



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 4, 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 continue the 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! Today is all about navigating times of failure and how the Spirit guides us forward.

THE PRELUDE:

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

**THE GATHERING HYMN: All Glory be to Christ**

Should nothing of our efforts stand,  
No legacy survive,  
Unless the Lord does raise the house,  
In vain its builders strive.  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain,  
Tell me, what is your life?  
A mist, it vanishes at dawn,  
All glory be to Christ!

(Dustin Kensrue - tune: Auld Lang Syne)

Refrain: All glory be to Christ our King, All glory be to Christ.  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, All glory be to Christ!

His will be done, His kingdom come,  
On earth as is above.  
Who is Himself our daily bread,  
Praise Him the Lord of love.  
Let living waters satisfy  
The thirsty without price.  
Come eat of Him, our Living Bread,  
All glory be to Christ! (Refrain)

When on the day, the great I Am,  
The Faithful and the True,  
The Lamb who was for sinner's slain,  
Is making all things new.  
Behold our God shall live with us,  
And be our Steadfast Light,  
And we shall e'er His people be,  
All glory be to Christ! (Refrain)

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

THE 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.** (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.**

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (People sing refrain below/Leader sings verses.) #167

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion  
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;  
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:30am/10am) Youth Director Paige Gulck  
(Children may leave for Sunday school at 10am)

THE LESSON: Acts 9:1-19  
Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem, and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight

was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus.  
(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 21st chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**  
THE GOSPEL: John 21:1-8  
**After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.**  
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

ANTHEM (10am): *Jesus, Send Us on Your Mission* by M. Shepperd  
Sanctuary Choir, Art & Music Director Michelle Lum

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN: **Will You Come and Follow Me** #798 vv. 1-3  
**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?**  
**Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?**  
**Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,**  
**will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"**

**"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?**  
**Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?**  
**Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?**  
**Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?"**

**"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?**  
**Will you set the pris-'ners free and never be the same?**  
**Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,**  
**and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"**

THE MESSAGE: *Navigating Life's Waters Series: "Failing Forward"* Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *He Will Hold Me Fast* (Arr. Dan Galbraith) Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

**You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore** #817  
You have come down to the lakeshore  
Seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,  
But only asking for me to follow.

Refrain: **Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;  
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.  
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;  
now with you, I will seek other seas.**

**You know full well what I have, Lord:  
Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,  
Just these my fish nets and will for working.** (Refrain.)

**You need my hands, my exhaustion,  
Working love for the rest of the weary  
A love that's willing to go on loving.** (Refrain.)

**You who have fished other waters;  
You, the longing of souls that are yearning:  
O loving Friend, you have come to call me.** (Refrain.)

**Be Not Afraid**  
You shall cross the barren desert  
But you shall not die of thirst  
You shall wander far in safety  
Though you do not know the way  
You shall speak your words to foreign men  
And they will understand  
You shall see the face of God and live

Refrain: **Be not afraid I go before you always**

**Come, follow me and I will give you rest**

**If you pass through raging waters in the sea  
You shall not drown  
If you walk amid the burning flames  
You shall not be harmed  
If you stand before the power of hell  
And death is at your side  
Know that I am with you through it all** (Refrain)

**And blessed are your poor  
For the kingdom shall be theirs  
Blest are you that weep and mourn  
For one day you shall laugh  
And if wicked men insult and hate you  
All because of me  
Blessed, blessed are you** (Refrain)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: '**Tis the Old Ship of Zion** (Spiritual)  
Refrain: 'Tis the old ship of Zion, 'tis the old ship of Zion,  
'tis the old ship of Zion, get on board, get on board.

**It has landed many a thousand, it has landed many a thousand,  
it has landed many a thousand, get on board, get on board.** [Refrain]

**It was good for my dear mother, it was good for my dear mother,  
it was good for my dear mother, get on board, get on board.** [Refrain]

**It was good for my dear father, it was good for my dear father,  
it was good for my dear father, get on board, get on board.** [Refrain]

**It will take you home to glory, it will take you home to glory,  
it will take you home to glory, get on board, get on board.** [Refrain]

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

THE POSTLUDE: Micaela Lum (8:30/10am)  
Mark Lum (5pm)

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**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Coffee Prep: Barb Collins; Communion: Christian Asis & Carol Weinhardt; Lector: David Macher; Refreshments: Tim Boyd; Ushers: Richard Carlson & John Gustavson; Welcome Table: Tim Boyd.

**10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Gloria Dei Staff; Communion: Roger Grefsrud & Jim St. Martin; Lector: Susan Warneke; Refreshments: Kari Hallowell; Ushers: Jeanne Mills & Dennis Pysz; Welcome Table: Peggy Johnson.

**5pm:** Communion & Lector: Carol Simpson

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Ann & Jim St. Martin in celebration of the Glory of God! . They are also given by Kathy Evans in memory of her husband Jack.

**CAROL WEINHARDT** - Today, we recognize the ministry of Carol and for her many years of important service to our church. We thank her for her dedication, humor, and the hospitality she has brought to Gloria Dei as the Administrative Assistant.

**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 yet you can pick one up at the Welcome Table! Today is the last day to pick one up!

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

**MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI** - Sign-up at the Welcome Table or call the office. For those who plan to join, come to the New Member Orientation/Lunch, TODAY, 11:30am, Knudson Hall upstairs. 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 <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>.

**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.

**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** - Next Sunday, May 11, enjoy muffins & daisies to celebrate moms & between morning services check out a petting zoo 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).

**CELLI À DEUX CONCERT** - Wednesday, May 21, 6pm in the Sanctuary. Come hear cello duo Paul Hyun and Carolyn Regula perform a wide variety of music from classical to pop. Free-will offering.

**ANNUAL CHURCH CAMPOUT** - 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.

**LAUNDRY LOVE** - Looking for volunteers at Sparklean Laundromat in San Juan Capistrano on Friday, June 6, 2pm - 5:30pm. Sign-up at the Welcome Table. For more info: [deacondaneen@mygloriadei.org](mailto:deacondaneen@mygloriadei.org).

**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).

**LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE TRIP** - June 28, 7am - 7pm. If interested, sign up at the Welcome Table. Passport required. If you can't attend, but want to help, contact Eric Houser for donation ideas.

**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 MAY 4 - 10, 2025**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am, 10am, & 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); New Member Orientation (11:30am); Young Adult (30's - 40's, no kids) Beach Outing (11:30am); Prime Time Seniors Handbell Concert (5pm)

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

**Tuesday:** AA Meeting (7am); Al Anon (7pm)

**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Blood Drive (9am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Preschool Open House (5pm); Mission Hospital Alumni AA (6pm); 12 Step Couples (7:30pm)

**Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Water Marbling Workshop (10:30am); Grief Healing (1pm); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

**Friday:** Al Anon (10am); Kenny's Music Rehearsal (2pm); Art Gathering (6pm)

**Saturday:** AA Men (7am); Men's Bible Breakfast (8:30am); Jr. Bach Festival (9am); Women's Board Meeting (9am); ACA Group (11:30am); Ukrainian School of OC (1:30pm)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

❖ Pacifica Synod Assembly (May 15 - 17) ❖ Prime Time Seniors Day at the Races in Los Alamitos (June 21) ❖ Summer Bible Study begins (July 9) ❖ Kintsugi Workshops (August 14 & 16) ❖ Fantasy Football Draft Day (August 23) ❖ 60th Anniversary Party and Dinner (September 19) ❖ Rally Sunday (September 21) ❖ Women's Retreat (October 3-5) ❖ Oktoberfest (Oct. 11)