



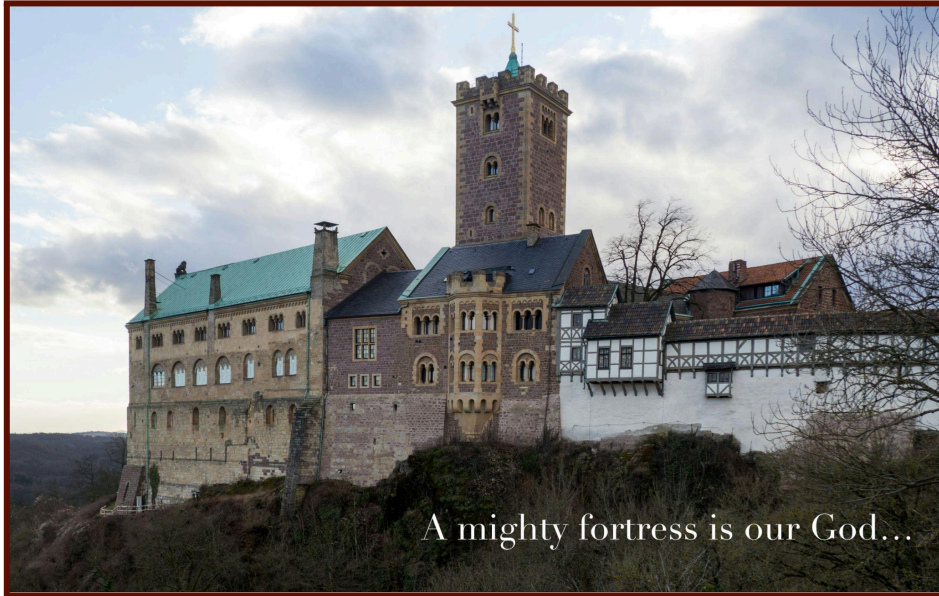
# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A mighty fortress is our God...

## REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 26, 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 your child in and grab a pager. We also love children in worship and Sunday school (Children may leave after children's message for Sunday school and return at Holy Communion). We are glad you are here!

**TODAY** is Reformation Sunday. 508 years ago, Martin Luther posted 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany in order to reform the church. Today, we celebrate the threefold Reformation emphasis of scripture, grace, and faith active in love. May you experience God's grace today during this time of festive worship!

PRELUDE:

Micaela Lum, organist/pianist (8:30am/10am)

Harrison Michael (5pm Worship Leader)

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN: A Mighty Fortress is Our God

#504 vv. 1-3

A mighty fortress is our God,  
a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might!  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land  
all threat-'ning to devour us,  
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
they cannot o-ver-pow'r us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage in battle we'll engage!  
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.

THE INVOCATION AND PSALM 46

(People read **bold** words.)

God is our refuge and strength,  
**a very present help in trouble.**

Therefore we will not fear,  
**though the earth should change,**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
**the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
**God will help it when the morning dawns.**

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
**he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

The Lord of hosts is with us;  
**the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Come, behold the works of the Lord;

**see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
**he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.**

"Be still, and know that I am God!  
**I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."**

The Lord of hosts is with us;  
**the God of Jacob is our refuge. Amen.**

**THE HYMN: A Mighty Fortress is Our God** #504 v. 4  
**God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.  
The Kingdom's ours forever!**

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

BIBLE PRESENTATION Molly Healey, Children's Ministry Director

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE  
(8:30/10am - Children may leave for Sunday school.)

THE FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:31-34  
The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt--a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more. (Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May

it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.  
(Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God!**)

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (Please stand.) #509

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 18th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**  
THE GOSPEL: **Luke 18:9-14**

**He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."**  
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ!**)

THE NICENE CREED

ANTHEM: *A Mighty Fortress* arr. Nancy M. Raabe  
Sanctuary Choir, Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum  
Nathan Wilson, trumpet

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE HYMN: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** #858 vv. 1-3  
**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear, Now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
Sent by his gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do**

**if with his love he befriend you.**

MESSAGE: "Significant Life #4" (2 Timothy Series) Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Revive Us Again* arr. M. Foster & Mary Faith Williams  
Nathan Wilson, trumpet  
Micaela Lum, organ

**THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: The Doxology**

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** (All who believe Christ is present in this Sacrament are welcome to receive. Non-communing children and others who wish to receive only a blessing may come forward also. For those who prefer, white juice is located in the center of each tray. Gluten free wafers are available also.)

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**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.)

**One Bread, One Body** #496

Refrain: **One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
We are one body in this one Lord.**

**Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.** (Refrain.)

**Many the gifts, many the works, One in the Lord - of all.** (Refrain.)

**Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.** (Refrain.)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

**THE SENDING HYMN: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name** #634 vv. 1, 5-6  
**All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal di-a-dem and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal di-a-dem and crown him Lord of all.**

**Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.  
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.**

**Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.**

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

THE POSTLUDE: *Toccata* by Gordon Young Micaela Lum, organist/pianist

Harrison Michael

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** provided in appreciation for the life and gifts of Mary Ann Fitchner.

**THANKS** to all of our musicians, sanctuary choir today and a special thank you to Nathan Wilson for playing trumpet.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is during morning services: children ages 4-5th grade. Contact Children's Ministry Director Molly Healey ([childrensministry@mygloriadei.org](mailto:childrensministry@mygloriadei.org)).

**TRICK-OR-TRUNK** (Fall Festival) - TODAY at 4pm. Decorate your trunk and pass out candy after having In-n-Out. A costume parade, games, inflatable slide! Prizes!

**CLU YOUTH TRIP** - Confirmation/Senior High & families. Nov. 1, 9am meet at church. Trip to Cal Lutheran U. for tour and fun. Speak with Youth Director Paige to attend.

**CHOIR REHEARSALS** on Thursdays. Handbell Choir (6pm), Sanctuary Choir and Gloria Dei Chorale (7:15pm). Interested in joining? Email [michellelum@mygloriadei.org](mailto:michellelum@mygloriadei.org).

**POP-UP ORCHESTRA** - Do you play an instrument? Join our "pop-up" orchestra for a song on November 23, 7:30am-10:30am for a rehearsal and 2 services. Email [michellelum@mygloriadei.org](mailto:michellelum@mygloriadei.org) (with your instrument) for the music.

**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](http://mygloriadei.org/donate).

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

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** - Nov. 2. To have a loved one's name mentioned during service, with the tolling of the bells, pick up a card at Welcome Table. At 9:30am, a brief service of remembrance will take place at the Columbarium for those who are interred there.

**PRIME TIMERS** (Seniors) - Saturday, November 8, 1pm, visiting the Moulton Museum. See information at the Welcome Table.

**FALL CLOTHING EXCHANGE** - Sunday, Nov. 9, 2-4pm, Bankson Hall. Donations for men's and women's clothing, shoes, coats, jewelry, etc (You can drop off clothes beginning Thursday, November 6, church office - clean clothes on hangers). Then you can shop FREE. Leftovers donated to Working Wardrobes. Details at Welcome Table.

**MONTHLY ART GATHERING** - November 12, 6:30pm, Bankson Hall. This month Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum will be presenting on still life and we meet for our 3rd Working Artist discussion. Also come to hear about the [Christmas art project!](#)

**MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFIRMATION RETREAT** - Nov. 14-16, "Outside the Box" at Knott's Berry Farm. Registration needed. Contact Youth Director Paige for details.

**CHILI COOK-OFF & CANNED FOOD DRIVE** - Wednesday, November 19, 5pm. Bring your best chili and compete for a prize and bragging rights! We'll also collect canned foods for FAM and donations for World Hunger and Agape House (SDSU Lutheran Campus Ministry). Sign-up.

**TINSEL, TUNES AND TRAINS** - Join us December 5 at 4pm upstairs in the roundabout for holiday music, crafts, snacks and train rides. Then we will all travel down to the sanctuary for the Annual Tree Lighting! All are welcome!

**ART RECEPTION AND CONCERT** - Save the date! December 10, 6:30pm, Sanctuary. Special art gathering featuring Christmas artwork and music by Micaela Lum and Kathy Person. More details to follow.

**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Coffee Prep: Pam and Steve Weiss; Communion: Lisa and David Zylstra; Lector: Pam Weiss; Ushers: John Adams and Kathy Martino; Welcome Table: Gene Rathbun

**10am:** Acolyte: Noah Johnston; Coffee Clean-up: Gloria Dei Staff; Communion: Karen Ungerman and Melody Lieber; Lector: Kathi Anderson; Ushers: Dean Frasche and Gia Lugo; Welcome Table: Julie Sweany

**5pm:** Guy Boicey

**Today:** Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); Trick or Trunk (4pm)  
**Monday:** South Coast Literacy (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed (7pm)  
**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Staff Meeting (11am); Men's Book Club (6pm); Heartlifters (6:30pm); Al Anon (7pm)  
**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Preschool Halloween Parade (9am); 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); Handbell Choir (6pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:15pm)  
**Friday:** Al Anon (10am); Kenny's Music (6pm)  
**Saturday:** AA Men (7am); All Saints Labyrinth (8am); Youth Trip to CLU (8am); Prayer Shawl Meeting (9am); ACA Group (11:30am); Ukrainian School (1:30pm)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- ❖ 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, 4pm)
- ❖ Trick and Alderighi Piano Duet Concert (January 4)
- ❖ Men's Spring Training Retreat (March 6-9)
- ❖ Sara Groves in Concert (May 2)
- ❖ Church Campout (June 12-14)
- ❖ Vacation Bible School (July 6-10)

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**OPPORTUNITIES FOR October 26 - November 1, 2025**