



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 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:

Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist (8:30am/10am)

Harrison Michael, Worship Leader (5pm)

THE GATHERING HYMN: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

#879vv.1-3

**For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

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

We gather on this day,
to praise God, who is our strength.

We gather on this holy day,
to join with Jesus in relieving the burdens of others.

We gather in this sacred space,
to be fed by the Spirit with grace and hope.

We gather together in community,
To encourage one another in our walk with Christ.

We gather during the Season of Lent,
To remember Jesus' walk to the cross,

We gather beneath the cross and give thanks
For the depth of His love. Amen.

THE HYMN: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

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

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum

THE FIRST LESSON: Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but

there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"
 (Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**)

THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.
 (Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)

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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.

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

THE GOSPEL: Mark 3:1-6

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They were watching him to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him. (The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN: **Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying** (2x)

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**Lord, listen to your children praying,
 Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
 Lord, listen to your children praying.
 Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

THE MESSAGE: *Sabbath Violator*

Deacon Daneen Pysz

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY:

Andy Degan

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, INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT

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 echo 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**

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Agnus Dei - **Agnus Dei,**
 You take away - **You take away,**

The sins of - **The sins of**
 The world - **The world**
 Dona nobis pacem - **Dona nobis pacem.**

Amazing Grace

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
 that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found;
 was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 and grace my fears relieved;
 how precious did that grace appear
 the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares
 I have already come;
 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
 and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me;
 his word my hope secures;
 he will my shield and portion be
 as long as life endures.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
 bright shining as the sun,
 we've no less days to sing God's praise
 than when we'd first begun.**

Be Still My Soul

**Be still, my soul! the Lord is on thy side;
 bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
 leave to thy God to order and provide;
 in every change He faithful will remain.
 Be still, my soul. Thy best, thy heavenly, Friend
 through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul! thy God doth undertake
 to guide the future as He has the past.
 Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake;
 all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
 Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
 His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.**

**Be still, my soul. The hour is hastening on
 when we shall be forever with the Lord,**

when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul. When change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall all meet at last.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSINGS

THE SENDING HYMN: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness #843
Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev-'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev-'ry land.

Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

SENDING WORDS

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, 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)

ALTAR FLOWERS - provided in honor of Paige Gulck and Fred Gulck's birthdays.

THE MEN'S RETREAT is this weekend. All the men will be returning late this afternoon. Please keep them in your prayers for safe travels.

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).

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

ART BUILD - Join the art ministry as we build giant flowers for our Easter "Superbloom." This week we meet March 10, 1pm-3pm and March 12, 11am-1:30pm in Bankson Hall.

WOMEN'S 1/2 DAY RETREAT - Next Saturday March 14, Bankson Hall. Breakfast - 8:30am, program 9am - 1pm. (Speaker Kirsten Casillas) Lunch included, childcare available. This is the last day to sign-up.

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

HIGH SCHOOLERS AT SERRA'S PANTRY - All high school kids are invited to join the group to help. Saturday, March 21, 8:30-12pm.

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST on Palm Sunday after the 10am service. Hosted by Youth Director Paige and the youth group. Donations go towards The Western States Youth Gathering 2026. Please sign-up at the Welcome Table to join us for pancakes!

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: Lynne and Wes Morgan
Communion: Lisa & David Zylstra Lector: Brenda Gaumer; Ushers: Elvia & John Gustavson;
Welcome Table: Diane Kelly 10am: Coffee Clean-up: Barb Collins; Communion: Peggy
Johnson & Lisa Mers; Lector: Sharon Miller Ushers: Katherine Dickinson & Sharon Miller;
Welcome Table: Kathi Anderson; 5pm: Carol Simpson

OPPORTUNITIES FOR - MARCH 8-14, 2026

Today: MGD Spring Training Retreat; Worship & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am & 5pm)
Monday: South Coast Literacy (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed (7pm)
Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters (9:00am); Staff Meeting (11am); Art Build (1pm); Heart Lifters (6:30pm); VFW Auxiliary (6:30pm); Church Council Meeting (7pm); Al Anon (7pm)
Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters (9am); Women's Bible Study (10am); First Communion Instruction (5:15pm); 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); Art Build (11am); Seniors & Friends AA (1pm); Al Anon (5:30pm); Handbell Choir (6pm); Kerygma Bible Study (6:15pm); AA Meeting (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:15); Chorale Rehearsal (8:15pm) **Friday:** Al Anon (10am); Rudy Horsch Memorial (11:30am); 12 Step Men (6:30) **Saturday:** AA Men (7am); Women's 1/2 Day Retreat (8am); Men's Breakfast (8:30am); ACA Group (11:30am); Fired Up - Confirmation Kids Chalice Making (1pm); Ukrainian School of OC (1:30pm)

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5pm Worship Leader Harrison Michael

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: ❖ Closet Clean-Out Clothing Exchange (April 12, 2026) ❖
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) ❖
Western States Youth Gathering - High School (June 28-July 1)