



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 22, 2026

8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! The 40-day season of Lent is a time to follow Jesus to the cross and prepare our hearts, minds, and lives for Easter. Our theme this year is "**Healing Hands.**" We will study the healing stories in the Gospel of Mark as we journey with Jesus to the cross for the healing of the world.

THE PRELUDE: *In Christ Alone*
(8:30am/10am)

Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist

Harrison Michael, Worship Leader (5pm)

THE GATHERING HYMN: **Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer**

#618

**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.**

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (Psalm 51)

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

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord have mercy") by Matt Maher

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie, eleison.**

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie, eleison.**

Lord of reconciliation, heal our wounds in darkest times.

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie, eleison.**

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie, eleison.**

In the midst of fear and violence, make our lives a prayer of peace.

Christe, eleison - **Christe, eleison.**

Christe, eleison - **Christe, eleison.**

Healer of the broken-hearted, guide us to heaven's shores.

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie eleison.**

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie eleison.**

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

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Deacon Daneen Pysz

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 2:15-17;3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned- for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.
Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.
Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.
Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

(The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter. **Glorify to You, O Lord.**)

THE GOSPEL: MARK 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. (The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN: ***Abide with Me***

#629 vv.1-2,4

**Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.**

**I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me!**

THE MESSAGE: *Healing Hands* Pastor David R. Mattson (8:30/10am)
Two Trees, Two Stories, One Savior Deacon Daneen Pysz (5pm)

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *In Jesus Name (God of Possible)* by Katy Nichole
Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: ***Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am*** (sung 2x) #814
**Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

SACRAMENT OF 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. Also, juice is located in the center of each tray, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request-please indicate this choice to a pastor.)

HOLY COMMUNION MUSIC:

Lamb of God (People repeat each phrase after the leader.)

Lamb of God - **Lamb of God,**
You take away - **You take away,**
The sins of all - **The sins of all,**
The world - **The world**
Miserere nobis - **Miserere nobis**

Bread of Life - **Bread of Life,**
You take away - **You take away,**
The sins of all - **The sins of all**
The world - **the world**
Miserere nobis - **Miserere nobis**

Agnus Dei - **Agnus Dei,**
You take away - **You take away,**
The sins of all - **The sins of all**
The world - **The world**
Dona nobis pacem - **Dona nobis pacem.**

On Eagles' Wings

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"**

Refrain: **And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

**The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge,
with faithfulness your shield. (Refrain.)**

**You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come. (Refrain.)**

#787

For to the angels God's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash . . . your foot against a stone. (Refrain.)

Precious Lord

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSINGS

THE SENDING HYMN: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man

#773

Can ever pluck me from His hand
'til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

SENDING WORDS

THE POSTLUDE: *Prelude in D Minor, BWV 554* by J.S. Bach
Micaela Lum (8:30am/10am)

Harrison Michael (5pm)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL is during morning services (children ages 4-5th grade). Children leave after the Children's Message and return before Holy Communion. Questions - Children's Ministry Director Molly Healey - childrensministry@mygloriadei.org.

OFFERING ENVELOPES available at the Welcome Table. Please pick yours up today.

KERYGMA BIBLE OVERVIEW continues Thursdays, 6:15pm with Pastor David.

LENT 2026 - "*Healing Hands*" - a look at the healing stories in Mark's Gospel. Worship/soup every Wednesday 5:30pm - soup. Worship - noon/6:30pm.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS: To provide a soup, please sign-up, there are plenty of opportunities! Soup/Supper and service will be Wednesdays through April 1.

LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE - 2026 schedule for trips: March 7, July 18 & October 17. Please join a quick meeting to discuss plans on March 1 at 9:40am in the sanctuary.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES: Parent & child (age 10 or younger), 3 Wednesdays (5:15pm) beginning March 4. The children will also be making their own chalice. Questions, speak with Pastor David or see the sign-up for details.

PRIME TIMERS (Seniors): Living Art Experience, Saturday, March 28, 2026, 2:00 PM, Redondo Beach, Sign-up at Welcome Table.

EASTER ART BUILD - Help the art ministry build our Easter art project! This week we meet February 26, 11am-1pm in Bankson Hall.

MEN'S SPRING TRAINING RETREAT: March 6-8, in Tempe, AZ. "First come, first serve." 30 spots. This event is now full. There is a waiting list. Most of the group leaves by carpool from the church, Friday, March 6, 5:45am and returning afternoon, March 8.

POP-UP ORCHESTRA - Play an instrument? Join in a song on March 1, 7:30-10:30am (a rehearsal & 2 services). Email michellelum@mygloriadei.org or sign up at the Welcome Table for the music.

WOMEN'S ONE DAY RETREAT at Gloria Dei, Saturday, March 14, Bankson Hall. Breakfast at 8:30am, program beginning at 9am through 1pm. (guest speaker Kirsten Casillas) Lunch included, babysitting available.

- Petting Zoo (April 26) ❖ Sara Groves in Concert (May 2, 2026) ❖ Church Campout (June 12-14, 2026) ❖ Vacation Bible School (July 6-10, 2026)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday - March 29, 8:30am/10am

(First Communion. Procession with Palms. Alice the Donkey.)

Maundy Thursday - April 2, 6pm (Stations of the Cross, Anointing and Holy Communion)

Good Friday - April 3, noon, 7pm

(Tenebrae. 7 Last Words of Christ. Holy Communion)

Easter/Resurrection Sunday - April 5, 6:30am, 8:30am, 10am

(Special Music - Bells, Trumpet, Choirs. Refreshments. Eggstravaganza, 11am)

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Spm Worship Leader Harrison Michael

HARMONIES FOR HEALING CONCERT - Friday, March 27 at 7pm, sanctuary. The Blaha Studio of USC Thornton (including Micaela Lum) - Benefit Concert to raise funds for USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center. All are welcome. Every gift will be matched 2-1 up to \$50,000.

SARA GROVES Concert, Saturday, May 2, 7pm, Gloria Dei. Tickets available at the Welcome Table on a first-come, first-served basis. (\$25 suggested donation). We will open this event up to the general public in March.

OFFERING - Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei! 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: Bob & Bonny Gillespie; Communion: Pat McKinley & Diane Kelly; Lector: Richard Carlson; Ushers: Matt Dubow & Chuck Weinhardt; Welcome Table: Janice Olson 10am: Coffee Clean-up: Ann & Jim St. Martin; Communion: Dave & Susan Warneke; Lector: Jay Pederson; Ushers: Kathi Anderson & Susan Behnke; Welcome Table: Gini Sherwood; 5pm: Guy Boicey

OPPORTUNITIES FOR - FEBRUARY 22-28, 2026

Today: Worship & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am & 5pm) **Monday**: South Coast Literacy (10am); GIA Museum Primetimers (1pm); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed (7pm)

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Staff Meeting (11am); Men's Book Club (6pm); Heart Lifters (6:30pm); Al Anon (7pm) **Wednesday**: AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Lenten Soup Supper (5:30pm) and Worship (6:30pm); Mission Hospital AA (6pm); 12 Step Couples (7:30pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Seniors & Friends AA (1pm); Al Anon (5:30pm); Handbell Choir (6pm); Kerygma Bible Study (6pm); AA Meeting (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:15); Chorale Rehearsal (8:15pm) **Friday**: Al Anon (10am); 12 Step Men (6:30) **Saturday**: AA Men (7am); ACA Group (11:30am); Ukrainian School of OC (1:30pm)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

❖ Serra's Pantry - High Schoolers (March 21, 9am) ❖ Palm Sunday/First Communion - "Alice the Donkey" (March 29) ❖ Maundy Thursday (April 2, 6pm) ❖ Good Friday (April 3, noon, 7pm) ❖ Resurrection/Easter Sunday (April 5) ❖ Good Shepherd Sunday