



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



April 14, 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 will look at Luke 24, when Jesus appears to his disciples after his resurrection. They are both filled with joy and wonder, surely questioning their beliefs. How can their faith influence how we encounter a resurrected Jesus?

THE PRELUDE: *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30/10am)
Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

THE GATHERING HYMN: ***Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***

#836

**Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow-'ry meadow, flashing sea
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!**

THE WELCOME AND INVOCATION

THE CONFESSION

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

THE CANTICLE OF PRAISE: ***Now the Feast*** (People sing refrain. Leader sings verses) page 167

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

(The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray...)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

Arts & Outreach Minister Michelle Lum

(Children may leave for Sunday school at 8:30am & 10am)

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 3:12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "Fellow Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the holy and righteous[d] one and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

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

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

(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: Luke 24:36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM (10am): *Now the Green Blade Rises* Sanctuary Choir, Music Director Kathy Person

THE HYMN: *Will You Come and Follow Me*

#798 vv. 1-2, 5

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

THE MESSAGE: *"What's for Breakfast?"*

Assistant Minister Dana Becker

OFFERTORY: *Man of Sorrows* by Hillsong United

Fred Johnson, Piano

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: The Doxology

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

That Priceless Grace

#591

**That priceless grace, that priceless grace,
that priceless grace, which gave me life:
Jesus' life is priceless grace.
That priceless grace is life for me.**

**That priceless blood, that priceless blood,
that priceless blood was shed for me:
Jesus' blood is priceless grace.
That priceless grace is life for me.**

**That painful death, that painful death,
that painful death took sins away:
Jesus' death is priceless grace.
That priceless grace is life for me.**

**That precious word, that precious word,
that precious word, which brought me light:
Jesus' word is priceless grace.
That priceless grace is life for me.**

Here Is Bread

#483

**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.)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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**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! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!**

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

THE POSTLUDE: *Trumpet Tune* by Jason D. Payne Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30/10am)
Micaela Lum (5pm)

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THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee Prep: Martyn & Vanessa Frost; Communion; Pat McKinley & Henri Nurminen; Lector: Pat McKinley; Ushers: Lynne & Wes Morgan; Welcome Table: Diane Kelly

10am: Acolyte: Jillian Yeager; Coffee Clean-up: Ann & Jim St. Martin; Communion: Peggy Johnson & Jim St. Martin; Lector: Harold Limbong; Ushers: Daneen & Dennis Pysz; Welcome Table: Katherine Dickinson

5:30pm: Communion & Lector: Lorraine McCarty

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Jim & Neta Wenrick in celebration of 42 years of marriage! They are also given by Lisa Mers in celebration of Josh's 39th birthday!

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.

BIBLE YEAR STUDY Thursdays, 6:30pm, Pastor David leads a weekly study on the readings. (Daniel 1:1 - Joel 3:21). All are welcome.

FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT PAUL (Greece Trip) - April 9-19. Please keep this group (30 people) in your prayers for safe travels.

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!

MEMORIAL - Gail Rightmire's memorial service will be on Friday, May 3 at 10:30am; Luncheon immediately following in Bankson Hall.

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).

MOM'S MIMOSAS & MUFFINS - On May 12, please join us on the patio for a quick refreshment following each morning service, to celebrate our Gloria Dei moms!

GLORIA DEI BLOOD DRIVE - Wednesday, May 22, 9am - 3pm. Sign up at the Welcome Table or online: www.redcrossblood.org. Type *Gloria Dei* in the "Find a Blood Drive" red box in the upper right corner and Gloria Dei blood drive will "pop up".

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

WOMEN'S TEA - Please join us for Gloria Dei Women's Tea on Sunday, June 2 at 2pm in Bankson Hall. Food catered by Ellie Snyder. Cost: \$30. Invite a friend! Sign up at the Welcome Table to attend or host a table. Table hosts attend for free.

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. More details: email Susie Boland at 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.

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 services). 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.

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); Synod Regional Gathering at Gloria Dei (May 18, 10am); Baccalaureate Sunday (June 2); Church Campout (June 7-9).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR APRIL 14 - 20, 2024

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

Monday: Preschool Bike-a-thon (8am); South Coast Literacy Council (10am); RIOT (Reading Is Our Thing) Book Club (2pm); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm)

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Al Anon (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); 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)

Saturday: AA Men (7am); Serra's Pantry (8:30am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); Ukrainian Worship (2pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

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