



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 24, 2024

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

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. We celebrate the Anointed One, the Prince of Peace, the King of Kings. We celebrate Jesus' kingship and reign over the entire universe. He is the "Alpha and the Omega—who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." Thanks be to God. We show our "thanks" in our thoughts, words, and deeds.

THE PRELUDE: *Sonetto del Petrarca 104* by Franz Liszt

Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist  
Harrison Michael, 5pm Worship Leader

GATHERING HYMN: ***Crown Him with Many Crowns***

#855

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heav'n-ly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.**

**Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn;  
fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown him the Lord of love - behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.**

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

THE CONFESSION

(People read **bold** words.)

APOSTOLIC GREETING

THE KYRIE ("Lord have mercy.")

(Leader sings verses. **People sing refrain below.**)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Linda Smith

(Children may leave for Sunday school and return at Holy Communion.)

THE FIRST LESSON: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

(Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God!**)

PSALM 93 (Read responsively.)

The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty;  
**the LORD is robed; he is girded with strength.**

He has established the world; it shall never be moved;  
**your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.**

The floods have lifted up, O LORD,  
**the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.**

More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,  
**more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the LORD!**

Your decrees are very sure;  
**holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.**

THE SECOND LESSON: Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

(Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 18th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**)

THE GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

**Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews? Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."**

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

ANTHEM (8:30am): *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Sanctuary Choir, Director Michelle Lum

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Soon and Very Soon**

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**Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah we're goin' to see the King.**

**No more cry-in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
no more cry-in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
no more cry-in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah we're goin' to see the King.**

**No more dy-in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
no more dy-in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
no more dy-in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah we're goin' to see the King.**

**Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah we're goin' to see the King.**

MESSAGE: *"The Puzzle of Truth"*

Deacon Daneen Pysz

**THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *In the Lord I'll be Every Thankful*** (Taize) (Sing 2x)

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -". The second system continues the vocal line with a triplet of eighth notes and the lyrics: "joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your". The third system concludes the piece with the lyrics: "voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near." The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support throughout.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

**THE SACRAMENT OF 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.)

**THE HYMNS DURING HOLY COMMUNION:**

***Lamb of God*** (*Agnus Dei*)

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***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.**

***Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross***

#335

**Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain;  
free to all, a healing stream flows from Cal-v'ry's mountain.**

**Refrain: In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

**Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;  
there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. (Refrain.)  
Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. (Refrain.)**

**Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,  
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. (Refrain.)**

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

**SENDING HYMN: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!**

#413

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.**

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

POSTLUDE: Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist  
Harrison Michael, 5pm Worship Leader

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**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Coffee Prep: Jim & Laura Bankson; Communion: Diane Kelly & Dennis Pysz; Lector: Pam Weiss; Ushers: Pam Weiss & Chuck Weinhardt; Welcome Table: Diane Kelly  
**10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Melody & Ron Bacon; Communion: Roger Grefsrud & Mary Jane Rylaarsdam; Lector: David Warneke; Ushers: Willie Knottnerus & Lisa Mers; Welcome Table: Sally Manville  
**5pm:** Communion & Lector: Nancy Marcello

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5pm Worship Leader Harrison Michael

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR NOVEMBER 24 - 30, 2024**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am, 10am, 5pm); Preschool Choir (8:30am); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Middle School Youth Gathering Return Home (2pm); NA Meeting (6:30pm)  
**Monday:** South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed Meeting (7pm)  
**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Al Anon (7pm); Men's Book Club (7pm)  
**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Mission Hospital Alumni AA Group (6pm); Thanksgiving Eve Worship (7pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)  
**Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); AA (7pm); Happy Thanksgiving!  
**Friday:** Al Anon Meeting (10am)  
**Saturday:** AA Men (7am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Dan & Nancy Smith in celebration of the life of Nancy's mom, Lois Probst.

**THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP** - Wed., Nov. 27, 7pm. Give thanks! Offering collected for World Hunger and Disaster Response (Hurricane). Non-perishable items for F.A.M. Pie served following worship.

**ART AND MUSIC CONCERTS COMING UP!**

**Christmas Tinsel & Tunes (December 6, 6pm)**

Join us for an evening of Christmas fun! With Christmas music (Harrison Michael, Michelle Lum, & Micaela Lum), cookies, carols, Christmas story for kids (and everyone) by Pastor David and the tree lighting. All ages are invited to kick off the season with us.

**Art Gathering/Harpsichord Concert (December 13, 6:30pm)**

A special art gathering this December and the debut of our new Christmas artwork! Join us for an opening reception of our art installation along with a harpsichord concert by Micaela Lum and other guest musicians.

Mark your calendars now for these don't miss events! Invite a friend to join you.

**WOMEN'S FASHION SHOW!** All women and girls are invited - Saturday, December 7, noon - 3pm, Bankson Hall. Cost: \$20. More details at the Welcome Table. Sign-up.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** - The Sunday school Christmas program is December 8, 10am service. If you would like to be a part of it or help out, contact Susie Boland ([fellowship@mygloriadei.org](mailto:fellowship@mygloriadei.org)).

**L & L (Lunch and Learn)** - Understanding dreams and the Christmas story (& *Christmas Carol*) with Dr. Melody Bacon. Sunday, December 8, 11:15am. See the sign-up at the Welcome Table.

**PRIME TIMERS (SENIORS)** - Sherman Library & Gardens outing, Wednesday, December 11. Lunch reservations are at 12pm, and a one hour docent tour is at 1:15pm. Sign up at the Welcome Table.



**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP** - Saturday, December 14, 6pm - Chow and Cookie Decorating at Gloria Dei. Come enjoy some food and decorate cookies for the season.

**POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS** - If you would like to provide a poinsettia honoring a loved one, complete a poinsettia form at the Welcome Table & drop it in the offering box or at the office. Forms due by 12/15/24. Cost: \$10. You may pay via cash, check, Venmo, Zelle or credit card.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING** - Dec. 15, at 4pm. Meet at the church. Come sing to spread Christmas cheer!

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP**

Tuesday, December 24, 4pm, 5:30pm & 10pm.  
Carols, candlelight, special music, & uplifting message.  
Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10pm.  
Invite a friend to worship with you!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is in session. Children (4 years old - 5th grade) leave after Children's Message and return at Holy Communion. We thank all of those teaching, leading, helping, and assisting!

**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.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING** - concludes today. Please pray for their safe return home.

**STEWARDSHIP THANK YOU!** Members and friends, thank you for filling out a "Time and Talent Sheet" and "2025 Pledge Card." You are the ones who make our ministry go!

**PLANNING SURVEY INSERT** - If you have not completed one online, please complete one today. Pick it up at the Welcome Table and place it in the offering boxes. Thanks for helping out!

**PICK UP** - your 2025 Offering Envelopes at the Welcome Table, IF you don't give electronically. They are arranged alphabetically.

**GIVING TREE** - Supporting 2 groups: *Foster All* and students in need at *Dana Hills High School*. Grab a tag at the Welcome Table & return a gift card (offering box or to the office.) No need to wrap. Thanks!

**MEMBERSHIP PHOTO DIRECTORY** - Pick up one at the Welcome Table (only for Gloria Dei purposes). If interested in receiving a PDF copy, reach out to Carol Weinhardt at [gloriadei@mygloriadei.org](mailto:gloriadei@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](mailto:gloriadei@mygloriadei.org). You can also donate via credit/ debit card through Vanco, our secure site: [mygloriadei.org/donate](https://mygloriadei.org/donate).

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- OC Tremble Clefs Concert at Gloria Dei (December 14, 3pm)

- Christmas Eve Worship (December 24, 4pm, 5:30pm, 10pm)
- Stephanie Trick & Paolo Alderighi Concert (January 5, 2025)
- Sr. High Burgers & Bowling at Saddleback Lanes (January 10, 6pm)
- Alzheimer Resources L & L (January 19, 2025)
- Women's Bunco (January 24, 2025)
- New members received (January 26, 2025)
- Prime Time Seniors Docent Ancient World Tour at The Nixon Library (February 13, 2025)
- Celebrating Life Community Health Center (CLCHC) Health Job Fair L & L (March 2, 2025)
- Men's Spring Training Retreat (March 7-9, 2025)
- Women's One Day Retreat (March 22, 2025)
- Annual Church Campout (June 6-8, 2025)
- Vacation Bible School (June 16-20, 2025)