



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 14, 2024

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

WELCOME to worship! We continue our summer olympic theme - "Citius, Altius, Fortius" (Faster, Higher, Stronger), looking at the actions of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. Today, we hear the sad and difficult story of John the Baptist's death. Even in death, there is hope because of Jesus' resurrection. May you experience that hope and power today during worship.

PRELUDE: *Great I Am* by Jared Anderson

Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30am/10am)

Mark Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

(Sacrament of Holy Baptism takes place at the outdoor Baptismal Font, 9:45am. Join us as we celebrate God's love for Haakon Eli Nietschke and welcome him into the church.)

**GATHERING HYMN: *Love Divine, All Love's Excelling***

#631 vv. 1,-2, 4

**Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev-'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev-'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

WELCOME AND THE INVOCATION

THE CONFESSION

(People read/sing **bold** words.)

(A moment of silence. Proclamation of forgiveness.)

(The grace... be with you all. **And also with you.**)

APOSTOLIC GREETING

THE KYRIE ELEISON - "Lord have mercy." (by Matt Maher)

(The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray...)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of

his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand for the Gospel.)

#169



Leader: Speak, O Lord, Your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.  
(People sing Alleluia again.)

(The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 6th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**)

THE GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head

on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:30am/10am)

Youth Director Paige Gulck

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry***

#732

"I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
To see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word  
I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living Lord,  
to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk till rising sun."

"In the middle ages of your life,  
not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in  
and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been  
With just one more surprise."

"I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
To see your life unfold."

THE MESSAGE: "16!"

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Who Am I* by Mark Hall

Harrison Michael

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Soon and Very Soon**

#439 vv.1-2

**Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah we're goin' to see the King.**

**No more cry-in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
No more cry-in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
No more cry-in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah we're goin' to see the King.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each prayer - Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(All who believe Christ is present in this sacrament are welcome. Non-communing children and adults who choose not to receive, may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms as a signal you would prefer a blessing. Juice is located in the center of each tray, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

**HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:**

**Lamb of God** (People repeat each phrase after the leader.)

**Lamb of God... You take away...  
the sins of the world... Miserere nobis.**

**Lamb of God... You take away...  
the sins of the world... Miserere nobis.**

**Agnus Dei... You take away...  
the sins of the world... Dona nobis pacem...**

**Amazing Grace**

#779 vv. 1-3

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;**

**'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**In Christ Alone** (Getty)

**In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live**

**There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'til He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING, THE BENEDICTION

**THE SENDING HYMN: We Are Called**

#720

**Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

Refrain:

**We are called to act with justice,  
we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God.**

**Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
so hatred and blindness will be no more. (Refrain.)**

**Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other  
as sisters and brothers united in love. (Refrain.)**

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

POSTLUDE: *Festival for Organ* by James Mansfield Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30/10am)  
Mark Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

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**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Coffee Prep: Jim & Laura Bankson; Communion: Shelly Higgins & Bill Jonas; Lector: Bill Jonas; Ushers: Phil & Sandy Furlong; Welcome Table: Judy Young  
**10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Lisa Mers; Communion: Dennis Pysz & Susan Warneke; Lector: David Zylstra; Ushers: Laurene Holmes-Hylton & Gia Lugo; Welcome Table: Sally Manville  
**5pm:** Communion & Lector: Lorraine McCarty

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Ron Bacon in celebration of Melody Bacon's birthday! They are also given by Deborah Yee Litt in loving memory of Ruth Vanden Bergh.

**PRAYER SUPPORT** - If you would ever like extra personal prayers, join Deacon Daneen after each morning service by the Prayer Candle Station. She will pray with you and for you. If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Support Team: [deacondaneen@mygloriadei.org](mailto:deacondaneen@mygloriadei.org).

**SUMMER THEME** - *Citius, Altius, Fortius* (Faster, Higher, Stronger) - We'll follow this Olympic motto and look at the Gospel of Mark, which is all about action.

**DONATIONS FOR YOUTH GATHERING** - Hurricane kits will be assembled at the Gathering. Our synod is invited to gather *battery powered fans*. The easiest way to donate is to follow the link located here: [www.elca.church/gathering/about/offering](http://www.elca.church/gathering/about/offering). Or, grab a sheet at the Welcome Table with details.

**TIME & TALENT** - Assignments for August 2024 -January 2025 have been distributed. For those who use email, they were sent on 7/10. For those without email, they were mailed on 7/11. Thank you all who help Gloria Dei Sunday services run so smoothly!

**STAFF BATHROOM REMODEL:** Next two Saturdays, 9am. Need 4 volunteers each day to demo and retille. Sign-up. Questions - See Scott Neiderhiser or Pastor David.

**CAROL CLISBY MEMORIAL SERVICE** - Saturday, August 3, 10:30am. Reception following.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING TEAM** has been formed to evaluate Gloria Dei's current ministry and put forward a future plan. Everyone's feedback will be needed. Please keep the group in your prayers.

**NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING:** The following high school youth will be attending (along with 20,000 other kids) the Youth Gathering in New Orleans: Tanner Boland, Elijah & Elliot Don, Erik Hallowell, Carter Neiderhiser & Justin Tindugan. Please keep them and our Youth Director Paige in your prayers!

**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES** - Bring a friend and enjoy some wonderful music! Concerts are held in the sanctuary at 6pm. August 2nd at 6pm - Darius Miertschin, classical guitarist; August 16 at 6pm - Micaela Lum, pianist; August 30th at 6pm - Harrison Michael, pianist/vocalist.

**SUMMER BREAK FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Sunday school for children (Age 4 - 5th grade/8:30am & 10am services) will resume on "Rally Sunday", September 8. If you have questions or if you would like to register your child, please contact Susie Boland - [sundayschool@mygloriadei.org](mailto:sundayschool@mygloriadei.org).

**LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE TRIP** - Saturday, August 24, 7am-7pm. Sign-up at Welcome Table. Questions, please contact the church office.

**SERRA'S PANTRY** - Gloria Dei volunteers on Saturday, July 20, 8:30am (and every 3rd Saturday). If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact the church office.

**PRIME TIMERS** (Seniors) going to play "*The Miss Magnolia Senior Citizen Beauty Pageant*," July 26 @ 7:30 p.m., Camino Real Playhouse. The event is now full. Questions, speak with Deacon Daneen Pysz.

**OFFERING** - Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei! Please place check/money in donation boxes or give electronically - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-DanaPoint or Zelle - gloriadei@mygloriadei.org. You can also donate via credit/ debit card through Vanco, our secure site: [mygloriadei.org/donate](https://mygloriadei.org/donate).

**BIBLE YEAR STUDY** - Thursday Bible study resumes with Pastor David on July 18, Every Thursday, 6:30pm, Pastor David leads a weekly study on the readings. (7/14/24 - 1 Corinthians 10:1 through Galatians 2:21). First class back will be a review of the entire New Testament. All are welcome!

**CHRISTMAS CARDS IN AUGUST** with Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum (August 6, 1:00-3:30pm). Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

**ANGELS BASEBALL GAME** and tailgating, Saturday, August 17, \$30. Tailgating begins at 4pm/game begins 6:30pm. Sign-up with payment.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** - 90+ party, August 25 following the 10am service, Bankson Hall. If celebrating your 90th birthday this year, you are included. We want to honor all nonagenarians and centenarians. If you know of someone and want to be included, call the church office.

**NURSERY** is available on Sunday mornings at 8:30am & 10am services (babies - pre-K.). It is located up the steps, inside the preschool room, closest to the church. Sign your child in and grab a pager.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT**, September 27-29. The Welk Resort (Escondido). Great opportunity for fellowship, fun, and learning. Sign-ups begin today with non-refundable deposit. Scholarships available. Limited space - first-come, first-served.

**SOUTH COAST LITERACY COUNCIL** offers free English classes at Gloria Dei during summer - Mondays, 10am-noon, Online also available. Contact: [esldanapoint@mygloriadei.org](mailto:esldanapoint@mygloriadei.org).

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- Mitch Redden Memorial Blood Drive (August 15, 9am - 3pm);
- Fantasy Football Draft Day (August 24, 8am - 5pm);
- Women's Fall Bunco (September 6);
- Prayer Walk the Labyrinth (September 7, 8am - 4pm);
- Rally Sunday - Kick Off of Fall Programming (September 8);
- Women's Fall Retreat at The Welk Resort (September 27-29);
- Oktoberfest sponsored by MGD (October 5);
- Men's Spring Training Retreat (March 7-9, 2025)

#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR JULY 7 - 13, 2024**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am, 10am, & 5pm); Baptism of Haakon Nietschke (9:45am); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

**Monday:** South Coast Literacy Council (10am); RIOT (Reading Is Our Thing) Book Club (2pm); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm)

**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Al Anon (7pm)

**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Mission Hospital Alumni AA Group (6:30pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

**Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Bible Year Study (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm)

**Saturday:** AA Men (7am); Serra's Pantry (8:30am); Staff Bathroom Demolition (9am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); NA Meeting (7pm)

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