

 **GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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## EASTER - RESURRECTION SUNDAY

April 20, 2025 - 6:30am, 8:30am, 10:00am

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!** May the joy of the resurrection give you strength and hope! Please join us for refreshments following the service and if you are a guest, please "sign-in" at the Welcome Table and receive a gift. A nursery is available for young children today. Sign your child in and grab a pager. Again, welcome to worship!

PRELUDE MUSIC: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. Joel Raney & Arnold B. Sherman (8:30/10am)  
Micaela Lum, Organist, Stephanie Assisi, Pianist  
Gloria Dei Bell Choir, Art & Music Director Michelle Lum

**THE GATHERING HYMN: Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

#365 vv. 1-3

**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!**

**But the pains which he endured, Al-le-lu-ia!  
our salvation have procured, Al-le-lu-ia!  
now above the sky he's king, Al-le-lu-ia!  
where the angels ever sing. Al-le-lu-ia!**

**THE INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

(People read **bold** words.)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

We gather on this Resurrection Sunday to celebrate the hope of the world.  
**May the Spirit of the living Christ grant us this hope.**

As we gather, we remember how the first Easter began:  
**Early in the morning, on the first day of the week,**

They gathered in the dark to go to the tomb. And they were saying among themselves,  
**"Who shall roll away the stone from the door of the tomb?"**

And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back  
**and entering the tomb, an angel greeted them, saying,**

"Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.  
**He is not here; for he has been raised!"**

Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!**

**THE HYMN: Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

#365 v. 4

**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 PRAYER OF THE DAY** (The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**)

ANTHEM: *Risen Indeed!* by Allen Pote (8:30/10am)  
Sanctuary Choir, Art & Music Director Michelle Lum

THE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26  
If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.  
(Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ***All Creatures of Our God and King*** (Please stand.)  
**All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice with us and sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! O burning sun with golden beam,  
and silver moon with softer gleam:  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 24th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**  
THE EASTER GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

**But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.**  
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: ***Thine is the Glory*** #376 vv. 1-2  
**Thine is the glory, risen, con-qu'ring Son;  
endless is the vic-t'ry thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.**

Refrain: **Thine is the glory, risen, con-qu'ring Son;  
endless is the vic-t'ry thou o'er death hast won!**

**Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!  
Lov-ing-ly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!** (Refrain)

THE MESSAGE: “If I Could be Like...” Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Eternal Source of Light Divine* by Handel (8:30/10am)  
Timothy Mathiesen, trumpet, Kathy Person, violin, Micaela Lum, organ

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: ***Thine is the Glory*** (Please stand.) #376 v. 3  
**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than con-qu'rors,  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.**

Refrain: **Thine is the glory, risen, con-qu'ring Son;  
endless is the vic-t'ry thou o'er death hast won!**

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER, INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE HOLY COMMUNION  
(All who believe Christ is present in this sacrament are welcome. Non-communing children and adults who choose not to receive, may still come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms in front as a signal you would prefer a blessing. Also, for those who prefer, white grape juice is located in the center of each tray and gluten free bread is available. There will be three communing areas today. The ushers will guide you forward.)

THE HYMNS DURING HOLY COMMUNION:  
***Lamb of God*** (Cantor sings first and people repeat.)

***Let Us Break Bread Together*** #471  
**Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees,  
With my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees . . .**

**Let us praise God together on our knees . . .**

**One Bread, One Body** #496  
Refrain: **One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.**

**Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.** (Refrain.)

**Many the gifts, many the works, One in the Lord - of all.** (Refrain.)

**Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.** (Refrain.)

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

**THE SENDING HYMN: I Know That My Redeemer Lives** #619 vv. 1-2, 8  
**I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my ever-living head!**

**He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save;  
he lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his Church in love.**

**He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives; I know that my Redeemer lives!**

SENDING WORDS: Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!**  
Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

THE POSTLUDE: *Allegro* by Claude Balbastre Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist  
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**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**  
**6:30am:** Communion & Lector: Diane Kelly; Ushers: Dianne & Greg Blanda. **8:30am:** Coffee Prep: Jim & Laura Bankson; Communion: Barb Collins, Denise Boyd, Paige Gulck, Shelly Hlggins, Barbara Keim & Sonja Krafcik; Lector: Sonja Krafcik; Ushers: John Adams, Craig Collins, Scott Neiderhiser & Chuck Weinhardt; Welcome Table: Bob & Bonny Gillespie. **10am:** Acolyte: Jillian Yeager; Coffee Clean-up: Melody & Ron Bacon; Communion: Roger Grefsrud, Peggy Johnson, Melody Lieber, Colleen McCray, Mary Jane Rylaarsdam & Ron Bacon; Lector: Dean Frasc  ; Ushers: Dean Frasc  , Willie Knottnerus & Dennis Pysz; Welcome Table: Sharon Derr

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Christa & Bettina Bartha in memory of Andreas Bartha. They are also given by Gloria Dei in celebration of His resurrection!

**THANK YOU** to all the members & friends who donated lilies to help beautify our sanctuary!

**EASTER GIFT** from the art ministry to you! We created 400 unique art prints inspired by our Easter theme. Be sure to grab one before you go! Please take one per family.

**NEXT SUNDAY** - A new message/Bible study series begins: *“Navigating Life’s Waters.”* You’ll be encouraged to pick up a passport at the Welcome Table. Look for the sailboat in the Sanctuary!

**WOMEN’S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** begins again on Wednesdays, 10am, Knudson Hall, April 23. Join in this weekly study led by Pastor David or Deacon Daneen.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Barbara McKinley on April 24, 11am. A luncheon will follow in Bankson Hall.

**WOMEN’S TEA** - April 26 at 11am in Bankson Hall, catered by Ellie Snyder. Cost: \$25. No charge for table hostesses/military families. Invite a friend! Sign-up at the Welcome Table to attend or host.

**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).

**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.

**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.

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

**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).

**MUSIC MINISTRY** - Thanks to all our musicians and ensembles for creating wonderful music this Easter! If interested in joining either the Sanctuary Choir or Gloria Dei Handbell Choir, or other musical opportunities, contact: [michellelum@mygloriadei.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 20 - 26, 2025**

**Today:** Worship (6:30am, 8:30am, & 10am); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Easter Egg Hunt (9:30am)

**Monday:** South Coast Literacy Council (10am); RIOT Book Club (2pm); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed Meeting (7pm)

**Tuesday:** AA Meeting (7am); Heart Lifters (6:30pm); Men's Book Club (6:30pm); 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); Barbara McKinley Memorial (11am); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); AA Men (7pm)

**Friday:** Al Anon (10am); Kenny's Music Rehearsal (2pm)

**Saturday:** AA Men (7am); Women's Tea (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)

**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS FOR DONATING THE BEAUTIFUL LILIES!**

John & Susan Adams	In memory of Marjorie Adams, mother & mentor and Big John Adams, father & friend
Kathi Anderson	In memory of Cliff Anderson & Matthew Court
Ruth Anderson	In memory of my husband, Harvey
	In celebration of my granddaughter, Sophia's engagement to Max Shuman
Susan Behnke	In memory of Fred Voss
James & Yvonne Bell	In honor of John & Dorothy Bell and Edward & Gusta Welcher
Denise Boyd	In memory of Annabelle Dalberg, Denise's mom
Lisa & Kristopher Cowan	In memory of Kelley Spencer
Phil Delgado	In honor of his brother, Victor Delgado and Mom & Dad
Sharon Derr	In celebration of Cora, Dillon & Luke Weaver
Diane Dowdy & Barb Keim	In memory of an amazing person of God & special brother-in-law
The Dubow Family	In memory of Betsy Dubow
Kathy Evans	In memory of Jack Evans
Linda & John Friend	In memory of our daughter & parents
Bob & Brenda Gaumer	In honor of our children & grandchildren
Nadine Graven & Larry Lisser	In memory of Mike Graven, Stan Graven, Inegen Lisser & Ernie Lisser
Marilyn Hemingway	In memory of Jarrell Ward Hemingway, husband, who passed away in 2020
Lynn Heuer	In memory of my daughter, Jill Eller and my husband, Ron Heuer
	In memory of family members Heuer, Hirsch, Jepsen, Olson, & Schmiedt
Laurene Holmes-Hylton	In honor of Kathryn Holmes & Vera Cassen

Tracey Hughes  
Blaine & Peggy Johnson  
Bill Jonas & Kathy Martino  
Diane Kelly  
Don & Janet Klein  
Mike & Dellita Kobold  
Pastor John & Marj Knudson  
Sonja Krafcik  
Gia Lugo & Eric Overton  
Sharon Miller  
Bert & Jeannie Moyer  
Garry & Toni Nelson  
Barbara Richards  
The Ross Family  
Mary Jane Rylaarsdam & Pike family  
Donna Sandidge  
Liane Schuller  
Robert Schultz  
Dianne Scott  
Hal & JoAnn Scott  
Nancy & Dan Smith  
Cheryl Swinehart  
John & Cindy Valentin  
David & Susan Warneke

James & Neta Wenrick

Jon & Jane Zeiger  
David & Lisa Zylstra

In celebration of my beautiful grandchildren, Zoey & Van and In honor of Cash  
In memory of our parents  
In memory of our parents  
In honor of my sister, Kathleen  
In memory of family members  
In honor of our parents  
In celebration of great grandson, Charles Paul Crosson  
In honor of Luther Stumme  
In memory of Aunt Kay & Uncle Garnet  
In celebration of Jennifer Brown's progress  
In celebration of all the blessings God has given us.  
In memory of Donna Bardswich and Gladys Lily Nelson  
In memory of Tom Richards  
In honor of the Risen Christ! He is Risen Indeed!  
In memory of husband, Jack Pike  
In memory of my dad, Don Wilson  
In memory of Ray & Ingrid Schuller  
In memory of Donald & Ruth Schultz and William Schultz  
In memory of John & Margaret Vislocky  
In honor of Hal & JoAnn's parents  
In memory of Lois Probst, Nancy's mom  
In memory of Mike Swinehart & son, Paul  
In memory of our parents  
In honor of His sacrifice  
In celebration of His Resurrection  
In honor of grandsons, Noah & Roland, Neta's Aunt, Dorene Ball, & Neta's sister, Sherry Mills  
In celebration of our Lord's resurrection  
In honor of John Gyros  
In honor of Hoye & Judy Zylstra