Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Grace changes everything.

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8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Guests, please sign in at the Welcome Table and receive a gift. For young children, a nursery is available. Sign your child in and grab a pager. We also love children in worship and Sunday school (Children may leave after children's message for Sunday school and return at Holy Communion). We are glad you are here!

Today is All Saints' Sunday. We give thanks to those people who have finished their course on earth (with the tolling of the bells) and are now with all the saints in light. We also give thanks for those saints in our midst who have shared the grace of Jesus with us. May this time of thanksgiving give you strength in your journey of life.

PRELUDE: *Shall We Gather At the River* arr. Karen Lakey Buckwalter
Gloria Dei Handbell Choir (8:30am/10am)
Mitchell Piantanida (5pm)

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

GATHERING HYMN: *For All the Saints* (Please stand.) #422 vv. 1-2

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

INVOCATION AND LITANY OF SAINTS (People read/sing **bold** words.)

THE HYMN: *For All the Saints* #422 v. 3

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor David R. Mattson

THE FIRST LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:1-3
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.
(Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God!)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *For All the Saints* (Please stand.) #422 v. 4
And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

(The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 5th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.)**
READING OF THE GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12
When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE APOSTLES' CREED
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE ANTHEM: *All Things New* by Elaine Hagenberg Gloria Dei Chorale

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN: *For All the Saints* #422 vv. 5-6
The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

THE MESSAGE: *Unpack Your Adjectives* Pastor David R. Mattson (8:30/10am)
Deacon Daneen Pysz (5pm)

OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC: *When the Saints* by Sara Groves Michelle Lum

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *For All the Saints* #422 v. 7
From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (All who believe Christ is present in this Sacrament are welcome to receive. Non-communing children and others who wish to receive only a blessing may come forward also. For those who prefer, white juice is located in the center of each tray. Gluten free wafers are also available.)

HOLY COMMUNION MUSIC: *Lamb of God* Page 191
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, Lamb of God.

Blest Are They #728
Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow,
they shall be consoled.

Refrain: **Rejoice and be glad!**
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!

Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones;
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill. (Refrain.)

Blest are they who show mercy;
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart,
they shall see God. (Refrain.)

Blest are they who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith;
the glory of God is theirs. (Refrain.)

Blest are you who suffer hate,
all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad,
yours is the kingdom;
shine for all to see. (Refrain.)

Abide with Me #629
Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence ev-'ry passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me!

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE TOLLING OF THE BELLS
(Following the reading of the names of loved ones who have died in Christ, there will be a moment of silence and then the bell will toll twelve times, in remembrance and thanksgiving for those people who have finished their life of faith on earth.)

THE BLESSING

SENDING HYMN*: When the Saints Go Marching In*
Oh, when the saints go marching in,
oh, when the saints go marching in,
oh, Lord I want to be in that number,
when the saints go marching in.

Oh, when the trumpet sounds its call…

And on that hallelujah day…

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

POSTLUDE: *Toccata in D Minor* by J.S. Bach — Micaela Lum (8:30/10am), Mitchell Piantanida (5pm)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS provided by the McWilson's, Thanks be to God!

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. Thanks to the many people who have already turned them in! When everyone lifts, the load is lighter.

THANKS to our Handbell Choir and Gloria Dei Chorale for the beautiful music today.

PASTOR JOHN KNUDSON MEMORIAL is Monday, November 9, 11am in the Sanctuary, with a reception to follow in Bankson Hall. (This service will be live-streamed.)

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.

BIBLE STUDIES: On-going Bible studies are offered each week at Gloria Dei. (Women's Wednesday Study, 10am; Men's Breakfast Study, 2nd Saturday/month, 8:30am; and many others. Call the office for details.

POP-UP ORCHESTRA joins our Sanctuary Choir for a piece on November 22. Do you play an orchestral instrument? Email michellelum@mygloriadei.org for the music,

musicians of all levels are welcome to join. Time commitment is 7:30am-10:30am for a rehearsal and two services.

NEWSLETTER is available in paper form at the Welcome Table or, you can see online at mygloriadei.org/newsletter.

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.

LAUNDRY LOVE - Friday, November 6. Details/information at the Welcome Table.

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 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. Donation collected for World Hunger. This is the all church event for the season of Thanksgiving!

SERRA'S PANTRY - The next volunteer opportunity is Saturday, November 21 8:30am-12pm.

UPCOMING CONCERTS: M-Pact (Dec. 13, 5pm); Lumos Candlelight Concert (Dec. 18, 2 sittings); Stephanie Trick & Paolo Alderighi Piano Duo (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: Conor O'Byrne; Coffee Prep: Pam & Steve Weiss; Communion: Craig Collins & Denise Boyd; Lector: Sonja Kracik; Ushers: Carol & Chuck Weinhardt; Welcome Table: Richard Carlson **10am:** Acolyte: Jake Doorn; Coffee Clean-up: Kathy Person; Communion: Peggy Johnson & Lisa Mers; Lector: Lisa Mers; Ushers: Margaret Dean & John Cummings; Welcome Table: Donna & Jerry Combe **5pm:** Reader: Donna Sandidge

OPPORTUNITIES FOR - Nov. 1-7, 2026: **Today**: Worship (8:30am, 10am, Confirmation Class (11:15); 5pm); **Monday**: South Coast Literacy (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); GIFT (6:30pm); AA Coed (7pm) **Tuesday**: Election Day; AA Men (7am); GIFT (10am); Staff Meeting (11am); Dean's Meeting (2:30) **Wednesday**: AA Men (7am); 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**: Middle School Youth Gathering; Al Anon (10am); Laundry Love (2pm); 12 Step Men's Meeting (6:30); **Saturday**: AA Men (7am); Prayer Shawl Meeting (9am); Prime Timers (9am); Women's Group at Bowers Museum (10am); ACA Group (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm)

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SAVE THE DATE: ✣ Season of Advent begins (Nov.29) ✣ Christmas Tree and Decorating (Dec. 4, 10am) ✣ Tinsel & Tunes (Dec.4) ✣ L&L with Ren Higgins (Dec.6, 11:15am) ✣ Christmas Eve Worship (Dec. 24 - 4pm, 5:30pm, 10pm) ✣ Men of Gloria Dei (MGD) - Spring Training Retreat in Tempe, AZ (March 5-7, 2027)

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