



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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RALLY SUNDAY

September 21, 2025

8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today is "Rally Sunday" and the reception of new members. All weekend, we're also celebrating our 60th Anniversary. We give thanks to God for all the blessings of the past and look forward to new opportunities for future service.

GUESTS, please sign in at the "Welcome Table" and receive a gift and then join us for refreshments. A nursery is available for young children. Sign in and grab a pager. We also love children in worship! Sunday school for preschool - 5th graders takes place during morning worship. Children leave after the Children's Message and return at Communion.

PRELUDE: *Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. Hayes & Gaspard

Nathan Wilson, Organist, Micaela Lum, Pianist (8:30/10am)

Harrison Michael (5pm)

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!**

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 146)

(People read **bold** words.)

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes

in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs,

they return to the earth;

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed;

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

The Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord will reign forever, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!
Amen.

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!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Preschool Director Shelli Parajeckas

(Children may leave for Sunday school and return at Holy Communion.)

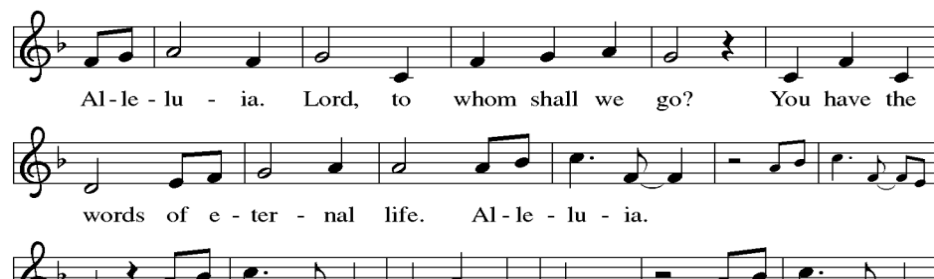
THE LESSON: 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)

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(The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**)

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said, 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.'

(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**)

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

HYMN OF THE DAY: This Little Light of Mine

#677

**This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

**Ev-'ry-where I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;
ev-'ry-where I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;
ev-'ry-where I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

**Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

MESSAGE: *Let's Keep the Light On!*

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God* arr. Larson
Andy Degan, Michelle Lum, Paul Hyun, Micaela Lum

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: The Doxology

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER, INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SACRAMENT OF 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.)

THE HYMNS DURING HOLY COMMUNION:

Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei*)

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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, Lamb of God.

Amazing Grace

#779

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Taste and See

#493

Refrain: Taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.
Oh, taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times.
Praise shall always be on my lips
my soul shall glory in the Lord;
for God has been so good to me. (Refrain.)

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me;
from all my troubles I was set free. (Refrain.)

Worship the Lord, all you people.
You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
in God we need put all our trust. (Refrain.)

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

#413 vv. 1-2,4

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

THE SENDING: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise* arr. Hayes & Gaspard

Nathan Wilson, Organist, Micaela Lum, Pianist (8:30/10am)

Harrison Michael (5pm)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL is offered during morning services for children ages 4-5th grade. Contact Children's Ministry Director, Molly Healey with any questions. (childrensministry@mygloriadei.org)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Barbara Bates, Brenda Finley, Kyrsten Gallo and Michael Moran M.D.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - All women are invited to this weekly study led by Pastor David and Deacon Daneen, 10am.

CHOIR AUDITIONS & VOCAL PLACEMENT - September 25 from 6-9pm. For new and preexisting members of our Sanctuary Choir and Gloria Dei Chorale (new). Please sign up for a 6 minute audition slot at the welcome table.

YOUNG FAMILIES WITH KIDS - Game Night and Pizza! Sunday, September 28, 4:30-6:30pm in Bankson Hall! See the Welcome Table to sign-up.

PARENTS CONFIRMATION MEETING: 6th-8th grade youth meet with Pastor David and Paige for Confirmation. An orientation for parents is TODAY at 9:30am (sanctuary). Schedule/program will be discussed.

FIRST CONFIRMATION CLASS - October 5, 11:15am-12:30 in Bankson Hall. Sixth, seventh and eighth graders will meet for Confirmation class. Lunch will be served.

LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE TRIP - Saturday, September 27. Details: See sign-up.

LAUNDRY LOVE - Friday, October 3 at Sparklean Laundromat, SJC, 2:00-5:30p.m. Sign up at the Welcome Table.

2025 WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND: Friday- Sunday, October 3-5 in Escondido at the Welk Resort! The weekend is now full, but you can still join the group on Saturday. Fellowship, Bible study and lots of fun activities! Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

FESTIVAL OF SAINT FRANCIS - BLESSING OF ANIMALS will take place at the 5pm service on Sunday, October 5. Bring your dog, cat, snake... for a brief prayer and blessing!

CHOIR REHEARSALS begin October 9. Handbell Choir (6pm), Sanctuary Choir and Gloria Dei Chorale (7:15pm). Interested in joining an ensemble? Sign up for an audition (vocal only) or email michellelum@mygloriadei.org.

SCULPTURE WORKSHOP: ANIMALS - Thursdays October 9, 16, & 23 from 12:30-2:30pm in Bankson Hall. Create a sculpture of your favorite animal with polymer clay. Cost: \$10 (members) or \$20 (public). Sign up at the welcome table.

OKTOBERFEST - Saturday, October 11 at 5:00pm, hosted by the Men of Gloria Dei (MGD). Come out and enjoy festive music, brats and games! See sign-up at the Welcome Table. Family event! All Welcome!

TRICK-OR-TRUNK - Come join in the spooky fun on Sunday, October 26 at 4pm. Decorate your trunk and park to pass out candy after having In-n-Out, a costume parade and contest, fun games and an inflatable slide! There will also be prizes for the best decorated trunk!

PRAYERS? - Before or after services, meet a prayer partner at the Candle Station.

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.

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee Prep: Bob & Bonnie Gillespie; Communion: Phil & Sandy Furlong; Lector: David Macher; Ushers: Christian Asis & Tim Boyd; Welcome Table: Liane Schuller
10am: Coffee Clean-up: Scott Lund; Communion: Donna & Jerry Combe; Lector: Kari Hallowell; Ushers: Karen Ungerman & Jennifer Olmstead; Welcome Table: Mary Jane Rylaarsdam
5pm : Gary Bridge

OPPORTUNITIES FOR September 21-27, 2025

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); Confirmation Orientation (9:30)
Monday: South Coast Literacy (10am); Blood Drive (12pm); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed (7pm)
Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Staff Meeting (12:30pm); Men's Book Club (6pm); Heart Lifters (6:30pm); Al Anon (7pm)
Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Mission Hospital AA (6pm); 12 Step Couples (7:30pm)
Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Choir Auditions (6pm); AA Men (7pm)
Friday: Al Anon (10am); Kenny's Music (6pm)
Saturday: Los Angelitos (7am); AA Men (7am); ACA Group (11:30am); Ukrainian School (1:30pm); Johnson Wedding (3pm)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- ❖ Reformation Sunday - Bible Presentation (October 25)
- ❖ All Saints Sunday (November 2)
- ❖ Stewardship Sunday (November 9)
- ❖ Middle School Confirmation Retreat (Nov.14-16)
- ❖ Chili Cook-off and Canned Food Drive (November 19)
- ❖ Tinsel, Tune, & Trains (Tree Lighting Party) (December 5, 4pm)
- ❖ Los Angelitos Orphanage Trip (December 6)
- ❖ Sunday school Christmas Pageant (December 14, 10am)
- ❖ Christmas Caroling (December 14, 3pm)
- ❖ Trick and Alderighi Piano Duet Concert (January 4)
- ❖ Men's Spring Training Retreat (March 6-9)
- ❖ Church Campout (June 12-14)
- ❖ Vacation Bible School (July 6-10)

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