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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 2, 2025 - 8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

WELCOME! Today, we read Saint Paul's famous words on love (1 Corinthians 13). May you experience the love and grace of God in countless ways. And may we be empowered to share this unconditional love with others. There is hope!

GUESTS, please sign in at the "Welcome Table" and receive a gift. For young children, a nursery is available - sign in your child and grab a pager. We also love children in worship and Sunday school (8:30am and 10am).

PRELUDE:

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

GATHERING HYMN: *Earth and All Stars*

#731 vv. 1-2, 5

**Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song!**

**Refrain: God has done mar-vel-ous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!**

**Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song! (Refrain.)**

**Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song! (Refrain.)**

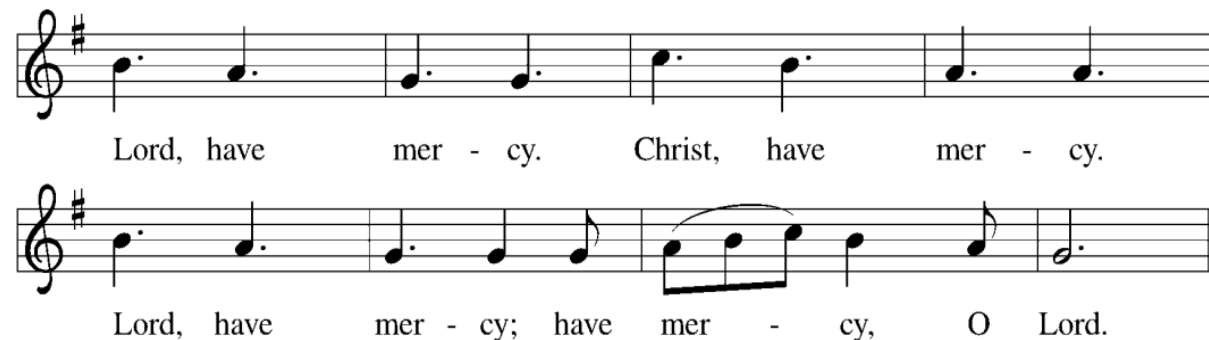
INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

Merciful God, **You speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with cruelty or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbor; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us Your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair Your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.** (A moment of silence. Proclamation of forgiveness.)

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

THE KYRIE (People sing refrain below.)

#154



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(8:30/10am - Children may leave for Sunday school and return during Holy Communion.)

Lisa Zylstra

THE FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

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

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

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

THE 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 Luke, the 4th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord!**)

THE GOSPEL: Luke 4:22-30

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.' " And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way. (The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

THE ANTHEM: *Spirit Divine* by N. Durance (10am)

Sanctuary Choir, Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

#659 vv. 1-4

**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.**

THE MESSAGE: "*Guinea Fowl Love*"

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: The Doxology

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of grace,

Your love reaches to the heavens and Your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to Your service; our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

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

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. Also, juice is located in the center of each tray, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request-please indicate this choice to a minister.)

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

#195

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.

That Priceless Grace

#591

That priceless grace, that priceless grace,

that priceless grace, which gave me life:

Jesus' life is priceless grace.

That priceless grace is life for me.

That priceless blood, that priceless blood,

that priceless blood was shed for me:

Jesus' blood is priceless grace.

That priceless grace is life for me.

That painful death, that painful death,

that painful death took sins away:

Jesus' death is priceless grace.

That priceless grace is life for me.

That precious word, that precious word,

that precious word, which brought me light:

Jesus' word is priceless grace.

That priceless grace is life for me.

Jesus Loves Me!

#595

**Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.**

Refrain: **Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! he who died heav-en's gate to open wide;
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.** (Refrain)

**Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.** (Refrain)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING, BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

#631 vv. 1, 4

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!

Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;

visit us with thy salvation, enter ev-'ry trembling heart.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;

let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!

Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,

till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

SENDING WORDS: 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: Barb Collins; Communion: Shelli Parajeckas & Pam Weiss; Lector: Craig Collins; Refreshments: Barb Collins; Ushers: Chuck Weinhardt & Craig Collins; Welcome Table: Judy Young

10am: Coffee Clean-up: Lisa Mers; Communion: Lisa Mers & Mary Jane Rylaarsdam;; Lector: Wayne Johnson; Ushers: Kathi Anderson & Susan Behnke; Welcome Table: David Warneke

5pm: Communion & Lector: Jeanne Moyer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS provided by Phil & Sandy Furlong in celebration of their 65th anniversary!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS - Jessica, Jordan & Luke Cicciarelli, Kelsey Engel; Jack and Kathy Evans; Doug Greene and Barb Markey; Frank and Vicki McCarthy; Jim, Shelly, Colin, Gavin, and Conor O'Byrne; John and Cindy Valentin.

ALOHA ANNUAL MEETING - TODAY, 11:15am, Bankson Hall. Ministry Celebration/Annual Meeting: All members are welcome for a wonderful luncheon (donation) and election of new Church Council, approval of annual budget, and celebration of ministries. Pick up your Annual Report at the meeting.

YOUNG ADULTS WITH KIDS - Today, February 2, 4pm - 6pm at John & Kristina Mayfield's home. Hamburgers & hotdogs will be provided by the Mayfields. Bring a side dish to share. Please attend with your young family. Questions? Contact the office at 949-493-3414.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION has started. Members receive discount tuition. If you have a child or grandchild interested in enrollment, contact Director Shelli Parajekas (preschool@mygloriadei.org).

THANK YOU to all who contributed toward the disaster response personal care kits assembled by our Gloria Dei Youth - over 100 kits were assembled! Thanks also for financial donations to Lutheran Disaster Response.

ART INSTALLATION is hanging down the center aisle. *Following Yonder Stars* is comprised of 1,197 stars and depicts several people's journeys to Jesus. Thanks to the art ministry!

NEW G.I.F.T. (Growing In Faith Together) GROUP - All women and men are welcome. Knudson Hall (1st & 3rd Tues./month), 10am. Bring a Bible. Facilitated by Dennis & Deacon Daneen Pysz. Sign up.

FEBRUARY ART GATHERING this Friday, February 7, 6:30pm in Bankson Hall. This month we look at Revelation 21 and subtractive art. We will also begin brainstorming for our upcoming Easter project.

PRIME-TIMERS (SENIORS) - Nixon Library Tour, February 13, 10am: two-and-a-half-hour docent tour of the museum and exhibit, *"The Ancient World-Unlocking the Middle East."* The church will provide a van for transportation. Cost is \$27.00. Bring your own lunch and water. Sign-up at the welcome table.

ROPE BASKET WORKSHOP - February 21 & 28 from 1-2pm. Join the art ministry for a 2-part workshop on weaving a rope basket led by Kelly Bridge. Sign up at the welcome table.

MEN'S SPRING TRAINING RETREAT (March 6-8), Tempe, AZ. Carpool over on Friday (5:45am), two ball games, great fellowship, return Sunday afternoon. First-come, first served. \$290 - Includes tickets, hotel room for two nights, breakfasts. See sign-up for details.

LUNCH & LEARN (L&L) - Celebrating Life Community Health Center job fair presents in Bankson Hall on March 2 at 11:30am. Sign up at the Welcome Table.

LOS ANGELOS ORPHANAGE TRIP - Saturday, March 15, 7am - 7pm. If you're interested in joining this trip, sign up at the Welcome Table. Passport required. If you can't attend, but would like to help, contact Eric Houser for donation recommendations.

PSALMS AND HEBREW - Pastor David is leading a Bible study on the Psalms, while teaching some simple Hebrew. You are welcome to join in at any time. Thursdays, 6:30pm, Knudson Hall (6 weeks).

SUNDAY SCHOOL (preschool-5th grade) meets during both morning services. Children leave after the Children's Message and return at Holy Communion.

SANCTUARY & HANDBELL CHOIRS meet on Thursdays. Handbell Choir-6:30pm, and Sanctuary Choir-7:30pm. To join, speak with Michelle Lum or email: michellelum@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.

NEED EXTRA PRAYER? Meet Deacon Daneen, Gini Sherwood, or Susan Warneke by the candle station after services.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEBRUARY 2 - 8, 2025

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am, & 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Aloha Annual Meeting & Lunch (11:15am); Confirmation (11:15am); Young Couples with Kids Event (4pm); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

Monday: South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); Growing in Faith (6:30pm); AA Coed Meeting (7pm)

Tuesday: AA Meeting (7am); GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group (10am); Men's Book Club (6pm); Al Anon (7pm)

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

Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Handbells (6:30pm); Psalms & Hebrew Study (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

Friday: Al Anon Meeting (10am); Preschool Dance Class (12pm); Art Gathering (6:30pm)

Saturday: AA Men (7am); Men's Breakfast Study (8:30am); Women's Board (9am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Mirabell Trio Concert (April 5)
- Women's Tea (April 26)
- Blood Drive (May 7)
- Annual Church Campout (June 6-8)
- Vacation Bible School (June 16-20)
- 60th Anniversary of GDLC (September 19)

GLORIA DEI STAFF: Rev. David R. Mattson (pastordavid@mygloriadei.org); Minister of Art & Music Michelle Lum (michellelum@mygloriadei.org); Preschool Director Shelli Parajekas (preschool@mygloriadei.org); Administrative Assistant Carol Weinhardt (gloriadei@mygloriadei.org); Deacon Daneen Pysz (deacondaneen@mygloriadei.org) Congregational Life Dir. Susie Boland (fellowship@mygloriadei.org); Youth Director Paige Gulck (youth@mygloriadei.org); Pianist/Organist Micaela Lum (pianist@mygloriadei.org); 5pm Worship Leader Harrison Michael