



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 10, 2024

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

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! On this Veterans weekend, we thank God for those who have and who are serving our country. We honor their sacrifice and pray for their safety and for the day when Christ will *“beat swords into plowshares.”* This month of November is all about ThanksLiving - how do we say thank You for all the blessings of life, not only in words, but in deeds of love and compassion.

THE PRELUDE: *Sonetto 47 del Petrarca* by Franz Liszt

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

GATHERING HYMN: ***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise***

#834 vv. 1-3

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light in-ac-ces-si-ble hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!**

**Un-resting, un-hasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

THE CONFESSION

(People read **bold** words.)

APOSTOLIC GREETING

THE KYRIE (“*Lord have mercy.*”)

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



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: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor, but do

not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do." She said to her, "All that you say I will do." So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin, and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David. (Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

PSALM 146 (Read responsively)

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

THE SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 9:24-28

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the holy place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. (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 12th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the

treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

ANTHEM (10am): *I Lift My Hands* by Chris Tomlin Sanctuary Choir, Director Andy Degan

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF THE DAY: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #631 vv.1-2,4

**Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev-'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev-'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

MESSAGE: *Embarrassing!* Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: 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*)

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Let Us Break Bread Together

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**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 . . .

Holy Spirit Living Breath of God (Getty)

**Holy Spirit, living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity.
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.**

**Holy Spirit, come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do—
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that shows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.**

**Holy Spirit, from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.**

Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
Will be clear for all the world to see.
Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: Canticle of the Turning

**My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest,
Could the world be about to turn?**

Refrain: **My heart shall sing of the day you bring.**

**Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.**

**Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.** (Refrain.)

**Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.** (Refrain.)

#723 vv.1-2,4

THE SENDING: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *The Trumpets of Heaven* by David Paxton

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

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THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee Prep: Bob & Bonny Gillespie; Communion: Pam & Steve Weiss; Lector: Barbara Keim; Ushers: John Gustavson & Scott Neiderhiser; Welcome Table: Shelli Parajeckas & Karen Sanchez
10am: Coffee Clean-up: Ann & Jim St. Martin; Communion: Laurene Holmes-Hylton & Harold Limbong; Lector: Melody King; Ushers: David & Susan Warneke; Welcome Table: Melody & Ron Bacon
5pm: Communion & Lector: Guy Boicey

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5pm Worship Leader Harrison Michael

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Bonny Gillespie, Diane Kelly, and Susan & Dave Warneke in loving memory and in celebration of Gail Rightmire's life & friendship.

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.

ART AND MUSIC CONCERTS COMING UP!

Christmas Tinsel & Tunes (December 6, 6pm)

Join us for an evening of Christmas fun! With Christmas music (Michelle Lum & Micaela Lum), cookies, carols, Christmas story for kids (and everyone) by Pastor David and a tree lighting. All ages are invited to kick off the season with us.

Art Gathering/Harpsichord Concert (December 13, 6:30pm)

A special art gathering this December and the debut our new Christmas artwork! Join us for an opening reception of our art installation along with a harpsichord concert by Micaela Lum and other guest musicians.

Mark your calendars now for these don't miss events! Invite a friend to join you.

STEWARDSHIP THANK YOU! Members and friends - pick up a Stewardship Packet, fill out a "Time and Talent Sheet" and "2025 Pledge Card." Thanks to all those who have already done this! Please pray, plan, and drop them off at an offering box/office. You can also fill them out online. Look for the Legos and "Lego and Let God." Thanks!

PLANNING SURVEY INSERT - If you have not completed one online, please complete one today. Pick it up at the Welcome Table and place it in the offering boxes. Thanks for helping out!

ART BUILD DATES - Join the art ministry as we create our Christmas artwork! If you like origami, this project is for you! Supplies and instructions provided. You can join in at any point: November 13 at 2pm and November 21 at 1pm.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER! Friday, November 15, 5pm begins with appetizers and then travel to other homes for dinner and dessert. Great time of fellowship and new friendships. \$10/person. Sign-up.

SR. HIGH EVENT - Lunch & laser tag, Saturday, November 16, 12pm - 2:30pm at the Kaleidoscope. Cost: lunch money. Contact Youth Director Paige Gulck at youth@mygloriadei.org.

MEMORIAL SERVICE for Irene McDonald's husband, Alex - Thursday, November 21, 11am.

PRAYER SUPPORT - If you would ever like extra prayers, join Deacon Daneen after each morning service by the Prayer Candle Station.

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.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP - Wednesday, November 27, 7pm. We pause to give thanks to the "Giver of all good gifts." Offering collected for World Hunger and Disaster Response (Hurricane Relief). Pie served following worship.

WOMEN'S FASHION SHOW! All women and girls are invited - Saturday, December 7, noon - 3pm, Bankson Hall. Cost: \$20. More details at the Welcome Table. Sign-up.

GIVING TREE - Supporting two groups: *Foster All* and students in need at *Dana Hills High School*. Please take a tag and return your gift card to church and place in the offering box or to the office. No need to wrap it. Thanks for helping those in need!

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPE BOOKLETS - are available at the Welcome Table for those who don't give electronically. They are arranged alphabetically. Please pick yours up!

L & L (Lunch and Learn): A look at dreams and the Christmas story (and the *Christmas Carol*) with Dr. Melody Bacon. Sunday, December 8, 11:15am.

PRIME TIME SENIORS - Sherman Library & Gardens outing on Wednesday, December 11. Lunch reservations are at 12pm, and a one hour docent tour is at 1:15pm. Sign up at the Welcome Table.

MEMBERSHIP PHOTO DIRECTORY - Pick up one at the Welcome Table (only for Gloria Dei purposes). If interested in receiving a PDF copy, reach out to Carol Weinhardt at gloriadei@mygloriadei.org.

DEI-LY UPDATES -To stay up to date, Gloria Dei sends out a weekly email. This is an efficient way to get out information. Contact the office or go to the website: mygloriadei.org to sign-up.

GRIEF HEALING GROUP meets in Knudson Hall at 1pm with Deacon Daneen on Thursdays. Pick up a flier at the Welcome Table.

THANKS to all who gave blood at the Red Cross Blood Drive last week. We were able to collect 40 units of blood with potential to help save that many lives! We also had five first time donors.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Middle School Youth Gathering (November 22-24)
- Sunday School Christmas Program (December 8)
- OC Tremble Clefs Concert at Gloria Dei (December 14, 3pm)
- Sr. High Chow & Cookie Decorating (December 14, 6pm)
- Christmas Caroling (December 15, 4pm)
- Christmas Eve Worship (December 24, 4pm, 5:30pm, 10pm)
- Alzheimer Resources L & L (January 19, 2025)
- Women's Bunco (January 24, 2025)
- New members received (January 26, 2025)
- Prime Time Seniors Docent Ancient World Tour at The Nixon Library (February 13, 2025)
- Celebrating Life Community Health Center (CLCHC) Health Job Fair L & L (March 2, 2025)
- Men's Spring Training Retreat (March 7-9, 2025)
- Women's One Day Retreat (March 22, 2025)
- Annual Church Campout (June 6-8, 2025)
- Vacation Bible School (June 16-20, 2025)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR NOVEMBER 10 - 16, 2024

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

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

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

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters Guild (9am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Saddleback Clergy Conference Meeting (11:30pm); Staff Meeting (1pm); Art Build Day (2pm); 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); Al Anon (10am); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

Friday: Al Anon Meeting (10am); Progressive Dinner (5pm)

Saturday: AA Men (7am); Serra's Pantry (8:30am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); NA Meeting (7pm)