



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 28, 2025
8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! 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.

Today, we look at Scripture that reminds us God is the giver of all things and we are called to share our gifts of time, talents, and treasures with others.

PRELUDE:

Micaela Lum, Pianist

GATHERING HYMN: *This Is My Father's World*

#824 vv.1-2

**This is my Father's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.**

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

THE CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION

(People read/sing **bold** words.)

Gracious God, have mercy on us.

We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Silence for confession. Proclamation of forgiveness.)

APOSTOLIC GREETING (The grace of our Lord... be with you all. **And also with you.**)

KYRIE (Leader sings verses. People sing refrain below.)

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Lord, have___ mer - cy, Christ, have___ mer - cy.

Lord, have___ mer - cy, have mer - cy, O Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Lisa Zylstra

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

THE FIRST LESSON: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Alas to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, the notables of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel resorts! Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music, who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

PSALM 113

(People read **bold** words.)

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord;
praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time on and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations
and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God,
who is seated on high,

who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.
Praise the Lord!

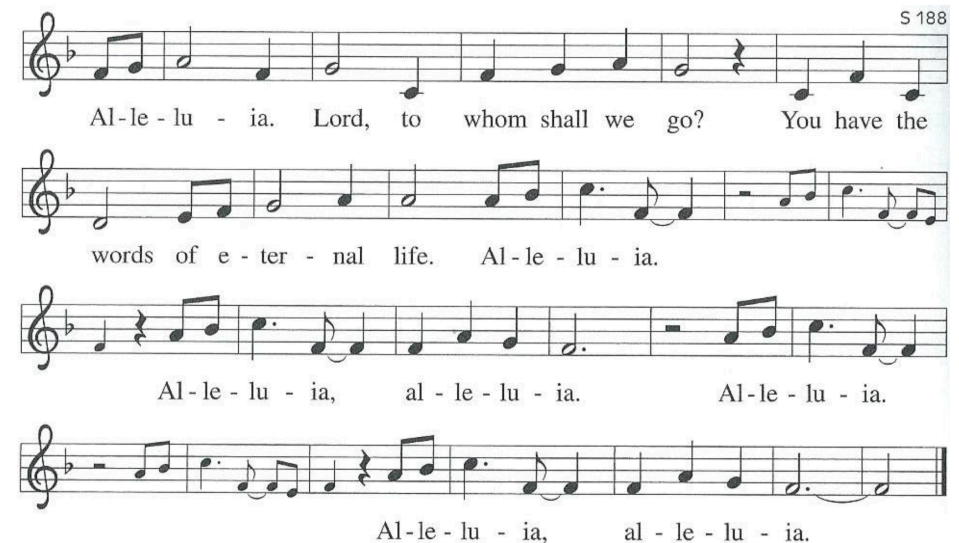
THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Timothy 6-6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand for the Gospel.)

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Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

(The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 16th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**)

THE GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' And He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' " (The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to You, O Christ!)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Be Thou My Vision*

#793 vv.1-3

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought . . . by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

THE MESSAGE "Rags to Riches"

Deacon Daneen Pysz

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Allegro from Sonata #3* attr. Handel
Kathy Person, violin

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *The Doxology*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION/Lord's Prayer

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:

Lamb of God

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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.

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

#502

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Here is Bread

#483

Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

Refrain:

In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.

Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. (Refrain.)

**Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified.** (Refrain.)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

**THE SENDING HYMN: Now Thank We All Our God
Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

#840

**Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

SENDING WORDS

POSTLUDE: Micaela Lum

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS - are provided by Susan Behnke in memory of Fred Voss.

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: Catherine Adams, Barbara Bates, Brenda Finley, Kyrsten Gallo and Michael Moran

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

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

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.

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.

LAUNDRY LOVE - Friday, October 3, Sparklean Laundromat, SJC, 2pm-5:30pm. Sign up.

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

OCTOBER ART GATHERING - October 8, 6:30pm in Bankson Hall. This month Maria Boyd presents on the still life work of a well-known artist and we continue our Working Artist discussions. All are welcome to join in!

CHOIR REHEARSALS begin October 9. Handbell Choir (6pm), Sanctuary Choir and Gloria Dei Chorale (7:15pm). Interested in joining an ensemble? Email michellelum@mygloriadei.org.

SCULPTURE WORKSHOP: ANIMALS - Thursdays, October 9, 16, & 23, 12:30-2:30pm, 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, 5pm, hosted by the Men of Gloria De (MGD). Come out and enjoy festive music, brats and games! See sign-up at the Welcome Table. Family event! All Welcome!

SERRA'S PANTRY - Next volunteer opportunity is Saturday, October 18, 8:30am-12pm. Email/call the church office with any questions at gloriadei@mygloriadei.org.

REFORMATION SUNDAY - Join us for festive worship, special music and refreshments, Sunday, October 25. Wear something red! There will be a Bible presentation for all 3rd graders. Sign-up.

TRICK-OR-TRUNK - Fall Festival - Sunday, October 26, 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! Prizes for the best decorated trunk!

YOUTH TRIP - For Confirmation and Senior High kids and families. November 1 - All day - Join the fun on a trip to Cal Lutheran University for a tour of the campus and some fun activities afterwards.

LABYRINTH WALK - Walk our church's Labyrinth with scriptures and prayers of Thanksgiving. Saturday, November 1, 8-4 pm. Sign up for times at the Welcome Table.

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: Kristina Mayfield; Communion: Kathy Martino & Shelli Parajeckas; Lector: Paige Gulck; Ushers: Henry Nurminen & Dennis Pysz; Welcome Table: Sharon Derr

10am: Coffee Clean-up: Ann & Jim St. Martin; Communion: Laurene Holmes-Hylton & Katherine Dickinson; Lector: Laurene Holmes-Hylton; Ushers: Kathi Anderson & Susan Behnke; Welcome Table: Lin McNaughton

5pm: Lorraine McCarty

OPPORTUNITIES FOR September 28-October 4, 2025

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); Young Families with Kids Game Night (4:30pm)

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

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); GIFT (10am); Staff Meeting (12:30pm); 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); Seniors and Friends AA (2pm); Al Anon (5:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Music Fundamentals Workshop (7:30pm)

Friday: Al Anon (10am); Laundry Love (2pm); Kenny's Music (6pm); Women's Retreat Begins

Saturday: AA Men (7am); Prayer Shawl Meeting (9am); ACA Group (11:30am); Ukrainian School (1:30pm); Installation of Bishop Curry

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- ❖ All Saints Sunday (November 2)
- ❖ 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)
- ❖ Sunday school Christmas Pageant (December 14, 10am)
- ❖ Christmas Caroling (December 14, 3pm)
- ❖ Blue Christmas (December 21, 5pm)
- ❖ Prime Time Seniors - Mission in Lights (December 29, 7pm)
- ❖ 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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