

**Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. (Refrain.)**

**From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev-'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. (Refrain.)**

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Saint Patrick's Shield Prayer*

I arise today,

Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,

I arise today,
**Through the strength of Christ's birth with His baptism,
Through the strength of His crucifixion with His burial,
Through the strength of His resurrection with His ascension.**

I arise today,
**Through the strength of heaven,
The light of the sun, the radiance of the moon,
The splendor of fire, the speed of lightning,
The swiftness of wind, the depth of the sea,
The stability of the earth, the firmness of rock.**

I arise today,
**Through God's strength to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me.**

Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,

Christ when I lie down, Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me. **Amen.**

THE HYMN: *The Canticle of the Turning*
**Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.** (Refrain.)

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

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

(Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 5:5-10

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

(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 6:51-59

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 Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Linda Smith

ANTHEM (8:30am): *Lord Jesus, Think On Me* Sanctuary Choir, Music Director Kathy Person

THE HYMN: O Christ the Same (Tune: *Londonderry Air*)

**O Christ the same, through all our story's pages,
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;
eternal Lord, the king of all the ages,
unchanging still amid the passing years:
O living Word, the source of all creation,
who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze,
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.**

**O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing
our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide,
still as of old upon your body bearing
the marks of love, in triumph glorified:
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav-en,
O Prince of life, in all your saving power,
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given,
we bring our thanks for this the present hour.**

**O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping
our lives and loves, our days and years remain,
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,
For all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee;
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,
We bring our thanks for all that is to be.**

THE MESSAGE: "*I Am Full Up On Bread!*"

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Down By the Salley Gardens* arr. Thomas Quigley
Fred Johnson, piano; Kathy Person, violin

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: **Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am** (sung 2x)

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**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

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.

Lamb of God... You take away...

the sins of the world... Miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei... You take away...

the sins of the world... Dona nobis pacem...

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

**The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.**

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**Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSINGS

IRISH BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: *Be Thou My Vision*

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**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.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**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

THE POSTLUDE: *Be Thou My Vision* by Dan Forrest

Fred Johnson (8:30am/10am)

Micaela Lum (5pm)

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THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee Prep: Barb Collins; Communion: Bob & Brenda Gaumer; Lector: Brenda Gaumer; Ushers: Phil & Sandy Furlong; Welcome Table: Bob & Brenda Gaumer

10am: Coffee Clean-up: Melody & Ron Bacon; Communion: Lisa Mers & Jim St. Martin; Lector: Roger Grefsrud; Usher: David & Susan Warneke; Welcome Table: Gini Sherwood

5pm: Communion & Lector: Nancy Marcello

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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. Due by 3/ 24. 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.

SANCTUARY CHOIR FOR EASTER - Join the choir on Thursday and sing through Holy Week and Easter. This would be a great gift to the community and add to the celebration of the resurrection! Thursdays, 7:30pm. Questions, speak with Music Director Kathy Person.

EASTER REFRESHMENTS - If you would like to bring refreshments on Easter Sunday, please 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.

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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. MGD (Men of Gloria Dei) are invited to bring a soup for this last Wednesday (speak with Pastor David). Soup is served from 6pm-6:30pm before worship. Join in! Thanks for providing soup.

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! Turn them in on Palm Sunday, next Sunday.

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 to the Cross);
- 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.

FLIER FOR HOLY WEEK: Grab a flier at the Welcome Table. It has all the details and invite a friend to join you for worship!

BIBLE YEAR STUDY Thursdays, 6:30pm, Pastor David leads a weekly study on the readings. (3/17 -Isaiah 45:1 - Jeremiah 8:17). 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.

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. 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.

LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE VISIT - Directors, Manager, and some of the older youth will be in worship on April 7 (morning). If you would like to help with activities that weekend, see the sign-up.

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 17 - 23, 2024

Today: Worship (8:30am & 10am, & 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Confirmation (11:15am); Footsteps of Saint Paul Meeting (6pm); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

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

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); GDL Preschool Mom's Event (8am); Michelle Lum Reception at Claremont (5pm); Al Anon (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Staff Meeting (12:30pm); Lenten Soup Supper (6pm); Lenten Worship (6:30pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); Preschool Chapel (9am); AA Women (9:30am); So. 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); VFW Auxiliary Bunco (11am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

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