Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Grace changes everything.

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20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026
(Worship: 8:30am, 10am, & 5pm)

WELCOME! Guests, please sign in at the "Welcome Table" and receive a gift. For young children, a nursery is available. Sunday school (preschool-5th grade) continues for the school year. It's held during both morning services. We also love children in worship! Join us for refreshments following worship.

TODAY, we finish our Fall Theme, a study of Philippians. Today, we also begin our Stewardship emphasis. That is, "*Hang Luth*" - how we respond to God's grace by giving of our time, talent, and treasure. Thank you for joining us!

PRELUDE: *Come, Christians Join to Sing* arr. Matt Limbaugh
Micaela Lum, Pianist/Organist (8:30am/10am)

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

GATHERING HYMN: *Lift High the Cross* #660 vv.1-2
Refrain: **Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim**
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)

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CALL TO WORSHIP (Philippians 4:1-9)
Gathered in God's name,
may the peace of God guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Here we can focus our minds on what is just, commendable and worthy of praise.
May the peace of God guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Here we learn how prayer helps us not worry as we ask for God's help.
May the peace of God guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Here we are pointed to thoughts of what is true, and actions we've seen in Christians throughout time.
May the peace of God guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

As we worship, bringing our hopes, fears, sin, and gratitude to the Friend of sinners,
may the peace of God guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

THE HYMN: *Lift High the Cross* #660 vv.3-4
O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee.

Refrain: **Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim**
till all the world adore his sacred name.

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! (Refrain)

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

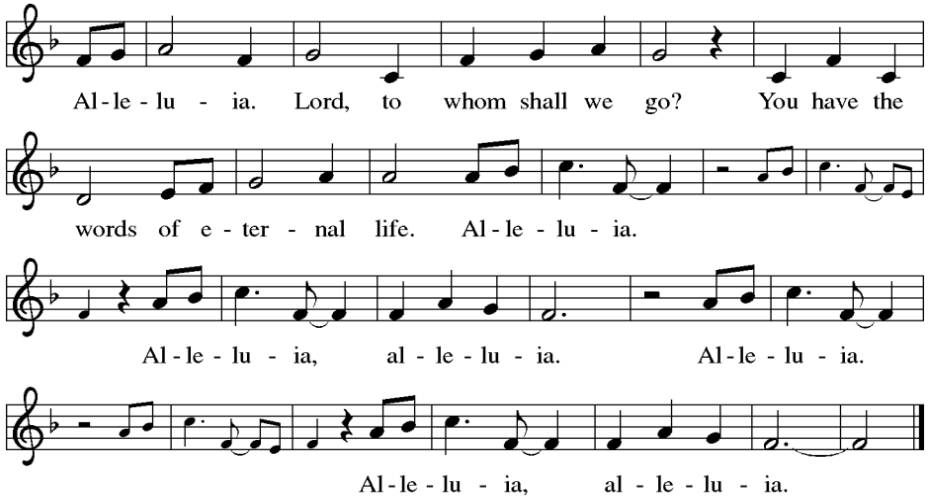
Creator of all, You made us in Your image and breathed into us a spirit of generosity that is both gift and response. Move us, we pray, to give as we have received–abundantly, generously, and joyfully that our common ministry may ever bear witness to your unfailing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Melody King

THE LESSON: Philippians 4:1-23

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you. I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me but had no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in need, for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress. You Philippians indeed know that in the early days of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving except you alone. For even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me help for my needs more than once. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit that accumulates to your account. I have been paid in full and have more than enough; I am fully satisfied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers and sisters who are with me greet you. All the saints greet you, especially those of the emperor's household. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand for the Gospel.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 22nd chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

THE ANTHEM: (10am)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

M^3 - MISSION MINISTRY MOMENT Susan Warneke, Council President

THE HYMN: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* (sing 2x) #752
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.

MESSAGE: *Hang Luth!* Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Once Again* by Matt Redman Harrison Michael

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: ***Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*** (sing 2x)
Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (Repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us" (Repeat)
Give thanks.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (All who believe Christ is present in this sacrament are welcome. Non-communing children and those who choose not to receive, may come 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* #195
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore #817
You have come down to the lakeshore
Seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
But only asking for me to follow.

Refrain: **Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;**
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you, I will seek other seas.

You know full well what I have, Lord:
Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
Just these my fish nets and will for working. (Refrain)

You need my hands, my exhaustion,
Working love for the rest of the weary
A love that's willing to go on loving. (Refrain)

You who have fished other waters;
You, the longing of souls that are yearning:
O loving Friend, you have come to call me. (Refrain)

Great is Thy Faithfulness #733
Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: **Great is Thy faithfulness!**
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: *Come, We That Love the Lord* #625 vv.1-2,4
Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,

join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne,
and thus surround the throne.

Refrain: **We're marching to Zion,**
beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
but children of the heav'n-ly King,
but children of the heav'n-ly King
may speak their joys abroad,
may speak their joys abroad. (Refrain)

Then let our songs abound
and ev-'ry tear be dry;
we're marching through Immanuel's ground,
we're marching through Immanuel's ground,
To fairer worlds on high,
to fairer worlds on high. (Refrain)

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

POSTLUDE MUSIC: *Toccata in e* by Johann Pachelbel Micaela Lum

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP PACKETS: Members and friends are invited to support the ministry of Gloria Dei through 3T's - Time, Talent, and Treasure. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL takes place during the morning services for all children age 4 through 5th grade. They leave after the Children's Message and return at Holy Communion. For younger children, a nursery is available (We love kids in church too). Sign your child in and grab a pager.

CHOIRS AT GLORIA DEI - Rehearsals for Sanctuary Choir and Gloria Dei Chorale continue on Thursdays, 7:15pm. Handbell rehearsals at 6pm. If you'd like to join an ensemble, email michellelum@mygloriadei.org.

KERYGMA BIBLE STUDY - An overview of the New Testament led by Pastor David continues on Thursdays, 6:15-7:15pm. It's not too late to join! Bankson Hall.

NEW MEMBERS - Tom Andreas, Kati & Tom Bennett, Janet & Mike Fisk, Juli Johnson, Judith Koch-Jones and Janet Wells. Please welcome them all!

L & L (LUNCH & LEARN) - TODAY at 11:15am, Bankson Hall. Wally and Kathleen Hayes share about sailing around the world.

ART GATHERING - October 14, 6:30pm in Bankson Hall. Annmarie Thomas presents on Portraiture: *In God's Image – An Introduction to Painting the Human Likeness*. Join us as we continue our working artist discussions too!

LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE - The next day trip is Saturday, October 17 (Tijuana, Mexico). Please see the sign-up at the Welcome Table. There is an informational meeting today between morning services, outside by the coffee cart.

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING 2027 - This coming year the Gathering will be in Minneapolis as the kids "Imagine More". Pre-registration starts on October 21 and is open through February 2027. Please call or email the office for details.

PRAYER LABYRINTH - Saturday, October 24. Walk the Courtyard Labyrinth pausing at 7 stations to pray using Scripture from Philippians. Watch for the sign up.

BIBLE PRESENTATION - October 25 at the 8:30 and 10 am services. All parents of 3rd graders please see the sign-up at the Welcome Table. We will be passing out bibles to those kids, and anyone that did not receive one in 3rd grade.

TRICK or TRUNK - Sunday, October 25th at 4 - 6pm. Please decorate your trunk and join us for In-n-Out and a fun night of games and a costume parade.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP meets Sunday, October 25, 11:15am, Knudson Hall. Signup at Welcome Table. Questions, speak with Deacon Daneen.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY - November 1. Fill out a form at the Welcome Table if you would like a loved one's name mentioned during the tolling of the bells. On the form, circle which service you attend. There will be a brief service at the Columbarium 9:30am.

WOMEN'S EVENT: Bower's Museum Trip (Guided tour), Saturday, November 7. Special exhibit: *Picasso Ceramics*. $14. See sign-up and flier for details.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING - November 6-8 - at Great Wolf Lodge. Email paigegulck@mygloriadei.org to sign-up.

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.

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY! **8:30am:** Acolyte : Gavin O'Byrne; Coffee Prep: Carol & Chuck Wenhardt Communion: Phil Furlong & Barbara Keim Lector: Ren Higgins; Ushers: Lynne & Wes Morgan; Welcome Table: Barb Collins **10am:** Acolyte: Annabel Greer; Coffee Clean-up: Barb Collins; Communion: Katherine Dickinson & Susan Behnke Lector: Laurene Holmes-Hylton Ushers: Laurene Holmes-Hylton & Gia Lugo-Overton; Welcome Table: Susan Behnke **5pm:** Reader: Jeannie Moyer

OPPORTUNITIES FOR - OCT. 11-17, 2026: **Today**: Worship (8:30am, 10am, 5pm); L & L (11:15) **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); Council Meeting (7pm) **Wednesday**: AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters (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 & Friends AA (1pm); Al Anon (5:30pm); Handbell Choir (6pm); Kerygma Bible Study (6:15pm); AA Meeting (7pm); Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (7:15pm) **Friday**: Al Anon (10am); 12 Step Men's Meeting (6:30); **Saturday**: AA Men (7am); Los Angelitos Trip; Women's Board Meeting (9am); ACA Group (11:30am); Ukrainian Worship (1pm); Ukrainian School of Orange (1:30pm)

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SAVE THE DATE:

- ✜ Chili Cook-Off & Square Dance (Nov. 15)
- ✜ Season of Advent begins (Nov.29)
- ✜ Tinsel & Tunes (Dec.4)
- ✜ M-Pact Concert (Dec. 13)
- ✜ Christmas Eve Worship (Dec. 24 - 4pm, 5:30pm, 10pm)
- ✜ Stephanie Trick & Paolo Alderighi Concert (Jan. 10, 2027 5pm)
- ✜ Men of Gloria Dei (MGD) - Spring Training Retreat in Tempe, AZ (March 5-7, 2027)
- ✜ Concordia College Choir (Moorhead, MN. March 10, 2027 7pm)

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