



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 27, 2025  
8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

WELCOME to worship! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! As Christ overcame the cross and the grave, God continues to empower our living with faith and compassion.

Today, we begin a new series: *"Navigating Life's Waters."* We will look at many stories related to water, storms, ships, and how Jesus' provides calm and peace. Make sure you pick up your passport and follow along each Sunday!

THE PRELUDE:

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

THE GATHERING HYMN: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

#365 vv. 1-2, 4

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Al-le-lu-ia!  
our triumphant holy day, Al-le-lu-ia!  
who did once upon the cross, Al-le-lu-ia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Al-le-lu-ia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia!  
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Al-le-lu-ia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Al-le-lu-ia!

Sing we to our God above, Al-le-lu-ia!  
praise eternal as his love; Al-le-lu-ia!  
praise him, all you heav'n-ly host, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia!

THE INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

Risen Christ,  
the world despised and rejected you - You responded with grace, humility, and welcome. The proud questioned your power, devised your death - You responded with peace, forgiveness, and new life. Forgive us, merciful One, our arrogance, selfishness, and violence. Forgive us, merciful One and make us more like You. Amen.

(Time of silent confession)

Risen Christ, we proclaim your grace, mercy, and forgiveness. Dying, you destroyed the power of death and rising, you restore us to new and forgiven life. With our words and actions, we give You thanks and praise for this new beginning, now and forever. **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord have mercy.")

(People sing refrain below/Leader sings verses.) #184



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

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Preschool Director Shelli Parajeckas

(Children may leave for Sunday school at 10am)

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 5:27-32  
When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.” But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”  
(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: Revelation 1:4-8  
John to the seven churches that are in Asia: 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.) p. 188  
**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 20h chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**  
THE GOSPEL: John 20:19-31  
**When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. (The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE HYMN: You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord** #787 vv. 1-3  
**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life, say to the Lord: “My refuge, . . . my rock . . . in whom I trust!”**

Refrain: **And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

**The snare of the fowl-er will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear; under God's wings your refuge with faith-ful-ness your shield.** (Refrain.)

**You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.** (Refrain.)

THE MESSAGE: *Navigating Life's Waters* Deacon Daneen Pysz

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Wade in the Water* arr. Mark Hayes Andy Degan

**THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: The Doxology**

OFFERTORY PRAYER  
Let us pray. On this day of resurrection, O Christ,  
**We offer these gifts in response to Your mercy. May they reflect our gratitude and desire to share with others the hope of the resurrection; in Your holy name we pray. Amen.**

THE 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. Juice is located in the center of each tray, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

**HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:**  
**Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)** p. 191

**Come, Let Us Eat** #491  
**Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,**  
**Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.**  
**Our Lord's body let us take together,**  
**Our Lord's body let us take together.**

**Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,**  
**Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.**  
**Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,**  
**Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.**

In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,  
In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.  
In the presence of our Lord we gather,  
In the presence of our Lord we gather.

Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word,  
Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word.  
Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom,  
Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom.

Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign wher-e'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like sweet perfume shall rise,  
with ev-'ry morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev-'ry tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound wher-e'er he reigns:  
the pris-'ners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
peculiar honors to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: Eternal Father Song to Save

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard,  
who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid the storm didst sleep:

oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude,  
and bid its angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

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

THE POSTLUDE:

Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist

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**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Coffee Prep: Bill & Kathy Sieck; Communion: Shelly Higgins & Pat McKinley; Lector: Barbara Keim; Ushers: David & Lisa Zylstra; Welcome Table: Leslie McNaughton. **10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Lisa Mers; Communion: Lisa Mers & Karen Ungerman; Lector: Kathi Anderson; Ushers: Laurene Holmes-Hylton & Gia Lugo-Overton; Welcome Table: Sally Manville. **5pm:** Communion & Lector: Donna Sandidge

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by John Curie for his wife Linda in celebration of her birthday!

**SAILBOAT** in the Sanctuary - Thanks to Sean Salimian for providing it as a visual for the Easter Season theme: *Navigating Life's Waters*.

**EASTER SEASON GIFT** - The art ministry made art prints for the Easter season, if you didn't get one last week you can pick one up at the Welcome Table!

**WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** begins again on Wednesdays, 10am, Knudson Hall. Join in this weekly study led by Pastor David or Deacon Daneen.

**LAUNDRY LOVE** - Looking for volunteers at Sparklean Laundromat in San Juan Capistrano on Friday, May 2, 2pm - 5:30pm. Sign-up at the Welcome Table. For more info: [deacondaneen@mygloriadei.org](mailto:deacondaneen@mygloriadei.org).

**MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI:** Sign-up at the Welcome Table or call the office. For those who plan to join, come to the New Members Orientation, Sun., May 4, 11:30am. New Member Sunday is May 11

**YOUNG ADULTS** (20s/30s) Beach outing, Doheny, May 4 after the second service! Questions, speak with Lindsey Engel or call the church office. *"May the 4th be with you! And also with you!"*

**BLOOD DRIVE** - May 7, 9am - 3pm in Bankson Hall. Sign-up at the Welcome Table or register online at [redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time?dt=WB:PL:DR:PM&zipSponsor=92629](http://redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time?dt=WB:PL:DR:PM&zipSponsor=92629).

**WATER MARBLING WORKSHOP** - May 8, 10:30am in Bankson Hall. Come learn how to water marble. It's the art process used for our Easter art prints! Sign up at the Welcome Table.

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

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**ART GATHERING** - May 9, 6:30pm in the sanctuary. We are wrapping up our Art & Theology series with a talk on sacraments, and celebrating the completion of our Easter project. All are welcome!

**MOTHER'S DAY/GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY** - On May 11 enjoy muffins & daisies to celebrate our moms and between services check out our petting zoo friends in the parking lot, to celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday!

**COUPLES WITH YOUNG KIDS** - Join us for a beach play date at Dana Cove Park/Baby Beach - Sunday, May 18 at 11:30am. Invite a friend!

**SOUTH COAST LITERACY COUNCIL** - End of year celebration on May 19, 10am. The next session is June 9 - August 11. If interested in attending or volunteering: [esldanapoint@mygloriadei.org](mailto:esldanapoint@mygloriadei.org).

**CHURCH CAMPOUT** - Annual campout will be held at O'Neill Regional Park, June 6-8, campers & tents. Come for the weekend or Saturday for the Horseshoe Tournament, potluck, and worship service. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)** - "True North – Trusting Jesus in a Wild World". June 16-20, 9am-12pm. Children ages 4 (Pre-K) - 5th grade are welcome! VBS Registration is open online [www.mygloriadei.org/vbs\\_form](http://www.mygloriadei.org/vbs_form). More details: email Susie Boland at [fellowship@mygloriadei.org](mailto:fellowship@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](http://mygloriadei.org/donate).

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR APRIL 27 - 30, 2025**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am, 10am, & 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am)  
**Monday:** South Coast Literacy Council (10am); AlAnon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed Meeting (7pm)  
**Tuesday:** AA Meeting (7am); GIFT (Growing In Faith Together (10am); Al Anon (7pm)  
**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Mission Hospital Alumni AA (6pm); 12 Step Couples (7:30pm)  
**Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Grief Healing (1pm); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)  
**Friday:** Carpet Cleaning Bankson & Knudson (9am); Al Anon (10am); Kenny's Music Rehearsal (2pm): Laundry Love in SJC (2pm)  
**Saturday:** AA Men (7am); Prayer Shawl (9am); Jack Evans Memorial (11am); ACA Group (11:30am); Ukrainian School of OC (1:30pm)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- ❖ Pacifica Synod Assembly (May 15 - 17)
- ❖ Los Angelitos Orphanage Trip (June 28)
- ❖ Summer Bible Study begins (July 9)
- ❖ Fantasy Football Draft Day (August 23)
- ❖ 60th Anniversary of Party and Dinner (September 19)
- ❖ Rally Sunday (September 21)
- ❖ Women's Retreat (October 3-5)
- ❖ Oktoberfest (October 11)