Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Grace changes everything.

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21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 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 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! If you have not done so already, pick up your Stewardship Packet by the surfboards.

PRELUDE: *Complainte* by Vierne Micaela Lum, Pianist/Organist (8:30am/10am)

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

THE HYMN: *Grace Is the 7th Wave* (Tune: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*)
Grace comes rolling as a wave, Lord,
Gift of love we cannot earn;
You have met us in our weakness,
Called us home and made us learn:
All we have is first Your giving,
Every breath and every day;
Grace becomes our pow'r for living,
all we do and all we say.

Your grace found us, Your grace claimed us,
grace will send us on our way;
Faith alive in love will guide us,
Serving Christ in each new day.
Time and talent, gifts and treasure,
Freely given, freely sewn;
All we have and all we offer,
Come from grace and grace alone.

There are people truly hungry,
There are hearts that need our care;
There are neighbors seeking welcome,
There are burdens we can bear.
Make us generous with Your mercy,
Make us faithful, make us bold;
May our lives become an offering,
More than silver, more than gold.

THE CONFESSION (People read **bold** words.)

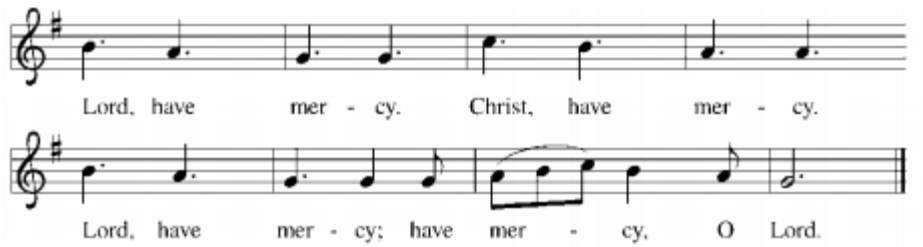
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Most merciful God,
We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

(Silence for confession. Proclamation of forgiveness.)

APOSTOLIC GREETING (The grace of our Lord … be with you all. **And also with you**.)

THE KYRIE (People sing refrain) #154



PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Maggie Grimaldi, Family Ministry Coordinator

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 45:1-7

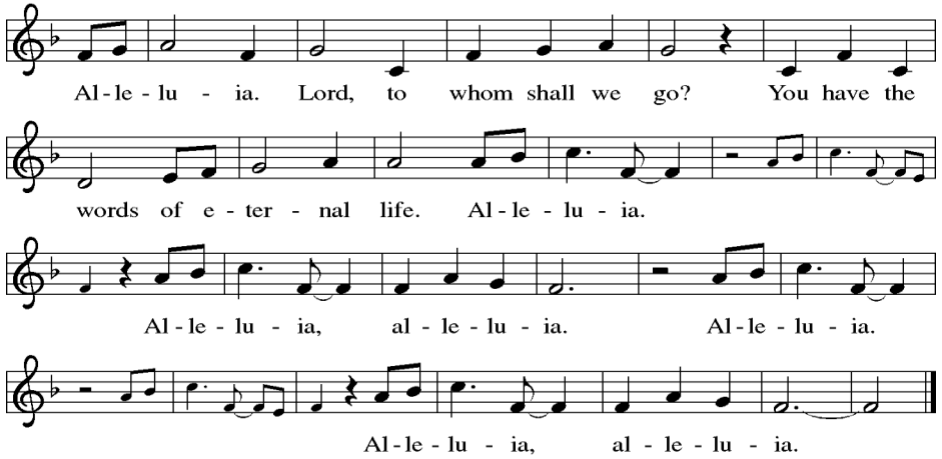
Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him-- and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron; I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

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

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired from the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead--Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

(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 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the Caesar, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are the Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

ANTHEM: *Will You Let Me be Your Servant* (10am) Sanctuary Choir, Micaela Lum

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

M3 - MISSION MINISTRY MOMENT Zac Welin, Financial Secretary

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Here I Am Lord* #574 vv.1,3
"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

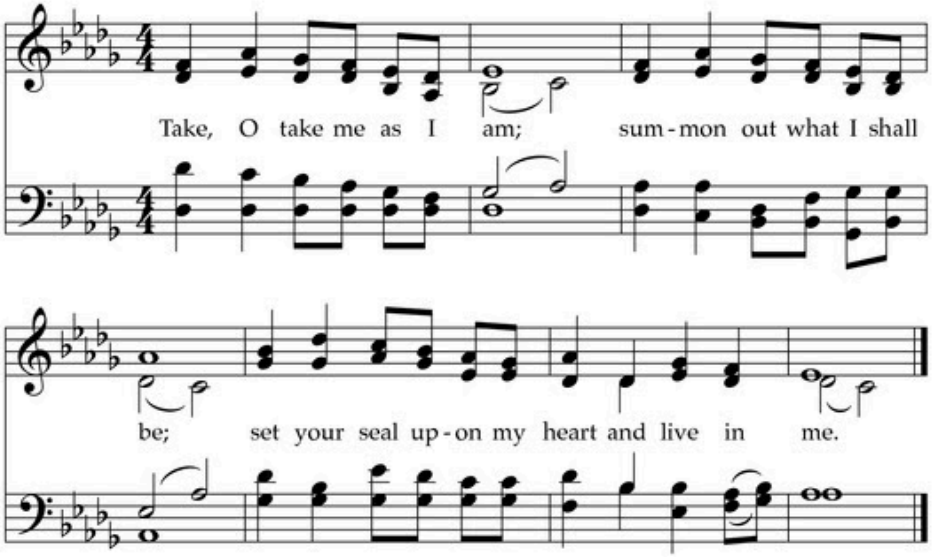
Refrain: **Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.**
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" (Refrain.)

MESSAGE: *HANG LUTH #2* Pastor David R. Mattson (8:30/10)
Deacon Daneen Pysz (5pm)

OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Offering* by Paul Baloche Harrison Michael

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *Take, O Take Me as I Am* (2x) #814



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.

Take My Life that I May Be #685
Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in cease-less praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing, always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use ev-'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Children of the Heavenly Father #781
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.

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.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: *For the Beauty of the Earth* #879 vv.1,4

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 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.

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

POSTLUDE MUSIC: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Micaela Lum

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS provided by Kathy Evans in honor of Jack Evan's birthday. Also from Jan Cox, in loving memory of RJ Mitte.

STEWARDSHIP PACKETS: Members and friends are invited to support the ministry of Gloria Dei through 3T's - Time, Talent, and Treasure. Visit the Hang Luth tables.

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.

MEXICAN CELEBRATION - Thanks to the Lugo family for providing special music between our morning services.

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!

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, bring candy to pass out to the "trick or trunkers" 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.

CHILI COOK-OFF & SQUARE DANCE - Sunday, Nov. 15, 5-7pm, Bankson Hall. Sign-up to bring a chili to share or just come. And then work it all off Square Dancing! (There will be a professional caller.) Also, bring a canned food item for F.A.M. pantry

UPCOMING CONCERTS: M-Pact (Andy Degan's group) (Dec. 13, 5pm); Lumos Candlelight Concert (Dec. 18, 2 sittings); Stephanie Trick & Paolo Alderighi Piano Duet (Jan. 10, 2027, 5pm); Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* (Feb. 7, 2027, 5pm); Concordia College Choir (Moorhead, MN) (March 10, 2027, 7pm); Haydn's *Seven Last Words of Christ* (March 21, 5pm)

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 : Ansley Ramsaur; Coffee Prep: Bonny & Bob Gillespie Communion: Katherine Dickinson & Kathy Martino Lector: David Macher; Ushers: Erin Neiderhiser & Diane Kelly; Welcome Table: Bonny & Bob Gillespie **10am:** Acolyte: Annabel Greer; Coffee Clean-up: Confirmation Kids; Communion: Colleen McCray & Roger Grefsrud Lector: Dean Frasche Ushers: Dennis Pysz & Dean Frasche; Welcome Table: Melody Lieber **5pm:** Reader: Carol Simpson

OPPORTUNITIES FOR - OCT. 18-24, 2026: **Today**: Worship (8:30am, 10am, 5pm); Confirmation Class (11:15); Clothing Exchange (2pm) **Monday**: Ukrainian Consulate Meeting (9am); Preschool Parent Teacher Conferences (9am); South Coast Literacy (10am); RIOT Book Club (2pm); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed (7pm) **Tuesday**: AA Men (7am); Preschool Parent/ Teacher Conferences (9am); GIFT (10am); Staff Meeting (11am) **Wednesday**: AA Men (7am); Blood Drive (9am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Mission Hospital AA (6pm); 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); Prayer Laybrinth (8am); ACA Group (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm)

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SAVE THE DATE:

- ✜ Season of Advent begins (Nov.29)
- ✜ Tinsel & Tunes (Dec.4)
- ✜ Christmas Eve Worship (Dec. 24 - 4pm, 5:30pm, 10pm)
- ✜ Men of Gloria Dei (MGD) - Spring Training Retreat in Tempe, AZ (March 5-7, 2027)