



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE CHANGES EVERYTHING.

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19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 29, 2024

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

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! We continue our series - *Grace changes everything!* We'll look at how grace not only changes our personal lives, but empowers the entire world with faith, hope, and love. During worship, may you experience God's grace, unconditional love for you and may we respond in grateful service.

PRELUDE: *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* by Lloyd Larson Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist
Harrison Michael, Worship Leader (5pm)

(Sacrament of Baptism for Harper Grace Herr at the outdoor baptismal font, 9:30am.)

GATHERING HYMN: *All Are Welcome*

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Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign a-new.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: (Refrain.)

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (Refrain.)

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

THE CONFESSION

(People read **bold** words.)

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed; in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, by my fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. **Amen.** (Silence for confession. Pastor proclaims the forgiveness.)

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

THE KYRIE ("Lord have mercy.")



THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Melody Lieber

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

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 49:1-6

Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God." And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength- he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

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

THE SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 2:8-22

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them. So then, remember that at one time you gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 9th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-41

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward."

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

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF THE DAY: Wade in the Water

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Refrain: **Wade in the water, wade in the water, children, wade in the water, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.**

See that host all dressed in white, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. The leader looks like the Israelite. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. (Refrain.)

See that band all dressed in red, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. Looks like the band that Moses led, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. (Refrain.)

Look over yonder, what do I see? God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. The Holy Ghost a-coming on me. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. (Refrain.)

If you don't believe I've been redeemed, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. Just follow me down to Jordan's stream. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. (Refrain.)

MESSAGE: *Grace Changes Everything!* (**Don't Dampen the Explosion**) Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Grace Flows Down* by Passion Andy Degan

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*)

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

"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."

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Day by Day

**Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me
draw me nearer to my heav'n-ly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,
where at last I'll find eternal rest.**

Day by day, I know you will provide me
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek your loving will to guide me
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow,
I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow
till in glory I behold your face.

Oh, what joy to know that you are near me
when my burdens grow too great to bear;
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me,
you will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,
I will reach at last the promised land.

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: Blessed Assurance

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of His Spirit, washed in this blood.**

Refrain: **This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

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**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.** (Refrain.)

**Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.** (Refrain.)

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

THE POSTLUDE: *Fughetta in D Major* by W. F. Bach

Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist
Harrison Michael, Worship Leader (5pm)

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THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee Prep: Kristina Mayfield; Communion: Bill Jonas & Kathy Martino; Lector: Pat Thomas; Ushers: Pam & Pat Thomas; Welcome Table: Kathy Martino
10am: Coffee Clean-up: Melody & Ron Bacon; Communion: Wayne Johnson & Colleen McCray; Lector: Jay Pederson; Ushers: Jeanne Mills & David Warneke; Welcome Table: Peggy Johnson
5pm: Communion & Lector: Gary Bridge

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Susan Behnke in memory of Houston "Fred" Voss. They are also given by Barbara Keim in loving memory & honor of Randy's birthday. Additionally they are donated by Nadine Graven in honor of Dr. Stanley Graven's gift of his incredible life.

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

WOMEN'S RETREAT - The Women's Retreat concludes today. Please pray for a safe return home.

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.

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. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

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.

PRIMETIMERS (Seniors) - Tour San Luis Rey Mission trip on October 22 at 10am. Meet at Gloria Dei parking lot to carpool at 9am. Cost - \$25, including admission & lunch. Sign up at the Welcome Table.

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.

L&L (Lunch and Learn) with Lisa Higginbotham, ELCA Foundation - Sunday, November 3, 11:30am. Legacy and Estate Planning: A Win-Win for Your Family and the Church (Updates on new laws for leaving gifts.). Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

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.

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 a Memory Unit. Marj Knudson continues to live at their apartment and looks forward to worshipping with us. The family thanks you for your support!

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.

SANCTUARY CHOIR (Adults & Teens) 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.

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 women Bible study, the 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 6:30pm. Studying *The Women of the Bible* by Shannon Bream. Details and sign-up at Welcome Table.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- 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, 7pm. Offering for World Hunger)
- Women's Fashion Show (December 7)
- Sunday School Christmas Program (December 8)
- L&L (Lunch and Learn. December 8) on "Dreams" with Dr. Melody Bacon
- Christmas Eve Worship (December 24, 4pm, 5:30pm, 10pm)
- Men's Spring Training Retreat (March 7-9, 2025)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 5, 2024

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am, 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Harper Grace Herr Baptism (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); 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); Grief Healing (1pm); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Choirs Social (7:15pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

Friday: Al Anon (10am); Preschool Dance Class (12:15pm)

Saturday: AA Men (7am); Prayer Shawl (9am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); Oktoberfest (5pm)