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13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 7, 2025
8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Guests, please sign in at the "Welcome Table" and receive a gift. For young children, a nursery is available. Sign in and grab a pager. We also love children in worship!

Today, we hear one of the most difficult and challenging passages in the entire Bible - following Jesus is not for the faint of heart! May God grant us strength, courage, and a heart to humbly serve the One who is worthy of all of our commitment.

PRELUDE:

Micaela Lum, Pianist/Organist

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

GATHERING HYMN: *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven* #865 vv.1-3
**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise the everlasting King!**

**Praise him for his grace and favor to our forebears in distress.
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Glorious is his faithfulness!**

**Tenderly he shields and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Widely as his mercy flows.**

THE CONFESSION

(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.

(A moment of silence. Proclamation of forgiveness.)

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

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Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy, have mercy, O Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you, from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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

THE SECOND LESSON: Philemon 1:1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To our beloved coworker Philemon, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love--and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother--especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. I, Paul, am writing this

with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

(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 14th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**)

THE GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius

Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Melody Lieber

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (sing 2x) #752

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

THE MESSAGE: *Obstructed View Seat*

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *At The Cross (Love Ran Red)* arr. Galbraith Michelle Lum

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: The Doxology

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (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

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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.

Will You Come and Follow Me

#798

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?"

"Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

How Great Thou Art

#856

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

consider all the works thy hand hath made,

I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,

thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain: **Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,**

how great thou art! How great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,

how great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,

I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;

when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur

and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; (Refrain.)

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,

sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,

that on the cross my burden gladly bearing

he bled and died to take away my sin; (Refrain.)

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,

and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration

and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" (Refrain.)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart #873 vv.1-3
**Rejoice, ye pure in heart!, Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.**

Refrain: **Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

**With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,
send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days.** (Refrain.)

**With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth.** (Refrain.)

SENDING WORDS

POSTLUDE: Micaela Lum (8:30/10am)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS - are provided by Blaine and Peggy Johnson in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER is available to pick up as a paper copy at the welcome table or go to the Church website to see an online version.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S MEETING - TODAY! (after the 8:30 service) to go over all you need to know for teaching Sunday School (how to sign up, curriculum, crafts, substitutes, and more!).

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON - **TODAY** at 11:15am in Bankson Hall. If you are interested in membership at Gloria Dei, join us!

MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI - See the sign-up for details or speak with Pastor David. (New members will be received on Rally Sunday - September 21.)

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

SEPTEMBER ART GATHERING - Our monthly gatherings are starting back up on the 2nd Wednesdays of each month. Join us this Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30pm in Bankson Hall.

PRIME-TIMERS (SENIORS) - Visiting the South Coast Butterfly & Botanical Gardens Friday, September 12, 10:30 am, located in Palos Verdes Peninsula. Sign-up.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY: All men are invited to join in this Saturday, Sept. 13, 8:30am, Knudson Hall. Join in the 2nd Saturday/month for a good breakfast, brief study, and wonderful fellowship. Questions, speak with Pastor David.

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

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL begins Sept. 14 during morning services for children ages 4-5th grade. Teachers and helpers needed. See the sign-up. Contact Children's Ministry Director, Molly Healey with any questions. (childrensministry@mygloriadei.org)

ANDY DEGAN CONCERT - Next Sunday, September 14, 5pm in the sanctuary. Come out for an evening of good music and fellowship!

DENIM AND DIAMONDS JUBILEE - 60th Anniversary of Gloria Dei! - Celebration Dinner - Friday, Sept. 19, 5pm, upper circle & Bankson Hall. Music, BBQ, games, kids' activities - Bubbleologist, childcare offered, photo booth, and more. Sign-up.

PARENTS CONFIRMATION MEETING: 6th-8th grade youth meet with Pastor David and Paige for Confirmation. An orientation for parents will be held Sunday, September 21, 9:30am (sanctuary). Schedule/program will be discussed.

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

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

2025 WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND: Friday- Sunday, October 3-5 in Escondido at the Welk Resort! Come for the weekend or even just join the group on Saturday. Fellowship, Bible study and lots of fun activities! Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - Sunday, October 5 at 5pm. Bring your pet out for a special blessing.

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.

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: Lynne & Wes Morgan; Communion: Barbara Keim & Christian Asis; Lector: Brenda Gaumer; Ushers: David & Lisa Zylstra ; Welcome Table: Kathy Martino
10am: Coffee Clean-up: Tami Engel; Communion: Sharry Hilyard & Melody Lieber; Lector: Melody Bacon; Ushers: David & Susan Warneke; Welcome Table: Jim & Ann St. Martin
5pm : Lector & Communion: Jeff Contestabile

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 7-13, 2025

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); New Member Orientation (11:15am)
Monday: South Coast Literacy (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); GIFT (6:30pm); AA Coed (7pm)
Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters (9am); Ministry Site Meeting (6pm); Heart Lifters (6:30pm); VFU Auxiliary (6:30pm); Al Anon (7pm); Church Council Meeting (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters (9am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Mission Hospital AA (6pm); Art Gathering (6:30pm); 12 Step Couples (7:30pm)
Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Al Anon (5:30pm); AA Men (7pm)
Friday: Prime Timers Event (9am); Al Anon (10am); Kenny's Music (6pm)
Saturday: AA Men (7am); Men's Breakfast (8:30am); Women's Board Meeting (9am) ACA Group (11:30am); Ukrainian School (1:30pm); Fettis Wedding (2pm)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- ❖ Rally Sunday (September 21)
- ❖ Blessing of the Animals (October 5)
- ❖ Oktoberfest (October 11)
- ❖ Reformation Sunday - Bible Presentation (October 25)
- ❖ Trick-or-Trunk (October 25)

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