



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 4, 2024

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

WELCOME to worship! Today, we continue our summer sermon series on the Olympic Motto: *Citius, Altius, Fortius* (Faster, Higher, Stronger). Today, the Gospel reading is from Saint John and speaks to the resources of faith, hope, and love, we experience through the Spirit. May the Spirit inspire our living with hope and compassion.

PRELUDE: *My Jesus, I Love Thee* by Dan Forrest Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30am/10am)
Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist (5pm)

THE WELCOME AND INVOCATION

GATHERING HYMN: When in Our Music God is Glorified

#851 vv. 1-3

All:

**When in our music God is glorified,
And adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!**

Soloist:

**How oft, in making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
As worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!**

All:

**So has the church, in liturgy and song,
In faith and love, through centuries of wrong
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue:
Alleluia!**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

(People read **bold** words.)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

People of God, in the baptismal waters we travel with Christ from death to life. Our past, our sin, our failure, our doubt, and our shame are drowned and gone here.

You, O God, wash us clean.

Our fear, confusion, self-righteousness, and despair—all are washed away by grace.

You, O God, wash us clean.

Our pride, our hypocrisy, and other people's opinions of us no longer have the power to define us.

You, O God, give us new life.

The Spirit lives and moves through us now, a great and joyful mystery, so we may bring love and mercy into the world as the body of Christ.

You, O God, give us new life.

Rejoice that God has claimed us in this baptismal grace, not by our own doing or believing but by God's mercy alone.

You, O God, give us new life.

And so, as we begin worship, we give thanks to God for the gracious gift of baptism that joins us together in Christ by the Spirit's power. Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. We praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE HYMN: When in Our Music God is Glorified

#851 vv. 4-5

Soloist:

**And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
When utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom He won the fight:
Alleluia!**

All:

**Let every instrument be tuned for praise,
let all rejoice who have a voice to raise;
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!**

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE LESSON: Ephesians 4:1-16

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high, he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature

of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. (Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand for the Gospel.)

#169



Leader: Speak, O Lord, Your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life. (People sing Alleluia again.)

(The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 6th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**)

THE GOSPEL: John 6:30-35

So they said to Jesus, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

Linda Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF THE DAY: Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

#659

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav-lers on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.**

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;

I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

**I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.**

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

THE MESSAGE: *Kneading Grace*

Pastor David R. Mattson
Deacon Daneen Pysz (5pm)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Harrison Michael

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

#774 vv. 1-2

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain: **Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O, how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain.)**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (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 (Repeat phrase after the leader.)

Lamb of God

**Your only Son, no sin to hide,
but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod**

#336

and to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain:

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**Your gift of love we crucified.
We laughed and scorned him as he died.
The humble king we named a fraud
and sacrificed the Lamb of God. (Refrain.)**

**I was so lost, I should have died,
but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod
and to be called a lamb of God. (Refrain.)**

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: 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!**

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *Alleluia Toccata* by Fenton Groden Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30/10am)
Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist (5pm)

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THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee Prep: Dianne & Greg Blanda; Communion: Denise Boyd & Pat McKinley; Lector: Pam Thomas; Refreshments: Dianne & Greg Blanda; Ushers: Dave & Judy Ross; Welcome Table: Shelli Parajeckas
10am: Coffee Clean-up: Ann & Jim St. Martin; Communion: Marsha Atkinson & Wayne Johnson; Lector: Jay Pederson; Refreshments: Gloria Dei Church; Ushers: Kathi Anderson & Richard Carlson; Welcome Table: David Warneke
5pm: Communion & Lector: Jeannie Moyer

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5pm Worship Leader Micaela Lum

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Colleen McCray in loving memory of her mother. They are also provided in celebration of Joyce Jensen's 100th birthday!

ORGANIST/PIANIST FRED JOHNSON'S last Sunday at Gloria Dei is today at the morning services. Please join us as we give thanks, celebrate his ministry, and pray for God's blessing to surround him.

SUMMER THEME - *Citius, Altius, Fortius* (Faster, Higher, Stronger) - We'll follow this Olympic motto and look at the Gospel of Mark, which is all about action.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES - Bring a friend and enjoy some wonderful music! Concerts are held in the sanctuary at 6pm. August 16 at 6pm - Micaela Lum, pianist; August 30th at 6pm - Harrison Michael, pianist/vocalist.

PRAYER SUPPORT - If you would ever like extra personal prayers, join Deacon Daneen after each morning service by the Prayer Candle Station. She will pray with you and for you. If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Support Team: deacondaneen@mygloriadei.org.

BIBLE YEAR STUDY - Every Thursday, 6:30pm, Bankson Hall with Pastor David. Weekly study based on the readings. (8/4/24- Hebrews 1:1 through James 5:20). All welcome!

CHRISTMAS CARDS IN AUGUST with Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum (August 6, 1:00-3:30pm). Come make handmade Christmas cards with the art ministry. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

BLOOD DRIVE - Mitch Redden Memorial Blood Drive in Bankson Hall on August 15, 9am - 3pm. Sign up online at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive-advanced/92629>, select 8/15/24 as the date range & select a time to give or sign up at the Welcome Table.

ANGELS BASEBALL GAME and tailgating, Saturday, August 17, \$30. Tailgating begins at 4pm/game begins 6:30pm. Sign-up with payment.

LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE TRIP - Saturday, August 24, 7am-7pm. Sign-up at Welcome Table. Questions, please contact the church office.

FANTASY FOOTBALL - Owner spots available in Gloria Dei's Fantasy Football league - an opportunity for great friendship and fellowship. Draft is August 24 & draft times will be assigned. For more details, contact Paul or Matt Dubow or contact the office at 949-493-3414.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION - The 90+ party, August 25 at 11:15am in Bankson Hall. We will celebrate & honor all nonagenarians and centenarians! If you know of someone who should be included, call the church office. For all attending, please sign up at the Welcome Table.

SUMMER BREAK FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL - Sunday school for children (Age 4 - 5th grade/8:30am & 10am services) will resume on "Rally Sunday", September 8. If you have questions or if you would like to register your child, please contact Susie Boland - sundayschool@mygloriadei.org.

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.

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.

WOMEN'S FALL BUNCO: Friday, September 6, 6pm. All women and girls are invited to join in this fun fellowship event. Friends are welcome! Details and sign-up at the Welcome Table.

PRAYER WALK THE LABYRINTH: Saturday, Sept. 7, 8am-4pm. Sign-up at the Welcome Table for your half hour slot to pray and walk the Labyrinth in front of the Sanctuary. Questions - Deacon Daneen.

MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI: If you are interested in officially joining the Gloria Dei family, see the sign-up at the Welcome Table or call the office. For non-Lutherans, an adult inquiry class will be held Saturday, September 7, 9am. Questions, speak with Pastor David.

WOMEN'S RETREAT, September 27-29. The Welk Resort (Escondido). Great opportunity for fellowship, fun, and learning. Sign-ups begin today with non-refundable deposit. Scholarships available. Limited space - first-come, first-served.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Sanctuary Choir (Adults & Teens) - Thursdays, 7:30pm (September 5)
- Rally Sunday - Kick Off of Fall Programming (September 8)
- Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study kicks off for year (September 11)
- Men's Breakfast Study Kicks Off for Year (September 14, 8:30am)
- Women's Fall Retreat at The Welk Resort (September 27-29)
- Oktoberfest sponsored by MGD (October 5)
- Men's Spring Training Retreat (March 7-9, 2025)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR AUGUST 4 - 10, 2024

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am, & 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); Christmas Cards in August (1pm); Al Anon (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Preschool Parent Meeting (5:30pm); Mission Hospital Alumni AA Group (6:30pm); Strategic Planning Meeting (6:30pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Bible Year Study (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm)

Friday: Wedding Rehearsal (4pm)

Saturday: AA Men (7am); Women's Board Meeting (9am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Rose Schreder & Hayden Fredrick Wedding (3:30pm); NA Meeting (7pm)