



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



April 7, 2024

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

WELCOME to worship! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! As Christ overcame the cross and the grave, God continues to empower our living with faith and compassion. Today, we hear the story of Thomas' reaction to the resurrection. Also, we welcome the music of Daniela Y Su Mariachi!

THE PRELUDE:

Marc Lombardino, organist/pianist (8:30)

Daniela Y Su Mariachi (10am)

Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

THE GATHERING HYMN: ***Jesus Christ is Risen Today*** (8:30am/5pm) #365

***You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*** (10am) #817

THE INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

Risen Christ,

**the world despised and rejected you - You responded with grace, humility, and welcome. The proud questioned your power, devised your death - You responded with peace, forgiveness, and new life. Forgive us, merciful One, our arrogance, selfishness, and violence. Forgive us, merciful One and make us more like You. Amen.**

(Time of silent confession)

Risen Christ, we proclaim your grace, mercy, and forgiveness. Dying, you destroyed the power of death and rising, you restore us to new and forgiven life. With our words and actions, we give You thanks and praise for this new beginning, now and forever. **Amen.**

**KYRIE ELEISON** ("Lord have mercy.")

(People sing refrain below/Leader sings verses.) #184

*Refrain*

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:30am/10am)

(Children may leave for Sunday school at 10am)

Henri Nurminen

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—what we have seen and heard we also declare to you so that you also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL: John 20: 24-31

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the 20th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt**

**but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name." (The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**M<sup>3</sup>** - Mission/Ministry/Moment      Jeff Hubbard, Los Angelitos Orphanage Principal Officer  
Victoria Marquez, Los Angelitos Orphanage Director

**THE HYMN: You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord      #787 vv. 1-3**  
**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life,**  
**say to the Lord: "My refuge, . . . my rock . . . in whom I trust!"**

Refrain: **And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,**  
**make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

**The snare of the fowl-er will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear;**  
**under God's wings your refuge with faith-ful-ness your shield. (Refrain.)**

**You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;**  
**though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. (Refrain.)**

THE MESSAGE: *My Twin Brother*

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERTORY VISUAL PRESENTATION: *O Radiant Light*

**THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: The Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful Father, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving, what You have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE 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. Juice is located in the center of each tray, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

### HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:

#### Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

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**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, Lamb of God.**

#### Come, Let Us Eat

#491

**Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,**

**Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.**

**Our Lord's body let us take together,**

**Our Lord's body let us take together.**

**Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,**

**Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.**

**Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,**

**Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.**

**In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,**

**In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.**

**In the presence of our Lord we gather,**

**In the presence of our Lord we gather.**

**Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word,**

**Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word.**

**Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom,**

**Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom.**

#### Jesus Shall Reign

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**Jesus shall reign wher-e'er the sun does its successive journeys run;**

**his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;**

**his name like sweet perfume shall rise, with ev-'ry morning sacrifice.**

**People and realms of ev-'ry tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;**

**and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

### THE BENEDICTION

**THE SENDING HYMN: Jesus Christ is Risen Today** (10am) #365

**You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore** (8:30am) #817

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

THE POSTLUDE:

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Ren & Shelly Higgins in celebration of their 37th anniversary! Glen & Mareen Fouret are also providing flowers for their 53rd anniversary! Flowers are also given by Mary Vaughan & family in memory of Grady Vaughan.

**OFFERING** - Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei! Please place check/money in donation boxes or give electronically - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-DanaPoint or Zelle - gloriadei@mygloriadei.org. You can also donate via credit/ debit card through Vanco, our secure site: mygloriadei.org/donate.

**THANKS** to pianist/organist Marc Lombardino for filling in for Fred Johnson who is on vacation. We also thank *Daniela Y Su Mariachi* for being with us today. They will play at the morning services and also on the patio between services. Welcome to them!

**BIBLE YEAR STUDY** Thursdays, 6:30pm, Pastor David leads a weekly study on the readings. (4/7 Ezekiel 12:1 - 48:35). All are welcome.

**LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE VISIT** - Directors, Manager, and some of the older youth are here today. Please help us give a warm welcome to our Los Angelitos friends!

**ART MINISTRY GATHERING** - Meets on April 12, 6:30pm in the Sanctuary for their regular monthly gathering.

**YOUTH FUND RAISER DINNER** - Gloria Dei Youth will be serving a Cajun dinner to congregation members & friends on April 19, 6pm as a means to raise funds for their trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY PETTING ZOO** - Gloria Dei will host a petting zoo (with sheep) on Sunday, April 21 between the morning services (9:30am). Invite a friend to join in the fun and worship!

**ORDINATION** - Deacon Daneen Pysz - Sunday, May 5, 5pm. Bishop Dave Nagler presides. Afterwards, (6pm) Cinco de "Magico" fellowship event takes place - great food and drink, entertainment, a magician, and more. All ages invited! Sign-up for the dinner (adults/\$10, children/free).

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY** at Gloria Dei - "Save the Date" flier for Summer & Fall events is available at the Welcome Table.

**VBS (VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL)** - "SCUBA - Diving into Friendship with God", June 17-21, 9am-12pm. Children ages 4 (Pre-K) - 5th grade are welcome! VBS Registration is open online [www.mygloriadei.org/vbs\\_form](http://www.mygloriadei.org/vbs_form). More details: email Susie Boland at [fellowship@mygloriadei.org](mailto:fellowship@mygloriadei.org).

**VOLUNTEERS FOR VBS** - Sign-up to be a volunteer helper at the Welcome Table. Middle School and High School kids are needed as helpers and volunteer hours will be signed off. Questions, email Susie Boland at [fellowship@mygloriadei.org](mailto:fellowship@mygloriadei.org).

**DEVOTIONALS** - Pick up a Christ in Our Home devotional (April - June) 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! Sunday school resumes next Sunday, April 7.

**FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT PAUL** (Greece Trip): April 9-19. Please keep this group (32 people) in your prayers for safe travels.

**WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** - Every Wednesday at 10am all women are invited to join in! Study is led by Assistant Minister Dana Becker and Pastor David and meets upstairs in Knudson Hall.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Confirmation Sunday (May 5, 10am); Moms & Mimosa Pancake Breakfast (May 12, 11am); Synod Regional Gathering at Gloria Dei (May 18, 10am); Baccalaureate Sunday (June 2); Women's Tea (June 2, 2pm); Church Campout (June 7-9)

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR APRIL 7 - 13, 2024**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am, 10am, & 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); Daniela Y Su Mariachi (9:30am); Confirmation (11:15am); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

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

**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters Guild General Meeting (9am); Saint Paul Trip Bus to LAX (12:30pm); Heart Lifters (6:30pm); VFW Auxiliary (6:30pm); Al Anon (7pm)

**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters Guild Workshop (9am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Staff Meeting (12:30pm); Mission Hospital Alumni AA Group (6:30pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

**Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); South Coast Literacy Council Book Club (1pm); 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:** Art Ministry Gathering (6:30pm)

**Saturday:** AA Men (7am); Men's Breakfast Study (8:30am); Women's Board Meeting (9am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); VFW FASHion Show (1pm); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

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5pm Worship Leader Micaela Lum

**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Coffee Prep: Dianne & Greg Blanda; Communion; Denise Boyd & Carol Weinhardt; Lector: Denise Boyd; Refreshments: Dianne & Greg Blanda; Ushers: Diane Kelly & Chuck Weinhardt; Welcome Table: Judy Young

**10am:** Acolyte: Jillian Yeager; Coffee Clean-up: Lora & William Stoll; Communion: Katherine Dickinson & Betty Prock; Lector: David Zylstra; Refreshments: Ann & Jim St. Martin; Ushers: Laurene Holmes-Hylton & Gia Lugo; Welcome Table: Donna & Jerry Combe

**5:30pm:** Communion & Lector: Donna Sandidge