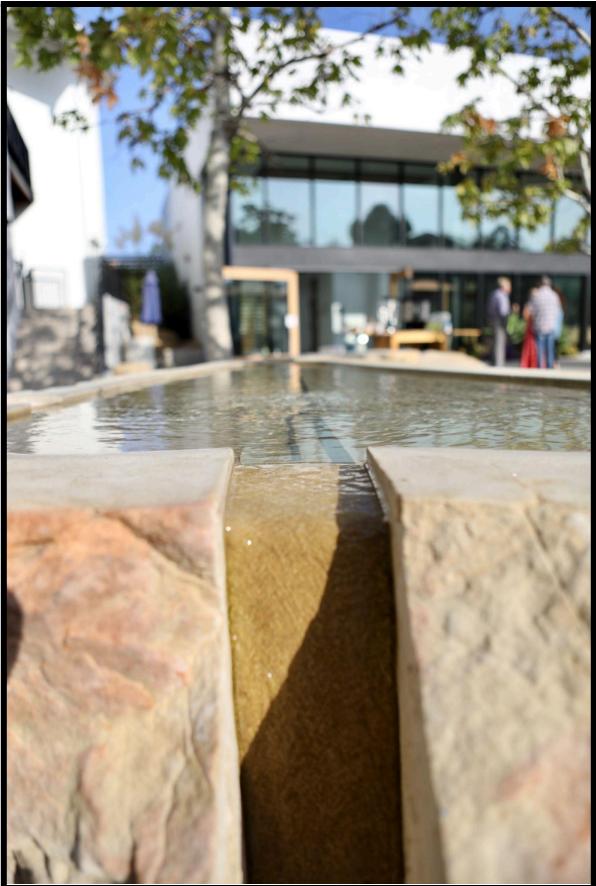




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BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY

January 11, 2026
(8:30am, 10am, 5:00pm)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today, we celebrate the Lord's Baptism. We baptize because Jesus commands us to baptize. That is, we celebrate God's grace for the person and welcome them into the family. Today, we welcome Luke Dietrich to the family of God!

PRELUDE MUSIC: *On Eagle's Wings* Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist (8:30/10am)
Harrison Michael, Worship Leader (5pm)

(We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for Luke Dietrich, 11:15am)

THE WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN: *Shall We Gather at the River* #423 vv.1,4
**Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide for-ev-er flowing by the throne of God?**

**Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

**Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. (Refrain)**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (People read **bold** words.)
Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

People of God, in the baptismal waters we travel with Christ from death to life. Our past, our sin, our failure, our doubt, and our shame are drowned and gone here. **You, O God, wash us clean.**

Our fear, confusion, self-righteousness, and despair—all are washed away by grace. **You, O God, wash us clean.**

Our pride, our hypocrisy, and other people's opinions of us no longer have the power to define us. **You, O God, give us new life.**

The Spirit lives and moves through us now, a great and joyful mystery, so we may bring love and mercy into the world as the body of Christ.
You, O God, give us new life.

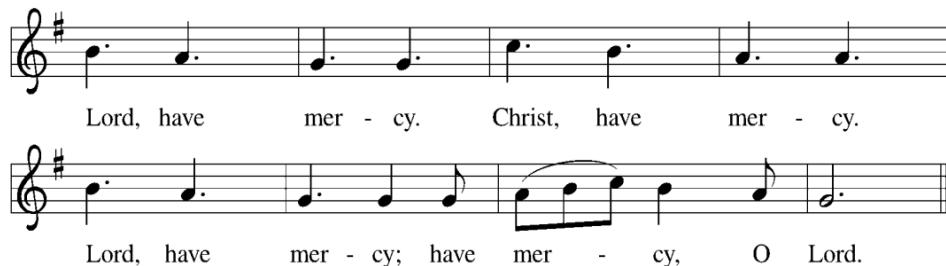
Rejoice that God has claimed us in this baptismal grace, not by our own doing or believing but by God's mercy alone. **You, O God, give us new life.**

And so, as we begin worship, we give thanks to God for the gracious gift of baptism that joins us together in Christ by the Spirit's power. Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. We praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

THE KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Youth Director Paige Gulck

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.
(Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**)

THE SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,

not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."
(Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**)

(Please stand.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:(Please stand for the Gospel.)

#169



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Leader: Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life. (Repeat Alleluia.)

(The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 3rd chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**)

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

(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.

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF THE DAY: *I Was There to Hear Your Burning Cry*

#732

"I was there to hear your burning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized

To see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."

"In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
With just one more surprise."

"I was there to hear your burning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
To see your life unfold."

THE MESSAGE: "Feeling All Wet"

Pastor David R. Mattson (8:30/10am)

Deacon Daneen Pysz (5pm)

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Like a River Glorious*

Micaela Lum

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *Doxology*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'n-ly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of grace,
Your love reaches to the heavens and Your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to Your service; our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. May our lives overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each prayer: Hear us O God. Your mercy is great.)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR THE SACRAMENT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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 also available.)

HOLY COMMUNION MUSIC: *Lamb of God* (Agnus Dei)

#195

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Be Not Afraid

You shall cross the barren desert
But you shall not die of thirst
You shall wander far in safety
Though you do not know the way
You shall speak your words to foreign men
And they will understand
You shall see the face of God and live

Refrain: Be not afraid I go before you always
Come, follow me and I will give you rest

If you pass through raging waters in the sea
You shall not drown
If you walk amid the burning flames
You shall not be harmed
If you stand before the power of hell

And death is at your side
Know that I am with you through it all (Refrain)

And blessed are your poor
For the kingdom shall be theirs
Blest are you that weep and mourn
For one day you shall laugh
And if wicked men insult and hate you
All because of me
Blessed, blessed are you (Refrain)

Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.

Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSINGS

SENDING HYMN: *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow'r-ful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and ever-more,
feed me now and ever-more.

Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'-rer, strong deliv'-rer,
shield me with your mighty arm,

shield me with your mighty arm.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises
I will raise forever-more
I will raise forever-more.

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

THE POSTLUDE: *Take My Life and Let It Be*

Micaela Lum (8:30/10am)
Harrison Michael (5pm)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL is during morning services (children ages 4-5th grade). Questions - contact Children's Ministry Director Molly Healey (childrensministry@mygloriadei.org).

ILLUMINATED LETTERS - Selections from our art show are hanging in the sanctuary, visit the foyer to see them.

LUNCH & LEARN - TODAY at 11:15am - informational meeting given by Alzheimer's Association of OC, Meals on Wheels and the Dana Point Police Department. Donation for lunch. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

ART GATHERING on Wednesday, January 14 at 6:30pm in Banksom Hall. We continue our series on Still Life and resume our Working Artist Discussions.

WEEKLY CHOIR REHEARSALS resume Thursday, January 15. Handbell Choir (6pm), Sanctuary Choir and Chorale (7:15pm). All choirs are open to new members for the Spring season. Email michellelum@mygloriadei.org to join a choir.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP - This Friday, January 16: Bowling night at Saddleback Lanes at 6pm. Bring a friend for some gutter balls. Contact Youth Director Paige (youth@mygloriadei.org)

SERRA'S PANTRY - Next volunteer opportunity, Saturday, January 17, 8:30am-12pm. Email/call the church office with any questions at gloriadei@mygloriadei.org.

NEW G.I.F.T. GROUP (Growing in Faith Together) (50+), Madelyn and Jim Jansma's home. Studying Romans, meeting 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm. Dessert served. First meeting - Jan. 20. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

MEMORIAL SERVICE for Jan Ritt is Friday, January 24, 11am. Reception to follow in Bankson Hall.

MUSEUM TRIP to The Broad and MOCA on January 30 from 9am-3:30pm. Sign up to join us for a ride up. Details at the welcome table.

ALOHA LUNCHEON/ANNUAL MEETING will be on Sunday, February 1, 2026, 11am in Bankson Hall. We will have Hawaiian food and the meeting will follow.

WOMEN'S WINTER BUNCO is on February 6, 2026, at 6pm. Join us for a fun night! \$5 per person. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

MIRABELL TRIO BENEFIT CONCERT is on February 15, 2026, 5pm.

MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI? If you are interested in becoming a member and for all the details, see the sign-up at the Welcome Table. New members received February 1.

KERYGMA BIBLE OVERVIEW led by Pastor David, Thursdays, 6:30pm beginning January 15. Thirty lessons covering both the Old and New Testament.

MEN'S SPRING TRAINING RETREAT: Sign-up for March 6-8, in Tempe, AZ. begins today. "First come, first serve." 30 spots and a waiting list.

PRAYERS? - Meet with a prayer partner at the Candle Station before or after services.

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: Pam & Steve Weiss; Communion: Sandy & Phil Furlong; Lector: Pam Weiss; Ushers: Christian Asis & Bob Gaumer; Welcome Table: Sandy Furlong **10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Liz Flippin; Communion: Colleen McCray & Lisa Mers; Lector: Lisa Mers; Ushers: Jeanne Mills & Jennifer Olmstead; Welcome Table: Mary Jane Rylaarsdam **5pm:** Anne Boicey

OPPORTUNITIES FOR - JANUARY 11-17, 2026

Today: Worship (8:30am & 10am & 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); Luke Dietrich Baptism (11:15); Lunch and Learn (11:30am) **Monday:** South Coast Literacy (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed (7pm) **Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters (9am); OC Sheriff Saety Meeting (10am); Staff Meeting (11am); Church Council Meeting (6pm); Heartlifters (6:30pm); VFW Auxiliary (6:30); Al Anon (7pm) **Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters (9am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Saddleback Pastors' Conference (11am); 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); Kerygma Bible Study (6pm); AA Meeting (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7pm); Chorale Rehersal (8:15pm) **Friday:** Al Anon (10am); Senior High Bowling (6pm); 12 Step Meeting Men (6:30) **Saturday:** AA Men (7am); Serra's Pantry (8:30am); ACA Group (11:30am); Ukrainian School (1:30pm)

◆ Ash Wednesday Worship and Soup Suppers begin (February 18) ◆ 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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