



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE CHANGES EVERYTHING.

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## RALLY SUNDAY

September 8, 2024

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

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today is "Rally Sunday" - the kickoff of fall programming. Join in. You are needed and would be very welcomed. Also, we install and seek God's blessing for our education team and Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum. We are blessed with wonderful leaders! Finally, Pastor David begins a new sermon series: *Grace changes everything!* May you experience God's unconditional love today.

THE PRELUDE: *Préambule, Op. 31* by Louis Vierne

Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist

GATHERING HYMN: ***Jesus Christ is Risen Today***

#365 vv. 1-2, 4

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Al-le-lu-ia! our triumphant holy day, Al-le-lu-ia!  
who did once upon the cross, Al-le-lu-ia! suffer to redeem our loss. Al-le-lu-ia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Al-le-lu-ia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia! sinners to redeem and save. Al-le-lu-ia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Al-le-lu-ia! praise eternal as his love; Al-le-lu-ia!  
praise him, all you heav'n-ly host, Al-le-lu-ia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia!**

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100)

(People read **bold** words.)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the lands.

**Serve the Lord with gladness.**

Come into His presence with singing.

**Know that the Lord is God.**

It is He who has made us and we are His.

**We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.**

Enter His gates with thanksgiving **and His courts with praise.**

Give thanks to the Lord **and bless His holy name.**

For the Lord is good, **His mercy endures forever.**

And His faithfulness goes out **to all generations. Amen.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING (The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ... be with you all. **And also with you.**)

THE KYRIE ("Lord have mercy.")

(Leader sings verses. **People sing refrain below.**)



THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE BLESSING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL & EDUCATION TEAM

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lisa Zylstra

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

THE LESSON: Romans 5:1-15

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. (Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)

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Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark the 8th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: Mark 8:22-26

**They came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to Jesus and begged him to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had put saliva on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Can you see anything?" And the man looked up and said, "I can see people, but they look like trees, walking." Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again, and he looked intently, and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. Then he sent him away to his home, saying, "Do not even go into the village." (The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to You, O Christ.)**

ANTHEM: *O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide*

Sanctuary Choir, Director Michelle Lum

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE INSTALLATION OF ART & MUSIC DIRECTOR

**HYMN OF THE DAY: That Priceless Grace**  
**That priceless grace, that priceless grace,**  
**that priceless grace, which gave me life:**  
**Jesus' life is priceless grace.**  
**That priceless grace is life for me.**

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**That priceless blood, that priceless blood,  
that priceless blood was shed for me:  
Jesus' blood is priceless grace.  
That priceless grace is life for me.**

**That painful death, that painful death,  
that painful death took sins away:  
Jesus' death is priceless grace.  
That priceless grace is life for me.**

**That precious word, that precious word,  
that precious word, which brought me light:  
Jesus' word is priceless grace.  
That priceless grace is life for me.**

MESSAGE: *Grace Changes Everything!* (**Magnum Opus**)

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *God with Us*

Harrison Michael, Michelle Lum

**THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: The Doxology  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love; through the One who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread... we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Jesus invites us to this joyful meal. From east and west, from north and south, people will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

**Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, His mercy endures forever. Amen.**

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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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

**Amazing Grace**

#779

**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.**

**The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

**Taste and See**

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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.)

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

**SENDING HYMN: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!**  
**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!**  
**Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.**  
**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**  
**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,**  
**casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;**  
**cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,**  
**which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**

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**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
**All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.**  
**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

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

POSTLUDE: *Sonata in D Major, K. 287* by Domenico Scarlatti      Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist

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

**8:30am:** Coffee Prep: Lynne & Wes Morgan; Communion: Christian Asis & Henri Nurminen; Lector: David Zylstra; Ushers: Pam & Steve Weiss; Welcome Table: Bob & Bonny Gillespie

**10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Gloria Dei Staff; Communion: Laurene Holmes-Hylton & Harold Limbong; Lector: Kimberly Santore; Ushers: Willie Knottnerus & Angenieta Van Lendt; Welcome Table: Pearl & Jeff Chipman

**5pm:** Communion & Lector: Jeff Contestabile

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Blaine & Peggy Johnson in celebration of their 64th wedding anniversary!

**RALLY SUNDAY TODAY!** Welcome to worship. As ministries and events begin for the year, you are invited to join in. Also, join us for special refreshments after morning services. We thank our Sanctuary Choir for singing for us this morning. And we thank Micaela Lum (organist/pianist) for leading us musically at all services.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** begins today! 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!

**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.

**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.

**NEW MEMBERS' LUNCHEON:** All those joining are invited to the home of Pastor David and Kimberly (33022 Daniel Drive), 11:30am, today. This is a social time, an opportunity to meet others joining, and the staff, and learn about Gloria Dei and our mission.

**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.

**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](http://mygloriadei.org/donate).

**SANCTUARY CHOIR** (Adults & Teens) sings this morning! 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** - 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.

**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).

**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!

**NEWSLETTER** - Pick up a copy of the September Newsletter at the Welcome Table or read it online at: [mygloriadei.org](http://mygloriadei.org). under the Calendar tab.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- 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 8 - 14, 2024**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am, 10am, & 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); New Members Luncheon and Orientation (11:30am); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

**Monday:** South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); GIFT Growing In Faith Together (6:30pm); AA Coed Meeting (7pm)

**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters General Meeting (9am); VFW Auxiliary (6:30pm); Al Anon (7pm); Church Council Meeting (7pm)

**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters Guild (9am); 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); Preschool Grandparents Day (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); Art Gathering (6:30pm)

**Saturday:** AA Men (7am); Men's Bible Breakfast (8:30am); Women's Board Meeting (9am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); Melody King Wedding (5pm); NA Meeting (7pm)