



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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22TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST THANKSLIVING SUNDAY

November 9, 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 our annual stewardship Sunday where we ask people to consider their support of the Gloria Dei ministry with their time, talent, and treasure. In other words, "How do you spell grace?" Everything we do in terms of our resources is in response to God's amazing love. May you sense that mercy for you today and pray about how you will respond.

PRELUDE:

Micaela Lum, Pianist/Organist
Rachel Ehrling, Pianist (5pm)

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

GATHERING HYMN: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

#836

**Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'-ry meadow, flashing sea
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!**

THE CONFESSION

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

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. Give us ears that hear, eyes that see, wills to obey, and hearts that love. Then declare what You want, reveal what You want, command what You want, and change what you want. Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening! 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.)

#154

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)

Deacon Daneen Pysz

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

THE FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 8:11-18

Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

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

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints— and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand for the Gospel.)

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(The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 19th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**)

THE GOSPEL: Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost." (The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.)**

THE ANTHEM: *Forevermore* by Dan Forrest (8:30am)

Sanctuary Choir, Assistant Director Micaela Lum

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

M³ (Mission Ministry Moment)

Christian Asis, Council President

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Lord Whose Love in Humble Service*

#712 vv.1-3

**Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose ev-'ry gift which you impart.**

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the deeds and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

MESSAGE: *How Do You Spell Grace?*

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

Harrison Michael

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart* (sing 2x)

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.

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

#807

Come, thou Fount of ev-'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;

streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,

teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";

and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;

he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;

let that grace now like a fetter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

#659

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav-'lers on the road;

we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;

I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.

I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: *Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart*

#873 vv.1,2,6

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.)

Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore:

the Father, Son, and Spirit blest, one God forevermore. (Refrain.)

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE:

Micaela Lum (8:30/10am)

Rachel Ehring (5pm)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRABBLE - HOW DO YOU SPELL GRACE? Did you see a lot of little wooden letters entering the Sanctuary this morning? Help yourself. Write something. Be creative. Take a moment or two, put a word or two 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." Thank you for helping us build the ministry of Gloria Dei!

USHER MEETING: Brief usher meeting in the Sanctuary next Sunday, November 16, 9:30am.

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

CHOIR DURING CHRISTMASTIME - Our 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.

CALL FOR ART - Create an "illuminated letter" to submit for our Christmas art show. Size, medium, and other details at the Welcome Table.

FALL CLOTHING EXCHANGE - TODAY, 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.

SERRA'S PANTRY - Next volunteer opportunity, Saturday, November 15, 8:30am-12pm. Email/call the church office with any questions.

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.

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.

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. Join the art ministry for a special art reception with music by Micaela Lum and Kathy Person. More details to follow.

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 decorating cookies 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: Lynn & Wes Morgan; Communion: Pam Weiss & Diane Kelly; Lector: Pat McKinley; Ushers: Christian Asis & Elvia Gustavson; Welcome Table: Janice Olson; **10am:** Acolyte Vienna Gallo; Coffee Clean-up: Tami Engel; Communion: Peggy Johnson & Roger Grefsrud; Lector: Susan Warneke; Ushers: Jeanne Mills & Jennifer Olmstead; Welcome Table: Karen Ungerman; **5pm:** Guy Boicey

OPPORTUNITIES FOR November 9-15, 2025

Today: Stewardship Sunday; Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); Fall Clothing Exchange (2pm) **Monday:** South Coast Literacy (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed (7pm) **Tuesday:** Veterans Day; AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters November Fest (9am); GIFT (10am); Ministry Site Meeting (6pm); Heart Lifters (6:30pm); VFW Auxiliary (6:30pm); Al Anon (7pm); Church Council Meeting (7pm) **Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); 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); Seniors and Friends AA (1pm); Al Anon (5:30pm); Handbell Choir (6pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:15pm) **Friday:** Middle School Confirmation Gathering; Al Anon (10am); Kenny's Music (6pm) **Saturday:** Middle School Confirmation Gathering; AA Men (7am); Serra's Pantry (8:30am); ACA Group (11:30am); Ukrainian Worship (1pm); 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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5pm Worship Leader Harrison Michael

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