



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Grace changes everything!*

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*"You are the light of the world."  
(Matthew 5:14)*

February 8, 2026/5th Sunday after Epiphany  
8:30am, 10am (no 5:00pm)

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Today, we continue looking at Jesus' most famous teaching section - The Sermon on the Mount - and the shocking words: *"You are the light of the world!"* That's hard to believe, but by the power of the Spirit, all things are possible. Don't underestimate God's ability to bring light and hope through you!

PRELUDE: *Siciliana* by W. Walond Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist (8:30/10am)

THE WELCOME/INVOCATION

**GATHERING HYMN: *Be Thou My Vision***

#793 vv.1-2,4

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
thou my best thought . . . by day and by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,  
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**Light of my soul, after vic-to-ry won,  
may I reach heav-en's joys, O heav-en's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, what-ev-er be-fall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

ORDER OF CONFESSION

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

**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

Preschool Director Shelli Parajekas

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am." (Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**)

THE SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-9

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" (Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**)

(Please stand.)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

#169



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 5th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**)

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

**Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the**

**bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.**

(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.**

ANTHEM: *Light of the World* by Karen Marroli

8:30

Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum, Sanctuary Choir, Julie Ayer, violin

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HYMN OF THE DAY: God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale**

#740

**God of the sparrow**

**God of the whale**

**God of the swirling stars**

**How does the creature say Awe**

**How does the creature say Praise**

**God of the earthquake**

**God of the storm**

**God of the trumpet blast**

**How does the creature cry Woe**

**How does the creature cry Save**

**God of the rainbow**

**God of the cross**

**God of the empty grave**

How does the creature say Grace  
How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry  
God of the sick  
God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care  
How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbor  
God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages  
God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home

THE MESSAGE: *Shining Through the Cracks*

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Here I Am to Worship* by Tim Hughes  
Harrison Michael

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.

*Christ Be Our Light*

#715

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice. (Refrain.)

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed. (Refrain.)

Longing for shelter, many are homeless,  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone. (Refrain.)

**Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
signs of your kingdom come.** (Refrain.)  
**Here is Bread, Here is Wine**

POST-COMMUNION BLESSINGS

**SENDING HYMN: Jesus Shall Reign Where E'er the Sun** #434 vv.1-2,4  
**Jesus shall reign wher-e'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like sweet perfume shall rise,  
with ev-'ry morning sacrifice.**

**Blessings abound wher-e'er he reigns:  
the pris-'ners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.**

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

POSTLUDE: *Toccata di Grado del Primo Tono* by Girolamo Diruta  
Micaela Lum (8:30/10am)

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THANKS** to Julie Ayer for playing with the Sanctuary Choir at the 8:30am service!

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Kathi Anderson in memory of her husband, Cliff Anderson and her grandson, Matthew Court. Also by Tami and John Engel in celebration of Lindsey and Brian's 2nd anniversary, and by Bob and Brenda Gaumer in celebration of their 49th wedding anniversary.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS** to the Gloria Dei family: Klara Baker, Kristopher and Lisa Cowan and Jim Plevney. Their photos will be at the Welcome Table and in the next directory.

**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](mailto:childrensministry@mygloriadei.org).

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

**ART GATHERING** - Wed., Feb. 11, 6:30pm. We explore use of color pencils & oil pastels in Still Life, and continue Working Artist discussions. Also learn how you can be involved in our upcoming Easter project!

**BLOOD DRIVE** - Mitch Redden Memorial Blood Drive, Feb. 12, 9am-3pm. Sign-up on-line at: [www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive-advanced/92629](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive-advanced/92629), select 2/12/26 as the date range & select a time to give.

**MIRABELL TRIO BENEFIT CONCERT** - Sunday, February 15, 2026, 5pm - in partnership with Music for Food, all donations go to F.A.M. (Family Assistance Ministries)

**KERYGMA BIBLE OVERVIEW** continues Thursdays, 6:30pm with Pastor David. Thirty lessons covering both the Old and New Testament.

**LENT 2026** - "*Healing Hands*" - a look at the healing stories in Mark's Gospel. Worship/soup every Wednesday beginning Ash Wednesday, February 18, 6pm - soup. Worship - noon/7pm. **ASH WEDNESDAY**: 3 opportunities to receive ashes - Drive by: 8-9am in upper circle; noon in Sanctuary; 7pm after soup in Bankson Hall (Feb. 18)

**SERRA'S PANTRY** - Next volunteer opportunity, Saturday, February 21, 8:30am-12pm. Email/call the church office with any questions at [gloriadei@mygloriadei.org](mailto:gloriadei@mygloriadei.org).

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS**: To provide a soup, please sign-up! The Women's Board is providing the first Wednesday soup supper, but there are plenty of opportunities!

**LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE** - The new 2026 schedule for trips is as follows: March 7, July 18 & October 17. Please join us for 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. See sign-up for details.

**MEN'S SPRING TRAINING RETREAT SIGN-UP**: March 6-8, in Tempe, AZ. "First come, first serve." 30 spots and a waiting list. Pre-trip meeting today, 9:30am.

**PRIME TIMERS** (Seniors): GIA Museum, Carlsbad, Mon., Feb. 23, 1 pm. Sign up.

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

**WOMEN'S ONE DAY RETREAT** - Join us here at Gloria Dei, Saturday, March 14, in Bankson Hall, with a light breakfast at 8:30am and program beginning at 9am. Writer and popular speaker Kirsten Casillas will present.

**OFFERING** - Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei! Place check/money in donation boxes or give electronically: Venmo app - @GloriaDei-DanaPoint or Zelle -

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**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!** 8:30am: Coffee Prep: Diane & Greg Blanda; Communion: Katherine Dickinson & Carol Weinhardt; Lector: Denise Boyd; Ushers: Dave & Judy Ross; Welcome Table: Leslie McNaughton 10am: Coffee Clean-up: Gloria Dei Staff; Communion: Peggy Johnson & Kim Santore; Lector: Marsha Atkinson; Ushers: Dennis Pysz & Sharon Miller; Welcome Table: Karen Ungerman

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR - FEBRUARY 8-14, 2026**

**Today:** Worship & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am & 5pm); Spring Training Retreat Meeting (9:30am); **Monday:** South Coast Literacy (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed (7pm) **Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters (9am); Staff Meeting (11am); Heart Lifters (6:30pm); VFW Auxiliary (6:30pm); Al Anon (7pm); Church Council Meeting (7pm) **Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters Guild (9am); 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); Kerygma Bible Study (6:15pm); AA Meeting (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:15pm); Chorale Rehearsal **Friday:** Al Anon (10am); Mary Haesloop Memorial Service (10am); 12 Step Meeting Men (6:30) **Saturday:** AA Men (7am); Men's Breakfast (8:30am); ACA Group (11:30am); Ukrainian School of OC (1:30pm); Mirabell Rehearsal (2:00pm)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

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

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