Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026

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 Reformation Sunday. 509 years ago, Martin Luther posted 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany in order to reform the church. Today, we celebrate Martin Luther's actual writings and the major themes of the Reformation. May you experience God's grace today during this time of festive worship!

PRELUDE: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Sondra K. Tucker
Handbell Choir (8:30am/10am)
Mitchell Piantanida (5pm Worship Leader)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name #634 vv. 1,4,5

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal di-a-dem and crown him Lord of all.
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Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.
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Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
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THE CALL TO WORSHIP - PSALM 46 (People read **bold** words.)

God is our refuge and strength, **a very present help in trouble.**

Therefore we will not fear, **though the earth should change,**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge. Amen.

THE HYMN: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* #634 v. 6
Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.
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THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

BIBLE PRESENTATION Molly Healey, Children's Ministry Director

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Deacon Daneen Pysz
(8:30/10am - Children may leave for Sunday school.)

READING 1: "Sola Scriptura" (Scripture Alone)

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READING 2: "Sola Gratia" (Grace Alone)

ANTHEM: *Speak, O Lord* arr. Lloyd Larson
Sanctuary Choir, Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

READING 3: "Sola Fide" (Faith Alone)

THE HYMN: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* #858 vv. 1-3
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear, Now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.

READING 4: Christian Freedom

OFFERING, OFFERTORY: *Overture* and *March II* from Händel's Water Music, Suite No. 2
Steve Wade, trumpet, Micaela Lum, organ

READING 5: The Priesthood of All Believers

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *The Doxology*

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

THE 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 available also.)

HOLY COMMUNION MUSIC: *Lamb of God* Page 191

Taste and See #493
Refrain: **Taste and see, taste and see**
the goodness of the Lord.
Oh, taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times.
Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord;
for God has been so good to me. (Refrain.)

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me;
from all my troubles I was set free. (Refrain.)

Worship the Lord, all you people.
You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
in God we need put all our trust. (Refrain.)

One Bread, One Body #496
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.)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

READING 6: A Mighty Fortress: Our Strength & Hope

THE BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: HYMN: *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* #504 vv.1-2,4

A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!

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

POSTLUDE: *Toccata* by Gordon Young — Micaela Lum, organist/pianist
Mitchell Piantanida, guitarist (5pm)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS provided by Ron and Melody Bacon "Vocatus atque non vocatus, Deus aderit." - Called or not called, God will be there." Also by Greg Blanda in celebration of Dianne Blanda's birthday.

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 all of our musicians and singers today - The Sanctuary Choir, the Bell Choir, Steve Wade (Trumpet), Mitchell Piantanida (guitar), Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum, Organist/Pianist Micaela Lum.

BIBLE PRESENTATION - TODAY at the 8:30am/10am services. God bless these children and families.

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

TRICK or TRUNK - TODAY at 4 - 6pm. Decorate your trunk, bring candy to pass out and join us for an *In-n-Out* meal and a fun night of games and a costume parade.

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.

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.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY - Next Sunday 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. Donation collected for World Hunger.

UPCOMING CONCERTS: M-Pact (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: Zac Welin & Shelly Higgins Lectors: Bill Jonas & John Adams; Ushers: John Adams & Craig Collins; Welcome Table: Bonny & Bob Gillespie **10am:** Acolyte: Annabel Greer; Coffee Clean-up: Lisa Mers; Communion: Mary Jane Rylaarsdam & Melody Lieber Lector: Jay Pederson & Lisa Mers Ushers: Lisa Mers & Dean Frasche; Welcome Table: Peggy Johnson **5pm:** Reader: Guy Boicey

OPPORTUNITIES FOR - OCT. 25-31, 2026: **Today**: Worship (8:30am, 10am, 5pm); Caregivers Group Meeting (11:15); Trick or Trunk (4pm) **Monday**: South Coast Literacy (10am); Mahjong Mondays (1pm); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed (7pm) **Tuesday**: AA Men (7am); Preschool Halloween Parade (9am); Staff Meeting (11am); Men's Book Club (6pm); Heart Lifters (6:30pm) **Wednesday**: AA Men (7am); Preschool Halloween Parade; (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); 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) ✜ 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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