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## FESTIVAL OF ST. FRANCIS BLESSING OF ANIMALS

October 5, 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 is The Festival of St. Francis - blessing of animals. That will take place at the 5pm service. Also, Pastor David begins a 4 week series on 2 Timothy. It's a very Gen2Gen kind of message. May all generations come to know the life-changing power of Jesus' love and may God use all of us to share the message (Grace changes everything!).

PRELUDE: Micaela Lum, Pianist/Organist

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

### GATHERING HYMN: ***All Creatures of our God and King***

**All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice with us and sing:  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
O burning sun with golden beam,  
And silver moon with softer gleam:  
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!**

**O rushing wind and breezes soft,  
O clouds that ride the winds aloft:  
Oh, praise him! Al-le-lu-ia!  
O rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
O lights of evening, find a voice.  
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!**

**Dear mother earth, who day by day,  
Unfolds rich blessings on our way,  
Oh, praise him! Al-le-lu-ia!  
The fruits and flow'rs that verdant grow,  
Let them His praise abundant show.  
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!**

### THE CONFESSION

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

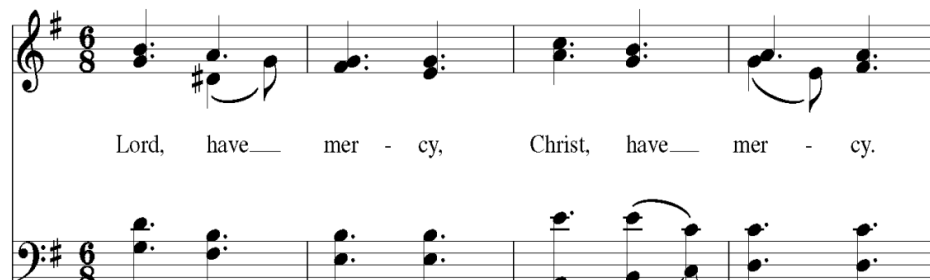
**I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed; in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, by my fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

(A moment of silence. Proclamation of forgiveness.)

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

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

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Deacon Daneen Pysz

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

## THE LESSON: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. (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 17th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**)

## THE GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

**The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"**

(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.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HYMN OF THE DAY: God of the Sparrow

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God of the sparrow  
God of the whale  
God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe  
How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake  
God of the storm  
God of the trumpet blast  
How does the creature cry Woe  
How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow  
God of the cross  
God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace  
How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry  
God of the sick  
God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care  
How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbor  
God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages  
God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home

MESSAGE: *The Significant Life #1* (2 Timothy Series) Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Micaela 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.

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

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Children of the heav'n-ly Father safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;  
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul  
O my soul, worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes. (Refrain.)

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (Refrain.)

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore. (Refrain.)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

## 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.**

**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: Grace changes **everything!**  
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE:

Micaela Lum (8:30/10am)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** - are provided by John and Marj Knudson in celebration of the birth of their twin great-grandsons, Mikkel and Luca Kharouf.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT** is this weekend in Escondido at the Welk Resort! Please keep them in your prayers as they return today.

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

**FIRST CONFIRMATION CLASS** - TODAY, 11:15am-12:15pm in Bankson Hall. 6th-8th graders will meet for Confirmation class. Lunch will be served.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:** Catherine Adams, Barbara Bates, Brenda Finley, Kyrsten Gallo and Michael Moran. See their photos at the Welcome Table.

**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](mailto:childrensministry@mygloriadei.org))

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

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**OCTOBER ART GATHERING** - This Wednesday, Oct. 8, 6:30pm in Bankson Hall. 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 this Thursday. Handbell Choir (6pm), Sanctuary Choir and Gloria Dei Chorale (7:15pm). Interested in joining? Email [michellelum@mygloriadei.org](mailto: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** is this Saturday, October 11, 5pm, 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!

**SERRA'S PANTRY** - Next volunteer opportunity, Saturday, October 18, 8:30am-12pm. Email/call the church office with any questions at [gloriadei@mygloriadei.org](mailto: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 pass out candy after having In-n-Out. A costume parade and contest, fun games and an inflatable slide are planned! Prizes for the best decorated trunk!

**YOUTH TRIP** - Confirmation and Senior High kids and families. Saturday, 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. Speak with Youth Director Paige to attend.

**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.

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** - Sunday, November 2. To have a loved one's name mentioned during worship with the tolling of the bells, pick up a card at the Welcome Table and place it in the offering box or return it to the office.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFIRMATION RETREAT** - Nov. 14-16, Middle School Youth Gathering "Outside the Box" at Knott's Berry Farm. Registration needed.

**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](mailto:gloriadei@mygloriadei.org). You can also donate via credit/ debit card through Vanco, our secure site: [mygloriadei.org/donate](https://mygloriadei.org/donate).



**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Coffee Prep: Lynn & Wes Morgan; Communion: Bonny Gillespie & Kathy Martino; Lector: Bill Jonas; Ushers: Diane Kelly & Richard Carlson; Welcome Table: Judy Young

**10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Ron & Melody Bacon; Gloria Dei Staff; Communion: Marsha Atkinson & Susan Behnke; Lector: Roger Grefsrud; Ushers: John Cummings & Margaret Dean; Welcome Table: Kathi Anderson

**5pm:** Donna Sandidge

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5pm Worship Leader Harrison Michael

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR October 5-11, 2025**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); Confirmation Class (11:15am); Blessing of the Animals (5pm)

**Monday:** South Coast Literacy (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); GIFT (6:30pm); AA Coed (7pm)

**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); GIFT (10am); Staff Meeting (12:30pm); Al Anon (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); Sculpture Workshop (12:30pm); Seniors and Friends AA (2pm); Al Anon (5:30pm); Handbell Choir (6pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:15pm)

**Friday:** Al Anon (10am); Michael Lawson Memorial (10:30); 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); Oktoberfest (5pm)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- ❖ Chili Cook-off and Canned Food Drive (November 19)
- ❖ Tinsel, Tune, & Trains (Tree Lighting Party) (December 5, 4pm)
- ❖ Women's Christmas Cookie Party - Harrison Michael (Dec. 13)
- ❖ 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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