



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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October 6, 2024
8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today, we celebrate the Festival of Saint Francis and at the 5pm service, we will have the blessing of the animals. This is the 24th year, Gloria Dei has done this and it's always an exciting and joyous time. We thank God for the very gift of life and new life in Jesus and ask that God will guide us to respond joyfully, gratefully, and with wisdom.

PRELUDE: *It is Well with My Soul* arr. Joel Raney

Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist

GATHERING HYMN: ***All Creatures of Our God and King***

vv. 1-3

**All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice with us and sing: Alleluia, alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam
And silver moon with softer gleam:
Refrain: Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**O rushing wind and breezes soft,
O clouds that ride the winds aloft: Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice,
O lights of evening, find a voice.
Refrain: Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**O flowing waters, pure and clear,
Make music for your Lord to hear. Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
O fire so masterful and bright,
Providing us with warmth and light
Refrain: Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 104)

(People read **bold** words.)

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;

The earth is full of your creatures.
Yonder is the sea, great and wide,

Creeping things innumerable are there,
Living things both small and great.

These all look to you
To give them their food in due season;

When you open your hand,
They are filled with good things.

When you send forth your spirit,
they are created;

And you renew the face of the ground.
May the glory of the Lord endure forever. Amen.

THE HYMN: All Creatures of Our God and King

**Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfolds rich blessings on our way,
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
The fruits and flow'rs that verdant grow,
Let them his praise abundant show.**
Refrain: **Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**O ev'ryone of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
All you who pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and lay on him your care.**
Refrain: **Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Shelli Parajekas

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

THE FIRST LESSON: Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: 'Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, so that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? It is changed like clay under the seal, and it is dyed like a garment. Light is withheld from the wicked, and their uplifted arm is broken. Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this. 'Where is the way to the dwelling of light, and where is the place of darkness, that you may take it to its territory and that you may discern the paths to its home? Surely you know, for you were born then, and the number of your days is great!'

Then Job answered the Lord: 'See, I am of small account; what shall I answer you? I lay my hand on my mouth. I have spoken once, and I will not answer; twice, but will proceed no further.' (Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**)

THE SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-9

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are humans that you are mindful of them or mortals that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

(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 Mark, the 9th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it, for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

THE ANTHEM (8:30am): *The Whisper* by Craig Courtney Sanctuary Choir, Director Michelle Lum

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF THE DAY: God of the Sparrow

God of the sparrow

God of the whale

God of the swirling stars

How does the creature say Awe

How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake

God of the storm

God of the trumpet blast

How does the creature cry Woe

How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow

God of the cross

God of the empty grave

How does the creature say Grace

How does the creature say Thanks

God of the ages

God near at hand

God of the loving heart

How do your children say Joy

How do your children say Home

MESSAGE: *THE G.O.A.T.*

Pastor David R. Mattson

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Of the Father's Love Begotten* by J. Krug Gloria Dei Bells, Director Michelle Lum

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

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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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For the Fruit of All Creation

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For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev-'ry nation, thanks be to God.

**For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.**

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.

**In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

**For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

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.)**

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I
may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are
pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: O God, Your Creatures Fill the Earth (Tune: Ellacombe)

**O God, your creatures fill the earth with wonder and delight,
And every living thing has worth and beauty in your sight.
So playful dolphins dance and swim; Your sheep bow down and graze.
Your songbirds share a morning hymn To offer you their praise.**

**You made the pets we welcome in — They're wondrous blessings, too.
With paws and whiskers, wings and fins, They offer praise to you.
O Lord, you call us to embrace These creatures in our care.
May we show kindness, love and grace To all pets everywhere.**

**Your creatures live in every land; They fill the sky and sea.
O Lord, you give us your command To love them tenderly.
We're called to have dominion here — To care for them always.
By loving creatures you hold dear, We offer you our praise.**

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

THE POSTLUDE: *Bachiana* by Gordon Young

Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist

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THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee Prep: Barb Collins; Communion: Bonny Gillespie & Sonja Krafcik; Lector: Pam Weiss; Refreshments: Linda Smith; Ushers: Christian Asis & Tim Boyd; Welcome Table: Diane Kelly

10am: Coffee Clean-up: Lisa Mers; Communion: Katherine Dickinson & Roger Grefsrud; Refreshments: Ann & Jim St. Martin; Lector: Jim St. Martin; Ushers: Lisa Mers & Dennis Pysz; Welcome Table: Gini Sherwood

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Ron & Melody Bacon in celebration of their 30th anniversary! They are also given by Gayle & Jack Scanlon in support of "get well" to Betty Scanlon.

THANKS to the Gloria Dei Bells and director Michelle Lum for providing us with beautiful offertory music this morning!

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

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE: If you would like to make a special gift for Hurricane Helene recovery, see handout at the Welcome Table.

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.

FESTIVAL OF SAINT FRANCIS - BLESSING OF PETS takes place today at the 5pm service. Bring your dog, cat, snake... for a brief prayer and blessing!

OCTOBER ART GATHERING - This Friday, October 11th at 6:30pm in Bankson Hall. At this month's gathering we continue with our Art & Theology series, looking at the image of God and portraiture. Also come to help build our Christmas artwork this year.

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://www.lovefam.org/events).

MEMORIAL SERVICE for Joan Sorge - Saturday, Oct. 19, 11am - Sunrise Connections' chapel (Anaheim).

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. Trumpet. Special refreshments. Wear something red!

BIBLES FOR THIRD GRADERS: On Reformation Sunday (Oct. 27), the church presents a Bible to kids. If you have a child/grandchild in that age range, we want them included. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

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.

BLOOD DRIVE - The Gloria Dei Fall Blood Drive is Friday, November 1, 9am - 3pm. What better time to donate, while the need is so high! To donate, sign up at the Welcome Table or sign up online at [redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive). Type in sponsor code: Gloria Dei & click on "see times".

ALL SAINTS TOLLING OF THE BELL - Sunday, November 3. If you would like a loved one mentioned before the bells are rung, see the handout 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.

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://www.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:

- 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 OCTOBER 6 - 12, 2024

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Confirmation Class (11am); Festival of St. Francis/Pet Blessing (5pm); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

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

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters (9am); Heart Lifters (6:30pm); VFW Auxiliary (6:30pm); Al Anon (7pm); Church Council (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); AA Women (9:30am); Grief Healing (1pm); 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); AA Men's Breakfast (8:30am); Women's Board Meeting (9am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); Furlong Wedding (3:30pm); NA Meeting (7pm)