



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 18, 2024

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

WELCOME to worship! Today our first and second scripture lesson speak of wisdom. May God grant us the understanding we need to face the challenges of our day. Also, we continue to sing "the people's choice" of hymns, even Christmas hymns.

PRELUDE

Pavel Petrov, Organist/Pianist (8:30am/10am)

Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

(Sacrament of Baptism will take place at the outdoor fountain, 9:45am.

Please join in the celebration of God's love for Lucius Gabriel Zygmont.)

GATHERING HYMN: *For All the Saints*

#422 vv. 1, 3, 5

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.**

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

**Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.**

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

**The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest**

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

WELCOME AND THE INVOCATION

THE CONFESSION

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen. (Silence for confession. Pastor proclaims the forgiveness.)

APOSTOLIC GREETING

THE KYRIE ELEISON - "Lord have mercy." (Matt Maher)

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *Video of Merton Prayer*

THE FIRST LESSON: Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. She has sent out her female servants; she calls from the highest places in the town, "You who are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity and live, and walk in the way of insight."

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

THE SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts. giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (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 6:51-58

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day, for my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." (The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

APOSTLES' CREED

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

Annette Fettis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF THE DAY: Will You Come and Follow Me

#798 vv. 1, 3, 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 let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the pris-'ners free and never be the same?

**Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean 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: "*Can I Speak to the Architect?*"

"It's the real thing"

Pastor David R. Mattson

Deacon Daneen Pysz (5pm)

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *God I Look To You* by Johnson & McIntosh

Harrison Michael

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Doxology

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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 (People repeat each phrase after the leader.)

Be Thou My Vision

#793

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:

thou my best thought . . . by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after vic-to-ry won,
may I reach heav-en's joys, O heav-en's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, what-ev-er be-fall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil (Sing 2x)

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your Word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING
THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

#512

#267 vv. 1, 2, 4

**He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.**

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

POSTLUDE

Pavel Petrov, Organist/Pianist (8:30/10am)
Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

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THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee Prep: Barb Collins; Communion: Shelly Higgins & Diane Kelly; Lector: John Adams; Ushers: John Gustavson & Wes Morgan; Welcome Table: Tim Boyd
10am: Coffee Clean-up: Ashleigh & Kevin Jensen; Communion: Donna & Jerry Combe; Lector: Lora Stoll; Ushers: Margaret Dean & Dennis Pysz; Welcome Table: Ann & Jim St. Martin
5pm: Communion & Lector: Carol Simpson

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Gloria Dei in celebration of God's Grace.

WELCOME to organist/pianist Pavel Petrov. He begins his ministry with us at the morning services today. We thank him for sharing his talent and leading us in worship.

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. (8/18/24- 1 John 4:1 through Revelation 8:5). All welcome!

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 honor all nonagenarians and centenarians! Of course, everyone is welcome to come and celebrate. For all attending, please sign up at the Welcome Table.

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

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MEETING - Sunday, September 1, 9:30am in the Sunday School Room located upstairs in Knudson Hall. All interested in teaching Sunday School are invited to attend. Questions? Contact Susie Boland at fellowship@mygloriadei.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION - If you have a child who will be attending Sunday school in September, please fill out a registration form at the Welcome Table and place it in an offering box. Sunday school begins September 8 at morning services and is for children 4 years old - 5th grade.

SANCTUARY CHOIR (Adults & Teens) - Thursdays, 7:30-9:00pm in the Sanctuary beginning September 5. Join us as we start a new season of choir! Interested in joining or helping out? Contact Michelle at michellelum@mygloriadei.org.

HANDBELL CHOIR - Thursdays, 6:30-7:30pm in the Sanctuary beginning September 5. Come make music with us this Fall! To join or help out, contact Michelle at michellelum@mygloriadei.org.

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-3pm. 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.

RALLY SUNDAY is Sunday, September 8 and will begin all Fall ministries - choirs, Bible studies, fellowship events, and more. There will be special refreshments, the beginning of Sunday school, and the Sanctuary Choir sings at both morning services. Invite a friend to join you! Pastor David kicks off a sermon series: *Grace Changes Everything!* Join in!

MISSIONARY DORCAS' VISIT - Come and meet our Missionary who is visiting and on home leave. Sunday, September 15. She will bring a greeting at the morning services and then present at a L&L (Lunch and Learn) in Bankson Hall, 11:30am. Sign-up. (Donation taken for food.)

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.

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:

- 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 18 - 24 2024

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

Monday: Preschool Begins (8:30am); RIOT Book Club (2pm); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed Meeting 7pm

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

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Mission Hospital Alumni AA Group (6pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

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

Saturday: AA Men (7am); Los Angelitos Orphanage Trip (7am - 7pm); Fantasy Football (8am-5pm); ACA Meeting (11:30am); NA Meeting (7pm)