



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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EASTER - RESURRECTION SUNDAY

April 5, 2026 - 6:30am, 8:30am, 10:00am

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!** May the joy of the resurrection give you strength and hope! Please join us for refreshments following the service and if you are a guest, please "sign-in" at the Welcome Table and receive a gift. A nursery is available for young children today. Sign your child in and grab a pager. Again, welcome to worship!

PRELUDE: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* arr. Sandra Eithun (8:30/10am)
Gloria Dei Handbell Choir, Art & Music Director Michelle Lum

THE GATHERING HYMN: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

#365 vv. 1-2

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Al-le-lu-ia!
our triumphant holy day, Al-le-lu-ia!
who did once upon the cross, Al-le-lu-ia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Al-le-lu-ia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Al-le-lu-ia!
who endured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia!
sinners to redeem and save. Al-le-lu-ia!**

THE INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

(People read **bold** words.)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

We gather on this Resurrection Sunday to celebrate the hope of the world.
May the Spirit of the living Christ grant us this hope.

As we gather, we remember how the first Easter began:
Early in the morning, on the first day of the week,

They gathered in the dark to go to the tomb. And they were saying among themselves, **"Who shall roll away the stone from the door of the tomb?"**

And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back
and entering the tomb, an angel greeted them, saying,

"Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.
He is not here; for he has been raised!"

Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!**

THE HYMN: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

#365 v. 4

**Sing we to our God above, Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise eternal as his love; Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise him, all you heav'n-ly host, Al-le-lu-ia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia!**

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

ANTHEM: *Easter Jubilation* by Michael Barrett (8:30/10am)

Sanctuary Choir, Art & Music Director Michelle Lum

THE LESSON: Colossians 3:1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that

are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: All Creatures of Our God and King (Please stand.)

All creatures of our God and King,

lift up your voice with us and sing:

Alleluia! Alleluia! O burning sun with golden beam,

and silver moon with softer gleam:

O praise him! O praise him!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 28th chapter. **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

THE EASTER GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: Thine is the Glory

#376 vv. 1-2

Thine is the glory, risen, con-qu'ring Son;

endless is the vic-t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,

kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain: **Thine is the glory, risen, con-qu'ring Son;**

endless is the vic-t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!

Lov-ing-ly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;

let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,

for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! (Refrain)

THE MESSAGE: *April Madness*

Pastor David R. Mattson

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OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Worthy is the Lamb with Crown Him with*

Many Crowns by Zschech, Bridges and Elvey Michelle Lum, Gloria Dei Chorale

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Thine is the Glory (Please stand.)

#376 v. 3

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;

life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;

make us more than con-qu'rors,

through thy deathless love;

bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Refrain: **Thine is the glory, risen, con-qu'ring Son;**

endless is the vic-t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER, INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

(All who believe Christ is present in the Sacrament are welcome. Non-communing children & adults who choose not to receive, may still come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms in front as a signal you would prefer a blessing. Also, white grape juice is located in the center of each tray and gluten free bread is available. There will be three communing areas and ushers will guide you forward.)

THE HYMNS DURING HOLY COMMUNION:

Lamb of God (Cantor sings first and people repeat.)

Let Us Break Bread Together

#471

Let us break bread together on our knees;

Let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees,

With my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees . . .

Let us praise God together on our knees . . .

One Bread, One Body

Refrain: **One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. (Refrain.)

Many the gifts, many the works, One in the Lord - of all. (Refrain.)

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. (Refrain.)

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

#619 vv. 1-2, 8

**I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head!**

**He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives exalted, throned above;
He lives to rule his Church in love.**

**He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives;
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

SENDING WORDS: Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!**
Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE: *Allegro pour orgue* by C. Balbastre Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist

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THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

6:30am: Communion & Lector: Diane Kelly; Ushers: Dianne & Greg Blanda. **8:30am:** Coffee Prep: Dianne & Greg Blanda; Communion: Barb Collins, Bill Jonas, Kathy Martino, Melody Lieber, Ren Higgins; Lector: Jay Pederson; Ushers: Carol & Chuck Weinhardt; Welcome Table: Barb Collins. **10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Gloria Dei Staff; Communion: Dave & Susan Warneke, Sharon Miller, Sharry Hilyard, Katherine Dickinson, Susie Boland; Lector: Katherine Dickinson; Ushers: Dean Fräsché, Willie Knottnerus & Dennis Pysz; Welcome Table: Sharon Miller

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Ren and Shelly Higgins in celebration of their 39th wedding anniversary.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA! All young children are invited to the egg hunt and meet Maggie Grimaldi (Family Ministry) near the outdoor baptismal fountain, right after the 10am service. Look for the colorful cross!

SUNDAY SCHOOL is during Sunday services (children ages 4-5th grade). They leave after the Kid's Message & return at Communion. No Sunday School on Easter Sunday. Questions; Children's Ministry Dir. Molly Healey - childrensministry@mygloriadei.org.

APRIL NEWSLETTER is available at the Welcome Table. Pick one up and join in.

SUPERBLOOM ARTWORK - Easter artwork is now up in the Sanctuary for the season of Easter, many thanks to the Art Ministry for creating such beautiful pieces!

MONTHLY ART GATHERING - This Wednesday, April 8 at 6:30pm join the Art Ministry in the sanctuary as we celebrate and talk about our newest artwork! We also continue our working artist discussions.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY on Wednesdays, 10am begins April 8. All Women are invited to join Pastor David and Deacon Daneen for this weekly study. Knudson Hall.

MEN'S BREAKFAST - 2nd Saturday/month, 8:30am. Next: April 11. Great food, friendship, and Bible study led by Pastor David. Knudson Hall. All men are invited.

MEMORIAL SERVICE for Barb McKeown will take place on Saturday, April 11, 11am.

LUNCH AND LASER TAG FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS - Next Sunday, April 12th @ Laserland in Mission Viejo, noon. Call the church office for details.

CLOSET CLEAN-OUT/CLOTHING EXCHANGE: April 12, 1pm-5pm, Bankson Hall. Bring clothes on hangers. Women's clothes, handbags, etc., men's clothes as well. Then shop for FREE. Drop off items noon-4pm, Sat., April 11. Flyer at the Welcome Table.

ALL MUSIC GROUPS - Bell Choir, Sanctuary Choir, Chorale - begin again on Thursday, April 16. Join in for the remainder of the season. Questions, speak with Michelle Lum.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the kids who received their First Communion: Caroline Brodrick, Charlotte Mayfield, Henry Overton, Kennedy Merchant and Owen Healey.

WOMEN'S TEA - Saturday, April 25, 2pm. Sign-up! \$30. Catered, traditional tea. (No cost for table hostesses and military families). Hats encouraged!

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - PETTING ZOO - Sunday, April 26, please join us to visit with all the animals out by the parking lot during the morning.

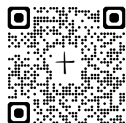
CREPE PAPER FLOWERS WORKSHOP - Thursday, April 30 from 10:30am-12:30pm. Learn how to make beautiful flowers out of crepe paper! In this workshop, you'll learn to create some realistic, life-sized flowers. Sign up at the welcome table.

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).

MEMBERSHIP? If you are interested in officially saying “yes” to Gloria Dei’s ministry. See the sign-up for details. Welcome to the “family!”

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE - Next, they meet with the Assistant to the Bishop. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin search for an Associate Pastor.

THANK YOU for supporting Gloria Dei! Place check/money in donation boxes or give via Venmo app - @GloriaDei-DanaPoint or Zelle - gloriadei@mygloriadei.org. You can also donate via credit/debit card through Vanco: mygloriadei.org/donate or go to QR code to right.



XTRA PRAYERS - Candle station (by organ pipes) is available before & after services.

UPCOMING SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: Serra’s Pantry, Los Angelitos Orphanage, Laundry Love, and more. Call the office for all the details/dates.

THANKS TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS FOR DONATING THE BEAUTIFUL LILIES!

John & Susan Adams	In memory of Marjorie Adams, mother & mentor and Big John Adams, father & friend
Ruth Anderson	In memory of my husband, Harvey In celebration of my grandchildren
Bettivia & Christa Bartha	In memory of Andreas Bartha
The Beaudry Family	In honor of Mareen Fouret
Susan Behnke	In memory of Donald & James Behnke
Craig & Barb Collins	In celebration of Easter & in honor of our grandchildren, Zoey & Sebastian
Jocelyn & Jeff Contestabile	In memory of James & Shirley Blundell and Joseph Contestabile
Lisa & Kristopher Cowan	In celebration of Jameson & Jackson diPiazza and Avery & Bodhi Thomson
Linda Curie	In memory of John P. Curie
Sharon Derr	In memory of Nellie & Olyn Saine
Kathy Evans	In memory of Jack Evans & Chuck Tyus
Jill & Joanne Freeman	In memory of Dennis & Elizabeth Freeman
Linda & John Friend	In memory of our daughter and parents
Bob & Brenda Gaumer	In celebration of God’s gift of our wonderful family
Nadine Graven & Larry Lisser	In memory of Mike Graven, Stan Graven, Lorraine Mastin, Henry & Helen Graven and Alvin & Helen Johnson

Roger Grefsrud
The Hettmann Family
Laurene Holmes-Hylton
Juli Johnson
David & Nancy Kath
Barbara Keim
The Knuf Family
Mike & Dellita Kobold
Rachel & Kimberly Larson & Cam Myers
Kimberly Larson & Cam Myers
Gene & Annie Mack
The Mayfields

Pat McKinley
Steve & Leslie McNaughton

The Neiderhiser Family

The Olmsteads
Eric, Gia & Henry Overton
Barbara Richards
The Ross Family
Donna Sandidge
Liane Schuller
Jim & Ann St. Martin
Lora Schultz Stoll
Mitchell & Annmarie Thomas
The Voss Family
David & Susan Warneke
James & Neta Wenrick

Judy Young
Ron & Marion Zecc
Jon & Jane Zeiger

David & Lisa Zylstra

In memory of Gina & Keith Grefsrud
In honor of our service men and women.
In memory of Kathryn Holmes & Vera Cassen
In memory of Elizabeth Johnson
In memory of Lilly & Howard Paetz
In memory of Randy Keim
In memory of Joyce Knuf & Elsie Burkhardt
In honor of our parents
In memory of Reverend & Mrs. Herbener
In celebration of Rachel Larson
In memory of Gene & Nadine Mack
In celebration of Caroline, Kennedy, Charlotte, Henry and Owen’s First Communion and in celebration of Charlotte, Taylor and our extended family.
In memory of Daniel & Barbara McKinley
In memory of Bruce & Shirley McNaughton and Sandra Burns & Norm Clifford
In memory of the love of Joan & Dick Kline and in Celebration of the amazing life of Ellen Kietz
In memory of Bill Lyon
In memory of Janet Overton
In memory of Tom Richards
In honor of the Risen Christ! He is Risen Indeed!
In memory of my dad, Don Wilson
In memory of Ray & Ingrid Schuller
In celebration of our risen Lord
In celebration of Clifffy’s 2nd birthday & James’ baptism
In celebration of our family and friends
In memory of Houston “Fred” Voss
In celebration of the resurrection. He is RISEN indeed!
In honor of grandsons, Noah & Roland and in memory of Our parents Frank & Ethyl Crawford & Stanley & Dorothy Wenrick
In memory of Jack Young
In memory of Alexander Zecc
In memory of Louis & Helen Zeiger and Scotty & Josephine Owen
In honor of our family & our parents

Lilies are available to pick up after the 10am service or during the week at the office. Thank you!