



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



April 28, 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 another Easter story - Acts chapter 8. Phillip encounters an Ethiopian eunuch and the message of hope, the resurrection of Jesus is spread to Africa. God continues to show up! May God open our hearts to receive the wonderful and one and only message of Jesus' death and resurrection.

PRELUDE: *This Is the Day of New Beginnings* by R. Lau Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30/10am)
Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:45am, outdoor baptismal fountain - Join in this celebration of grace!)

THE GATHERING HYMN: ***Thine the Amen***

#826 vv. 1-3

**Thine the amen thine the praise al-le-lu-ias angels raise
thine the everlasting head thine the breaking of the bread
thine the glory thine the story thine the harvest then the cup
thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up, lifted up.**

**Thine the life eternally thine the promise let there be
thine the vision thine the tree all the earth on bended knee
gone the nailing gone the railing gone the pleading gone the cry
gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.**

**Thine the truly thine the yes thine the table we the guest
thine the mercy all from thee thine the glory yet to be
then the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war
thine the living thine the loving evermore evermore.**

THE INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

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

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

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

Preschool Director Shelli Parajeckas

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

THE LESSON: Acts 8:26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. (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 Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 15th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord!**)

THE GOSPEL: **John 15:1-8**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are

gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM (10am): *Give Thanks* by Anne Krentz Sanctuary Choir, Music Director Kathy Person

THE HYMN: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (Sing 3x)

#752

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

THE MESSAGE: "*The EU*"

Pastor David R. Mattson

THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Cry No More* by D. Forrest

Harrison Michael

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.

In Christ There Is No East or West

#650

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,

but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding human-kind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

We Are Called

**Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

Refrain: **We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.**

**Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and blindness will be no more.** (Refrain.)

**Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love.** (Refrain.)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

**THE SENDING HYMN: This Little Light of Mine
This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

#720

#677

**Ev-'ry-where I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;
ev-'ry-where I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;
ev-'ry-where I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

**Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

THE POSTLUDE: *Thine Is the Glory* by Robert Lau Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30/10am)
Micaela Lum (5pm)

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THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee Prep: Bill Jonas; Communion: Diane Kelly & Sonja Krafcik; Lector: David Zylstra; Ushers: John Adams & Gene Rathbun; Welcome Table: Diane Kelly

10am: Acolyte: Jillian Yeager; Coffee Clean-up: Daneen & Dennis Pysz; Communion: Marsha Atkinson & Peggy Johnson; Lector: Sharon Miller; Ushers: David & Susan Warneke; Welcome Table: Diane Scott

5:00pm: Communion & Lector: Nancy Marcello

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM - Bryan Hallowell, Jenna Hallowell & John Duncan - just prior to the 10am service at the outdoor baptismal fountain. Join us as we celebrate God's love for each person baptized.

BIBLE YEAR STUDY Thursdays, 6:30pm, Pastor David leads a weekly study on the readings. (4/28 - Nahum 1:1 through Zechariah 14:21). All are welcome.

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

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY is scheduled for next Sunday, May 5, 2024, 10am. Please keep the following young people in your prayers: Jackson Brodrick, Charlotte Coveyou, Elijah Don, Elliot Don, Bryan Hallowell, Jenna Hollowell, Evan Neiderhiser, Emma Person, & Will Ramsaur.

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).

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION - May 12, we sing "Daisy a Day," flowers given to all moms and daughters; Special refreshments will be served after the morning services.

BLESSING OF DANA BECKER - "Send off" Blessing of Dana Becker and prayers for her on May 12. This will take place at all services.

SYNOD REGIONAL GATHERING at Gloria Dei, May 18, 10am - 2pm. The Pacifica Synod Bishop and ministries will report. Gloria Dei's delegates and delegates from Lutheran congregations in OC will be in attendance. All Gloria Dei members are invited to attend. Lunch served. (Donation)

GLORIA DEI BLOOD DRIVE - Wednesday, May 22, 9am-3pm. Sign-up at 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".

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY - June 2 at both morning services. If you have a high school senior graduating this year, please let the office know. Prayers, presentations, and more will be offered.

LADIES 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 via Venmo, Zelle, check or cash. No charge for table hostesses and military families. Invite a friend! Sign-up at the Welcome Table to attend or host a table.

CHURCH CAMPOUT - Friday - Sunday, June 7-9 at O'Neill Regional Park. Come for a few hours or come for the weekend. Tents/RVs. Horseshoe Tournament (Sat., 3pm), Potluck (Sat. 5pm), and Worship (6pm). Cost for camping/rv-ing: \$25/night. Pick up a flier and sign-up and join in the fun!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY at Gloria Dei - "*Save the Date*" flier, for the Women's Ministry 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. More details: email Susie Boland at fellowship@mygloriadei.org.

VOLUNTEER FOR VBS - Sign-up at Welcome Table. Middle School & High School kids needed 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: Father's Day Dad's Rootbeer Floats (June 16); Summer study on mysticism, deepening your prayer life, etc. (June 12, 19, & 26); Summer Bible Study (July 10, 17 & 24); Young Families & Preschool Families Concert (July 25, 10am); Angel's Baseball (TBD).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR APRIL 28 - MAY 4, 2024

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

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

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Preschool Animals in Flight Event (9:30am); 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); Potable Water Shutoff Testing at Gloria Dei (3pm); 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: Gail Rightmire Memorial (10:30am)

Saturday: AA Men (7am); Prayer Shawl Meeting (9am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

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5pm Worship Leader Micaela Lum