



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE CHANGES EVERYTHING.

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## 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 22, 2024

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

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! We continue our series - *Grace changes everything!* We'll look at our very purpose in life, to share the grace of Jesus with our family, friends, neighbors, and see how it's a joyful calling. During worship, may you experience God's grace, unconditional love for you and may we respond in grateful service.

PRELUDE: *Auf meinen lieben Gott (To my beloved God)* by J.S. Bach Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist

GATHERING HYMN: ***Crown Him with Many Crowns***

#855 vv. 1-3

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heav'n-ly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.**

**Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn;  
fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown him the Lord of love - behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.**

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 139

(People read **bold** words.)

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
**You know when I sit down and when I rise up.**

You search out my path and my lying down  
**and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
**it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

Where can I go from your spirit?  
**Or where can I flee from your presence?**

If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
**if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

If I take the wings of the morning  
**and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,**

even there your hand shall lead me,  
**and your right hand shall hold me fast. Amen.**

**THE HYMN: Crown Him with Many Crowns**

#855 v. 4

**Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave  
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Annette Fettis

(Children may leave for Sunday school and return at Holy Communion.)

THE FIRST LESSON: Hosea 6:1-3

"Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence. Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth."

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

THE SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 3:1-13

This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you gentiles, for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access in boldness and confidence through faith in him. I pray, therefore, that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

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

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Please stand.)

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The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 10th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus replied, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'" Jesus said, "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

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

ANTHEM: *Oh, Love, How Deep* by T. Keesecker (10am) Sanctuary Choir, Music Director Michelle Lum

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Christ, Be Our Light**

#715 vv. 1-3

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.**

**Longing for truth, we turn to you.**

**Make us your own, your holy people,**

**light for the world to see.**

Refrain:

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.**

**Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!**

**Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.**

**Longing for hope, many despair.**

**Your word alone has pow'r to save us.**

**Make us your living voice.** (Refrain.)

**Longing for food, many are hungry.**

**Longing for water, many still thirst.**

**Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.** (Refrain.)

MESSAGE: *Grace Changes Everything!* (**Funny Thing on the Way**)      Pastor David R. Mattson  
"K.I.D.S."      Deacon Daneen Pysz (5pm)

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *The Sending* by Leeland      Harrison Michael

**THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: The Doxology**

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE SACRAMENT OF 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.)

**THE HYMNS DURING HOLY COMMUNION:**

**Lamb of God** (*Agnus Dei*)

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**10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)**

Refrain: **Bless the Lord, O my soul  
O my soul, worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.** (Refrain.)

**You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing**

**Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.** (Refrain.)

**And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.** (Refrain.)

**Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart** (sing 2x)

**Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son** (Repeat)

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us"** (Repeat)

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

**SENDING HYMN: Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

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**"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."**

**"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."**

**"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."**

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

THE POSTLUDE: *Paeon* by Gordon Young

Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist

### **THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Coffee Prep: Bob & Bonny Gillespie; Communion: Phil & Sandy Furlong; Lector: Henri Nurminen; Ushers: David Zylstra; Welcome Table: Gene Rathbun

**10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Lora & William Stoll; Communion: Mary Jane Rylaarsdam & Jim St. Martin; Lector: Melody Bacon; Ushers: Dean Frasché & Peggy Johnson; Welcome Table: Susan Behnke

**5pm:** Communion & Lector: Stephanie Anderson

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Gloria Dei in honor of our new members.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS** - Barbara Clancey, Michelle Nowroozi & daughter Leila Jiron, Ashley Rhode, Bill & Kathy Sieck, and Karen Ungerman.

**ORGANIST/PIANIST** - Welcome to Micaela Lum who has now begun her work with us! Besides leading us on Sunday mornings and at Thursday rehearsals, Micaela is in the doctoral program at USC for piano performance.

**CONFIRMATION** (6th-8th graders) - An orientation will take place for parents today, 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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is in session. Children (4 years old - 5th grade) leave after Children's Message and return at Holy Communion. We thank all of those teaching, leading, helping, and assisting!

**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.

**CHRIST IN OUR HOME** - Pick up a devotional booklet (October - December, 2024) at the Welcome Table while supplies last. We also have a limited supply of large print editions.

**PASTOR JOHN KNUDSON** entered into the Memory Unit at Freedom Village. Marj Knudson continues to live at their apartment and looks forward to worshipping with us. The family thanks you for your support over the years!

**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](mailto:gloriadei@mygloriadei.org). You can also donate via credit/ debit card through Vanco, our secure site: [mygloriadei.org/donate](https://mygloriadei.org/donate).

**SANCTUARY CHOIR** (Adults & Teens) sings this morning, 8:30am! Thanks to the singers and Art & Music Director Michelle Lum. You are invited to join them on Thursdays, 7:30pm in the Sanctuary.

**HANDBELL CHOIR** - Thursdays, 6:30-7:30pm in the Sanctuary. Come make music with us this Fall! To join or help out, contact Michelle at [michellelum@mygloriadei.org](mailto:michellelum@mygloriadei.org).

**WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** - Every Wednesday at 10am all women are invited to join in! Study is led by Pastor David. (Ephesians) We meet upstairs in Knudson Hall.

**HEART LIFTERS WOMEN'S STUDY** - For ALL interested ladies, evening Bible Study offered on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 6:30pm. Studying *The Women of the Bible* by Shannon Bream starting September 24 at the home of Donna Combe. More details and sign-up at Welcome Table.

**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.

**PRAYER SUPPORT?** Join Deacon Daneen after morning services by the Candle Station. She will pray with you and for you. To be a part of the Prayer Support Team: [deacondaneen@mygloriadei.org](mailto:deacondaneen@mygloriadei.org).

**GRIEF HEALING GROUP** begins Thursday, October 3 in Knudson Hall at 1pm with Deacon Daneen. Please join for healing, support, and fellowship for this 13 week ministry, meeting every Thursday.

**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!

**FAM HUNGER WALK** - Sunday, October 13, 2pm. FAM's (Family Assistance Ministry) 37th Annual Hunger Walk to combat hunger in our community. Walk starts at the San Clemente Community Center & Ends at the San Clemente Pier Bowl. Register at [LoveFAM.org/events](https://LoveFAM.org/events).

**REFORMATION SUNDAY** - On October 27, we celebrate Martin Luther's reform of the church. Festive worship. Bible presentations to 3rd Graders. Trumpet. Special refreshments. Wear something red!

**TRICK OR TRUNK** - Fall Festival Extravaganza, Sunday, October 27, 4pm. The "In and Out" Truck will (presale meal tickets available), as well as an inflatable slide, games, activities, and costume parade! This event is for all ages. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - Sign up at the Welcome Table.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- Prime Timers (Seniors): San Luis Rey Mission Trip, Oceanside (October 22)

- Gloria Dei Blood Drive (November 1)
- All Saints' Sunday and Lunch and Learn/ L&L (November 3)
- Progressive Dinner (November 15)
- Middle School Youth Gathering (November 22-24)
- Thanksgiving Eve Service (November 27)
- Men's Spring Training Retreat (March 7-9, 2025)

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 22 28, 2024**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am, 10am, 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Parent Confirmation Orientation (9:30am); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

**Monday:** South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed Meeting (7pm)

**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Heart Lifters (6:30am); Men's Book Club (7pm); Al Anon (7pm)

**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Staff Meeting (12:30pm); Mission Hospital Alumni AA Group (6pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

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

**Friday:** Al Anon (10am); Women's Retreat (Day 1)

**Saturday:** Women's Retreat (Day 2); AA Men (7am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); NA Meeting (7pm)