



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 15, 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)

Rachel Ehrling, pianist (5pm)

THE GATHERING HYMN: *Christ Be Our Light*

#715 vv.1-3

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.)

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

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

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed; in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, by my fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

(Silence for confession. Proclamation of forgiveness.)

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

Preschool Director Shelli Parajekas

THE LESSON: Philippians 2:1-11

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

PSALM 95:1-7

(Read responsively.)

O come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,

and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture

and the sheep of his hand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)



Let your steady love come to us, O Lord.
Let your steady love come to us, O Lord.
Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.
Let your steady love come to us, O Lord.

(The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 5th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**)

THE GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-23, 35-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him, and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jairus, came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." While he was still speaking, some people came from the synagogue leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the synagogue leader, "Do not be afraid; only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the synagogue leader's house, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. Taking her by the hand, he said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, arise!" And immediately the girl stood up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat.

(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

ANTHEM: *All I Know* by John Purifoy (8:30am) Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum
Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN: O Christ the Same (tune: Londonderry)
**O Christ the same, through all our story's pages,
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;**

#760

eternal Lord, the king of all the ages,
 unchanging still amid the passing years:
**O living Word, the source of all creation,
 who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze,
 O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,
 we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.**

**O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing
 our in-most thoughts, the secrets none can hide,
 still as of old upon your body bearing
 the marks of love, in triumph glorified:
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav-en,
 O Prince of life, in all your saving power,
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given,
 we bring our thanks for this the present hour.**

**O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping
 our lives and loves, our days and years remain,
 our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,
 our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,
 For all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee;
 O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,
 We bring our thanks for all that is to be.**

THE MESSAGE: *The Jesus Trifecta*

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Give Me Jesus* arr. Stephen DeCesare
 Nathan Wilson (Trumpet), Zac Welin (Frend Horn), Micaela Lum (Piano)


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 minister.)

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.**

Children of the Heavenly Father

**Children of the heav'n-ly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.**

#781

**God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

**Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.**

Here is Bread

**Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.**

#483

Refrain:

**In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.**

**Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. (Refrain.)**

**Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. (Refrain.)**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSINGS

THE SENDING HYMN: Crown Him with Many Crowns

**Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.**

#855 vv.1,3,5

**Crown him the Lord of love –
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky**

**can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes
at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.**

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 are provided by Nadine Graven in loving memory of Mike Graven, MD.

THANKS

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.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA - Please donate filled plastic Easter eggs for the hunt! See basket at Welcome Table.

ART BUILD - Join the art ministry as we build giant flowers for our Easter "Superbloom." This week we meet March 18, 1pm-4pm, March 19 11am-1:30pm and March 21, 10:30-12:30 in Bankson Hall.

SERRA'S PANTRY - CANCELLED for March 21 due to Swallow's Day Parade. Next volunteer opportunity, Saturday, April 18 8:30am-12pm. Email/call the church office with any questions at gloriadei@mygloriadei.org.

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!

CLOSET CLEAN-OUT CLOTHING EXCHANGE: April 12, 1pm-5pm, Bankson Hall. Bring clothes on hangers. Women's clothes, handbags, shoes, etc. men's clothes as well. Then shop around for FREE. See the flyer at the Welcome Table.

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).

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.

SERMON NOTES are available for anyone (not just Confirmation students) who would like something to write on. They are located in the first pew racks entering sanctuary.

NEED XTRA PRAYERS? - Meet at Candle Station (next to the organ pipes) before or after services.

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY! 8:30am: Coffee Prep: Bob & Brenda Gaumer
Communion: Jim & Madelyn Jansma Lector: Paige Gulck; Ushers: Diane Kelly & Judy Ross;
Welcome Table: Gene Rathbun 10am: Coffee Clean-up: Lisa Mers; Communion: Donna & Jerry Combe Lector: Dennis Pysz Ushers: David & Susan Warneke; Welcome Table: Rebecca Horner 5pm: Lorraine McCarty

OPPORTUNITIES FOR - MARCH 15-21, 2026

Today: Worship & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am & 5pm); Confirmation Class (11:15am)
Monday: South Coast Literacy (10am); RIOT Book Club (2pm); Dana Hills Baja Student Meeting (5pm); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed (7pm) **Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); GIFT (10am); Staff Meeting (11am); Al Anon (7pm); Call Committee (7pm) **Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Art Build (1pm); 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) **Friday:** Preschool Bike-a-thon (8am); Al Anon (10am); 12 Step Men's Meeting (6:30) **Saturday:** AA Men (7am); Serra's Pantry w/ High Schoolers (8:30am); Art Build (10:30am); ACA Group (11:30am); Ukrainian School of OC (1:30pm)

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5pm Worship Leader Harrison Michael

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- ❖ 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)