



BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY

January 12, 2025 - 8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

WELCOME! Today is all about baptism, as we hear the story of Jesus' baptism. Jesus commanded baptism and by the power of God's Spirit unites us to Him, officially welcomes us into the family of God, and celebrates God's grace for the baptized. May you feel empowered to face the challenges and opportunities of this day!

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: *Prelude No. 4 from École d'Orgue* by J. Lemmens

Micaela Lum, Pianist/Organist
Harrison Michael (5pm)

GATHERING HYMN: *All Creatures of Our God and King*

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice with us and sing:
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
O burning sun with golden beam,
And silver moon with softer gleam:
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

O rushing wind and breezes soft,
O clouds that ride the winds aloft:
Oh, praise him! Al-le-lu-ia!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice,
O lights of evening, find a voice.
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

O ev'ryone of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
Oh, praise him! Al-le-lu-ia!
All you who pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and lay on him your care.
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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: *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Let all things their Creator bless,

And worship God in humbleness.

Oh, praise him! Al-le-lu-ia!

Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son,

And praise the Spirit, Three in One,

Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, mark us with your images, and raise us to live our baptismal vows empowered by the Holy Spirit and the example of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Youth Director Paige Gulck

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

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight and honored and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from

far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

PSALM 29 (Read responsively.)

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;

worship the LORD in holy splendor.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful;

the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;

the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;

the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare,

and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

May the LORD give strength to his people!

May the LORD bless his people with peace!

THE SECOND LESSON: Acts 8:14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. (Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand for the Gospel.)

#169

(The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 3rd chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord!**)

THE GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." (The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to You, O Christ!)

ANTHEM: *Baptized and Set Free* arr. Helgen (10am)

Sanctuary Choir, Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF THE DAY: Children of the Heavenly Father

#781

**Children of the heav'n-ly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.**

**God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

**Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.**

THE MESSAGE: "*But First...*"

"*Seal of Approval*"

Pastor David R. Mattson (8:30/10am)

Deacon Daneen Pysz (5pm)

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Be Not Afraid* by B. Dufford

Andy Degan (8:30/10am)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: The Doxology

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

You Are Mine

#581

"I will come to you in the silence,

I will lift you from all your fear.

You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice.

Be still and know I am here.

Refrain: **Do not be afraid, I am with you.**

I have called you each by name.

Come and follow me, I will bring you home;

I love you and you are mine."

"I am hope for all who are hopeless,

I am eyes for all who long to see.

In the shadows of the night, I will be your light.

Come and rest in me. (Refrain.)

"I am strength for all the despairing,

healing for the ones who dwell in shame.

All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,

and all will know my name. (Refrain.)

"I am the Word that leads all to freedom,

I am the peace the world cannot give.

I will call your name, embracing all your pain.

Stand up, now walk and live! (Refrain.)

Precious Lord Take My Hand

#773

Precious Lord, take my hand,

lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears
and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: Go, My Children, with My Blessing

**"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."**

SENDING WORDS

POSTLUDE: *Postlude on "Italian Hymn"* by Edward Broughton Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS provided by Rebecca Horner in honor of Randy Horner & Richard Horner's birthday.

NEW 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!

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

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!

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - Meets every Wednesday, 10am. All women are invited! Study led by Pastor David or Deacon Daneen. Meets in Knudson Hall (upstairs near kitchen).

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

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

MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI? Orientation (TODAY, 11:30am) for all joining. Brunch will be served in Knudson Hall upstairs. Opportunity to meet the staff, hear about the history and programs of Gloria Dei, and our mission to share that "Grace changes everything!"

CHRIST IN OUR HOME - Pick up your copy of January - March, 2025 devotional at the Welcome Table.

#543

L&L (LUNCH & LEARN) - Next Sunday, January 19, 11:15am, Bankson Hall. Representative from Alzheimer's Assoc. of OC speaks on support available and new ways to communicate with loved ones with Alzheimers. Donation for lunch. See sign-up.

CONFIRMATION (Jr. High) service trip to the Union Rescue Mission in LA, Saturday, January 25, 7am at San Juan Capistrano train station. Take the train up to Union Station, walk over to the Mission, serve lunch, and return about 7pm. Questions: Speak with Youth Director Paige at youth@mygloriadei.org.

NEW G.I.F.T. (Growing In Faith Together) GROUP - All women and men are welcome. Tuesday, Jan. 21, 10am, Knudson Hall (1st & 3rd Tuesday/month). Study on the Gospel of John. Bring your Bible. Facilitated by Dennis & Deacon Daneen Pysz. Sign-up.

WOMEN'S BUNCO - Back by popular demand! Girls and women of all ages come and play, Friday, January 24, 6pm, Bankson Hall. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Cost: \$5. Sign-up.

SR. HIGH VALENTINE MAKING - Saturday, February 1, 6pm. Join in the fun of lifting someone's spirits by making Valentines for our shut-ins! Meet in Knudson Hall. Questions? Contact Youth Director Paige at youth@mygloriadei.org.

ALOHA ANNUAL MEETING - Sunday, February 2, 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. Sign-up so we can plan the meal.

PRIME TIME 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.*" Details to follow with either car pool or a bus. Cost is \$27.00. Bring your own lunch and water.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- L&L - Celebrating Life Community Health Center (March 2);
- Men's Spring Training Retreat (March 7-9);
- Los Angelitos Orphanage trip (March 15);
- Women's One Day Retreat (March 22);
- Annual Church Campout (June 6-8);
- Vacation Bible School (June 16-20)
- 60th Anniversary of GDLC (September 19)

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee Prep: Lynne & Wes Morgan; Communion: David & Lisa Zylstra; Lector: Barbara Keim; Ushers: Phil Furlong & Diane Kelly; Welcome Table: Judy Young

10am: Coffee Clean-up: Lora & William Stoll; Communion: Wayne Johnson & Melody Lieber; Lector: Lisa Mers; Ushers: Kathi Anderson & Richard Carlsson; Welcome Table: Gini Sherwood

5pm: Communion & Lector: Carol Simpson

OPPORTUNITIES FOR JANUARY 12 - 18, 2024

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am, & 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); New Member Orientation/Luncheon (11:30am); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

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

Tuesday: AA Meeting (7am); Surfside Quilters Guild General Meeting (9am); Heart Lifters (6:30pm); VFW Auxiliary (6:30pm); Al Anon (7pm); Church Council (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters Guild Workshop (9am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Saddleback Conference Meeting (11:30am); AA Group (6pm); Strategic Planning Team Meeting (6:30pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Grief Healing Group (1pm); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Handbells (6:30pm); Psalms & Hebrew Study (6:30pm); AA (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

Friday: Al Anon Meeting (10am)

Saturday: AA Men (7am); Serra's Pantry (8:30am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian Worship (1pm); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm)