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23TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST THANKSLIVING

November 16, 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 the wonderful story of the healing of the paralytic. It begins with people bringing him to Jesus and going to great lengths to help. In some sense, we can all do the same - "Love is Still a Worthy Cause." And of course, it's always more impactful when we work together in the name of Jesus.

PRELUDE: *In Christ Alone*

Micaela Lum, Pianist/Organist
Harrison Michael (5pm Worship Leader)

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

GATHERING HYMN: **All are Welcome**

#641 vv.1-2,5

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain: **All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign a-new.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: (Refrain.)

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (Refrain.)

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Melody Lieber

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

THE LESSON: Romans 12:3-18

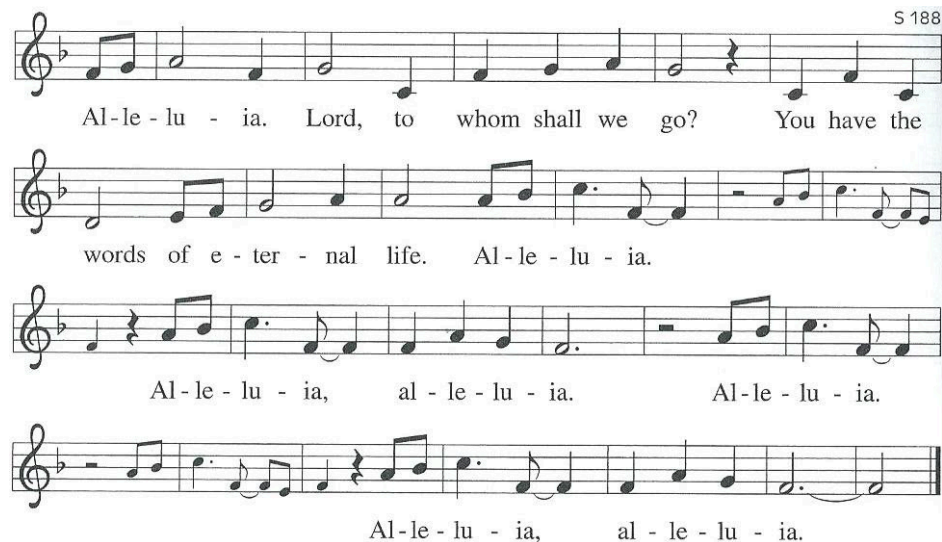
For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

(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 Mark, the 2nd chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**)

THE GOSPEL: Mark 2:1-12

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!" (The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ!)**

THE ANTHEM:

Forevermore by Dan Forrest (10am)

Sanctuary Choir, Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF THE DAY: Healer of our Every Ill

#612 vv.1-3

Refrain: **Healer of our ev-'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

**You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. (Refrain.)**

**In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. (Refrain.)**

**Give us strength to love each other,
ev-'ry sister, ev-'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. (Refrain.)**

MESSAGE: *How Do You Spell Grace?* (#2)

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Michelle Lum

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (Repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"

Let the poor say, "I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us" (Repeat)

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.

I Danced in the Morning

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,

And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,

And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;

At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain: Dance then wher-ev-er you may be;

I am the Lord of the dance, said he,

And I'll lead you all, wher-ev-er you may be,

And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the phar-i-see,

But they wouldn't dance, and they wouldn't follow me;

I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;

They came with me and the dance went on. (Refrain.)

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:

The holy people said it was a shame.

They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,

And left me there on a cross to die. (Refrain.)

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;

It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.

They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;

But I am the dance and I still go on. (Refrain.)

They cut me down and I leap up high;

I am the life that'll never, never die;

I'll live in you if you'll live in me:

I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (Refrain.)

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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: We are Called

#720

Come! Live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom,

to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain:

We are called to act with justice,

**we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.**

**Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and blindness will be no more. (Refrain.)**

**Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love. (Refrain.)**

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

POSTLUDE: *Invention* by Wilhelm Friedemann Bach Micaela Lum (8:30/10am)
Harrison Michael (5pm)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided in celebration of Tim Boyd's 75th birthday.

SCRABBLE - HOW DO YOU SPELL GRACE? Use wooden letters entering the Sanctuary - Help yourself! Write something. Be creative. Put a word together that spells grace (God's unconditional love) for you. It could be a name. It could be an event... Have fun!

STEWARDSHIP PACKETS are on the patio. All members and friends, please pick up your packet. Inside is a 2026 Pledge Card. Please pray about it, fill it out, and mail it back to the church or place it in an offering box. Also, fill out a "Time and Talent Brochure." (available online) Thank you for helping us build the ministry of Gloria Dei!

MINISTRY TABLES - This Sunday and next, volunteers will be sitting at tables (near fountain) and answering questions related to a specific ministry. Check it out!

USHER MEETING: Brief usher meeting, TODAY, November 16, 9:30am.

CORNUCOPIA on the altar - Thanks to Annmarie Thomas and Diane Kelly for a beautiful display!

SUNDAY SCHOOL is during morning services: children ages 4-5th grade. If you have any questions, contact Children's Ministry Director Molly Healey.

CHOIR DURING CHRISTMASTIME - Sanctuary Choir is open for new members during the Christmas season. If you'd like to join for the month of December or just for Christmas Eve, email michellelum@mygloriadei.org.

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

ILLUMINATED LETTER WORKSHOP - November 20, 1-3pm in Bankson Hall. If you'd like to create an Illuminated Letter for our art show or just want to learn the process, come join Annmarie Thomas for this workshop! Art supplies provided or bring your own. Sign-up at Welcome Table.

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 (with your instrument) for the music.

ALZHEIMER'S SERVICE - December 3 at 10:30am we will be holding a service in Bankson Hall.

TINSEL, TUNES & TRAINS - Friday, Dec. 5, 4pm, roundabout for music, crafts, snacks & rides. Then down to the sanctuary for the Annual Tree Lighting! All are welcome! Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

ART RECEPTION & CONCERT - December 10, 6:30pm, Sanctuary. Join the art ministry for an art reception with music by Micaela Lum & Kathy Person.

LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE TRIP - Saturday, Dec. 13. The plan - Bring individualized gifts for the kids and have a Christmas Party. Hope you can join us and/or donate to the kids. Spread the good word for Los Angelitos. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

WOMEN'S COOKIE PARTY & CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Saturday, December 13, 2pm, Bankson Hall. They will be exchanging cookies (bring 3 dozen to share) and having a special concert with Harrison Micheal.

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: Acolyte: Jake Doorn; Coffee Prep: Diane & Greg Blanda (and refreshments); Communion: Kathy Martino & Bill Jonas; Lector: Elvia Gustavson; Ushers: Bob Gaumer & Scott Neiderhiser; Welcome Table: Diane Kelly **10am:** Acolyte Vienna Gallo; Coffee Clean-up: Lin McNaughton; Communion: Dennis Pysz & Jim St. Martin; Lector: Cora Weaver; Ushers: Kathi Anderson & Susan Behnke; Welcome Table: Ron & Melody Bacon **5pm:** Donna Sandidge

OPPORTUNITIES FOR November 16-22, 2025

Today: Worship (8:30am, (Usher Training Meeting 9:30) 10am & 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); Middle School Youth return from Youth Gathering; **Monday:** South Coast Literacy (10am); RIOT Book Club (2pm); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed (7pm) **Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); GIFT (10am); Staff Meeting (11am); Al Anon (7pm) **Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Preschool Thanksgiving Feast (9am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Chili Contest and Canned Food Drive (5pm); Mission Hospital AA (6pm); 12 Step Couples (7:30pm) **Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Illuminated Letter Workshop (1pm); Seniors and Friends AA (1pm); Al Anon (5:30pm); Handbell Choir (6pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:15pm); Chorale

Rehearsal (8:15pm) **Friday:** Al Anon (10am); Kenny's Music (6pm) Middle/High Schoolers make Fam Kits (6pm) **Saturday:** AA Men (7am); ACA Group (11:30am); Ukrainian School (1:30pm)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- ❖ 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, 2026, 5pm)
- ❖ Men's Spring Training Retreat (March 6-9, 2026)
- ❖ Women's 1 Day Retreat (March 14, 2026)
- ❖ Sara Groves in Concert (May 2, 2026)
- ❖ Church Campout (June 12-14, 2026)
- ❖ Vacation Bible School (July 6-10, 2026)

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