



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER CONFIRMATION



May 5, 2024

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

WELCOME to worship! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Today, we celebrate God's love for the young people who will be confirmed. They've spent time learning the basics of the faith. We will pray for them (and us) that the Spirit would guide us into greater faith and service.

THE PRELUDE: *God Will Make A Way* by Mark Hayes

Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

THE GATHERING HYMN: ***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

#504 vv. 1-3

**A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.**

**No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.**

**Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat-'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot o-ver-pow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.**

THE WELCOME AND INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 100

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

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;

come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations. Amen.

THE HYMN: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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**God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!**

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

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Assistant Minister Dana Becker

(Children may leave for Sunday school.)

THE FIRST LESSON: Lamentations 3:22-32

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), to give one's cheek to the smiter and be filled with insults. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

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

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it who conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

(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 15:9-17

"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN: Go, My Children, with My Blessing

#543

**"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."**

**"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."**

**"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."**

THE MESSAGE: *"Harboring the Good Life?"*

Pastor David R. Mattson

THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Abide with Me* by Travis Cottrell Arts Minister Michelle Lum

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: The Doxology

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each prayer - Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**)

CONFIRMATION - AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

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)

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.

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Borning Cry

"I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."

#732

"When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."

"In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise."

"I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."

They'll Know We Are Christians

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain: **And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. (Refrain)

**We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride. (Refrain)**

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit,
who makes us one. (Refrain)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: Lift High the Cross

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Refrain:

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)**

**All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. (Refrain)**

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

THE POSTLUDE: *Easter Postlude on "St. Kevin"*

Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

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THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee Prep: Lynne & Wes Morgan; Communion: Shelly Higgins & Gene Rathbun; Lector: Ren Higgins;
Refreshments: Denise Boyd; Ushers: Bob Gaumer & Henri Nurminen; Welcome Table: Gene Rathbun

10am: Acolyte: Evan Neiderhiser; Coffee Clean-up: Ashleigh & Kevin Jensen; Communion: Charlotte Coveyou &
Will Ramsaur; Lector: Jackson Brodrick & Emma Person; Refreshments: Scott Neiderhiser; Ushers: Lisa Mers &
Sharon Miller; Welcome Table: Ann & Jim St. Martin

5:00pm: Lector: Dennis Pysz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Gloria Dei in honor of our confirmands & in celebration of the ordination of Daneen Pysz!

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.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY - Congratulations to Jackson Brodrick, Charlotte Coveyou, Elijah Don, Elliot Don, Bryan Hallowell, Jenna Hallowell, Evan Neiderhiser, Emma Person, & Will Ramsaur.

ORDINATION - Deacon Daneen Pysz - today at 5pm. Welcome to Bishop Dave Nagler presiding the service. Welcome to all guests. Welcome to all area clergy. Thanks to the Sanctuary Choir for coming to the 5pm service today and soloist Andy Degan for providing special music.

CINCO DE "MAGICO" - following the Ordination, (6pm) a wonderful fellowship event takes place - great food, drink, entertainment, a magician, and more. All ages invited! (adults/\$10, children/free).

BIBLE YEAR READING GUIDE - For those reading through scripture, pick up a new reading study guide at the welcome table. This sheet guides everyone through the New Testament. It's never too late to join in! Grab a reading guide and follow along.

BIBLE YEAR STUDY Thursdays, 6:30pm, Pastor David leads a weekly study on the readings. (5/5/24 - Malachi 1:1 through Matthew 8:34). All are welcome.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY is this Saturday, May 11, 8:30am, Knudson Hall. All men are invited for a good meal, Bible study led by Pastor David, and great fellowship.

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 as she returns to MN for graduation and interviews. This will take place at all services.

SYNOD REGIONAL GATHERING at Gloria Dei, May 18, 10am - 2pm. 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). To register, call the church office.

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!

VBS (VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL) - "SCUBA - Diving into Friendship with God", June 17-21, 9am-12pm. Children ages 4 (Pre-K) - 5th grade. VBS Registration is open online www.mygloriadei.org/vbs_form. Volunteers needed! Sign-up at Welcome Table. Middle School & High School kids volunteer hours will be signed off. Email Susie Boland at fellowship@mygloriadei.org.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY at Gloria Dei - "*Save the Date*" flier, for the Women's Ministry Summer & Fall events, is available 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 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Last classes before summer break is Sunday, May 19 (morning services). We will recognize attendance and thank our teachers. That's Pentecost Sunday (Get your red on!).

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). Women's Fall Bunco (September 5); Women's Fall Retreat at The Welk Resort (September 26-28)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAY 5 - 11, 2024

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

Monday: South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); GiFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group (6:30pm)

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Preschool Reptile Show (9:30am); Al Anon (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Staff Meeting (12:30pm); Preschool Open House (5pm); Mission Hospital Alumni AA Group (6:30pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); 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); Men's Breakfast (8:30am); Southern California Junior. Bach Festival (9am - 5pm); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

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