



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 1, , 2024

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

WELCOME to worship! We are finishing up the "people's choice" of hymns for the summer. We hope you have sung a favorite song/hymn. Today, we return to the Gospel of Mark. Mark leads us always to the cross. May you experience the power of the cross and grace today.

PRELUDE: *Meditation* by Michael Larkin

Rachel Ehring, Pianist (8:30am/10am)

Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

INVOCATION AND WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING HYMN: Morning Has Broken

#556 vv. 1-3

**Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dew fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev-'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!**

(The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

"So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them and perform them, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? "But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children. (Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

Psalm 15 (Read responsively.)

O LORD, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right
and speak the truth from their heart;

who do not slander with their tongue
and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors;

in whose eyes the wicked are despised
but who honor those who fear the LORD;

who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
who do not lend money at interest

and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

THE SECOND LESSON: James 1:19-21, 26-27

You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, for human anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. If any think they are religious and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.
(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 7th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**)

THE GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-30

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she

answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go--the demon has left your daughter." And when she went home, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone.
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ!**)

APOSTLES' CREED

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

Pastor David R. Mattson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF THE DAY: Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am (sung 2x) #814
**Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

THE MESSAGE: "The *Dog's Food*"

Deacon Daneen Pysz

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *You Alone Can Rescue* by Myrin & Redman

Michelle Lum

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Create in Me a Clean Heart #188
**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and up-hold me with your free Spirit.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (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 (Repeat phrase after the leader.)

Let Us Break Bread Together

#471

**Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Let us drink wine together on our knees . . .

Let us praise God together on our knees . . .

Give Me Jesus

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Refrain:

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.

You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

Dark mid-night was my cry, dark mid-night was my cry,
dark mid-night was my cry, give me Jesus. (Refrain.)

Just about the break of day, just about the break of day,
just about the break of day, give me Jesus. (Refrain.)

Oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die,
Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus. (Refrain.)

And when I want to sing, and when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing, give me Jesus. (Refrain.)

Here Is Bread

Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

Refrain: In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. (Refrain.)

Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. (Refrain.)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

#770

#483

THE SENDING HYMN: Now Thank We All Our God

#840

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. M. Larkin Rachel Ehring, Pianist (8:30/10am)
Micaela Lum (5pm)

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THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee Prep: Pam & Steve Weiss; Communion: Bill Jonas & Kathy Martino; Lector: Denise Boyd; Refreshments: Denise Boyd; Ushers: John Adams & Gene Rathbun; Welcome Table: Judy Young

10am: Coffee Clean-up: Lisa Mers; Communion: David & Susan Warneke; Lector: Roger Grefsrud; Refreshments: Gloria Dei; Ushers: Dellita & Mike Kobold; Welcome Table: Cheryl Swinehart

5pm: Communion & Lector: Guy Boicey

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5pm Worship Leader Micaela Lum

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Ed & Stephanie Anderson in celebration of their 48th Anniversary! They are also given by Bill Jonas and Kathy Martino in memory of Bill's stepmom, Theresa Jonas.

NEWSLETTER - Pick up a copy of the September Newsletter at the Welcome Table or read it online at: mygloriadei.org. under the Calendar tab.

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.

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.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MEETING - Today, September 1, 9:30am in the Sunday School Room located upstairs in Knudson Hall. All interested in teaching Sunday School are invited to attend. Questions? Contact Susie Boland at fellowship@mygloriadei.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION - If you have a child who will be attending Sunday school in September, please fill out a registration form at the Welcome Table and place it in an offering box. Sunday school begins September 8 at morning services and is for children 4 years old - 5th grade.

SANCTUARY CHOIR (Adults & Teens) - Thursdays, 7:30pm in the Sanctuary beginning September 5. Join us as we start a new season of choir! Contact Michelle at michellelum@mygloriadei.org.

HANDBELL CHOIR - Thursdays, 6:30-7:30pm in the Sanctuary beginning September 5. Come make music with us this Fall! To join or help out, contact Michelle at michellelum@mygloriadei.org.

WOMEN'S FALL BUNCO - Friday, September 6, 6pm. All women and girls are invited to join in this fun fellowship event. Friends are welcome! Details and sign-up at the Welcome Table.

PRAYER WALK THE LABYRINTH - Saturday, Sept. 7, 8am-3pm. Sign-up at the Welcome Table for your half hour slot to pray and walk the Labyrinth in front of the Sanctuary. Questions - Deacon Daneen.

MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI - If you are interested in officially joining the Gloria Dei family, see the sign-up at the Welcome Table or call the office. For non-Lutherans, an adult inquiry class will be held Saturday, September 7, 9am. Questions, speak with Pastor David.

RALLY SUNDAY is Sunday, September 8 - fall ministries begin: Choirs, Bible studies, fellowship events, and more. Special refreshments, beginning of Sunday school, and Sanctuary Choir sings at morning services. Invite a friend! Pastor David kicks off a series: *Grace Changes Everything!* Join in!

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.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - Starting September 11, every Wednesday at 10am all women are invited to join in! Study is led by Pastor David. We meet upstairs in Knudson Hall.

SEPTEMBER ART GATHERING - Friday, September 13th at 6:30pm in Bankson Hall. Join the Art Ministry for monthly gatherings. This year our series is Art & Theology. Questions? Contact Michelle.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY - Kicks off on Sept. 14, 8:30am in Knudson Hall (2nd Sat./month). All men are invited for a good meal, Bible study led by Pastor David, and great fellowship.

MISSIONARY DORCAS' VISIT - Come and meet our Missionary who is on home leave, Sunday, September 15. She will bring a greeting at the morning services and then present at a L&L (Lunch and Learn) in Bankson Hall, 11:30am. Sign-up. (Donation taken for food.)

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH volunteer at Serra's Pantry, Saturday, September 21, 8:30am. Speak with Youth Director Paige for more information.

CONFIRMATION (6th-8th graders) - An orientation will take place for parents on Sunday, September 22, 9:30am. Meet with Pastor David and Youth Director Paige in the Sanctuary. They will cover the calendar for the year and give the acolyte schedule out.

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

OKTOBERFEST - Saturday, October 5, 5pm sponsored by MGD. Great food, drink, music, and fellowship. Cost: \$10/person. Children are free. Sign-up!

FESTIVAL OF SAINT FRANCIS - BLESSING OF PETS will take place at the 5pm service on Sunday, October 6. Bring your dog, cat, snake... for a brief prayer and blessing!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Council Dinner (September 20)
- Reformation Sunday - Bible Presentation to 3rd Graders (October 27)
- Trick or Trunk Event (October 27, 4pm)
- Gloria Dei Blood Drive (November 1)
- All Saints' Sunday and L&L (Lunch and Learn)
- Thanksgiving Eve Service (November 27)
- Men's Spring Training Retreat (March 7-9, 2025)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 1 - 7, 2024

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am, & 5pm); Sunday School Teacher Meeting (9:30am); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

Monday: Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); (AA Coed Meeting 7pm)

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

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Staff Meeting (12:30pm); Piano Tuning (1pm); Mission Hospital Alumni AA Group (6pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); South Coast Literacy Volunteer Breakfast (9am); AA Women (9:30am); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

Friday: Al Anon (10am); Women's Bunco (6pm)

Saturday: AA Men (7am); Prayer Labyrinth (8am); Adult Inquiry for New Members (9am); Prayer Shawl Meeting (9am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); NA Meeting (7pm)