



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Grace changes everything.*

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## 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 16, 2025

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

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! The 40 day Season of Lent is about following Jesus to the cross and preparing our lives for Easter. Our theme this year is "Where Grace is Served." Jesus takes the long road to the cross to show us the depth of God's mercy. Since tomorrow is St. Patrick's day, we'll sing a bunch of Irish hymns/songs - enjoy!

PRELUDE: *Be Thou My Vision*

Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist (8:30am/10am)

Harrison Michael, Worship Leader (5pm)

THE WELCOME AND INVOCATION

(People read/sing **bold** words.)

**THE GATHERING HYMN: *Be Thou My Vision***

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**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
thou my best thought . . . by day and by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,  
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Light of my soul, after vic-to-ry won,  
may I reach heav-en's joys, O heav-en's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, what-ev-er be-fall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

CALL TO WORSHIP: *St. Patrick's Shield*

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord have mercy") by Matt Maher

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie, eleison.**

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Lord of reconciliation, heal our wounds in darkest times.

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie, eleison.**

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie, eleison.**

In the midst of fear and violence, make our lives a prayer of peace.

Christe, eleison - **Christe, eleison.**

Christe, eleison - **Christe, eleison.**

Healer of the broken-hearted, guide us to heaven's shores.

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie eleison.**

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie eleison.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

## FIRST LESSON: Genesis 15:1-12

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other, but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

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

## PSALM 27: 1-5, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
**whom shall I fear?**

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
**of whom shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—  
**my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;  
**though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.**

One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek:  
**to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,**

to behold the beauty of the Lord,  
**and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter  
**in the day of trouble;**

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
**he will set me high on a rock.**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord  
**in the land of the living.**

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
**wait for the Lord!**

## SECOND LESSON: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

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Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

(The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 9th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**)

THE GOSPEL: Luke 9:37-43a

**On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here." While he was being brought forward, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.**

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

ANTHEM: *Now the Green Blade Rises* (8:30am) Sanctuary Choir, Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE HYMN: O Christ the Same**

**O Christ the same, through all our story's pages,  
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;  
eternal Lord, the king of all the ages,  
unchanging still amid the passing years:  
O living Word, the source of all creation,  
who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze,  
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,  
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.**

**O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing  
our in-most thoughts, the secrets none can hide,  
still as of old upon your body bearing  
the marks of love, in triumph glorified:  
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav-en,  
O Prince of life, in all your saving power,  
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given,  
we bring our thanks for this the present hour.**

**O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping  
our lives and loves, our days and years remain,  
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,  
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:  
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,  
For all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee;  
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,  
We bring our thanks for all that is to be.**

THE MESSAGE: *Hope is a Muscle*  
F.T.D.

Pastor David R. Mattson  
Deacon Daneen Pysz (5pm)

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC:

Harrison Michael

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: **Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am** (sing 2x)  
**Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

This is the Bread of Life that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

**Lord, give us this bread always. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (All who believe Christ is present in this sacrament are welcome. Non-communicating 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. Also, juice is located in the center of each tray, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request-please indicate this choice to a pastor.)

**HOLY COMMUNION MUSIC:**

**Lamb of God** (People repeat each phrase after the leader.)

**Lord of All Hopefulness**

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**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

**The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth  
and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSINGS

**THE 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.**

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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.)

From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
ev-'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn. (Refrain.)

SENDING WORDS

THE POSTLUDE:

Micaela Lum (8:30am/10am)  
Harrison Michael (5pm)

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**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Coffee Prep: Dave Ross; Communion: David & Lisa Zylstra; Lector: Sandy Furlong; Ushers: Diane Kelly & Kathy Martino; Welcome Table: Barb Collins. **10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Tamara Stenerson; Communion: Peggy Johnson & Wayne Johnson; Lector: Jerry Combe; Ushers: Sharon Miller & Dennis Pysz; Welcome Table: Rebecca Horner. **5pm:** Communion & Lector: Nancy Marcello

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** provided by Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in honor of the Lenten season.

**UKRAINIAN GREETING AND REFRESHMENTS** - Welcome to Oksana Pashko & friends and thank you for providing traditional Ukrainian snacks between morning services!

**THANKS** to Kathy Person for playing violin and all our musicians this morning and helping us celebrate!

**CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONAL** - Pick up your copy at the Welcome Table. Large print available.

**LENTEN THEME:** *Where Grace is Served.* Each Wednesday, a different member will share their faith story and how hospitality, meals, and Holy Communion are all a part of their journey.

**LENTEN OFFERING BOXES** available at the Welcome Table. This year offerings will go to Disaster Response (Wildfires) and World Central Kitchen. Return them to Gloria Dei by April 13.

**FIRST COMMUNION** preparation for children is 3 consecutive Wednesdays at 5:15pm: March 12, 19 & 26. Each child & a parent meet with Pastor David in the Sanctuary. See sign-up for details.

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & WORSHIP** will be every Wednesday at 6pm with Lenten worship at 6:30pm from March 12 - April 9. If you want to bring soup to share, sign up at the Welcome Table.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:** Palm Sunday (April 13) Procession with palms and a donkey, First Communion celebrated; Pancake Breakfast 11:15am;

Maundy Thursday (April 17) Christ in the Seder Meal...

Good Friday (April 18) Noon and 7pm Tenebrae worship with the 7 last words of Christ, nailing of prayer concerns to the cross, and darkening of sanctuary.

Easter-Resurrection Sunday (April 20) - 6:30am outdoor service; 8:30am and 10am worship with lilies, trumpets, choirs, and more. Eggstravaganza for children, 9:40am.

**EASTER LILIES** - To honor or remember a loved one this Holy season, you may wish to purchase a lily for our Easter worship. Cost: \$10 per plant. Forms are available at the Welcome Table. Due 4/13.

**YOUNG COUPLES WITH KIDS** - Sunday, March 30, 11am-1pm. River Street Marketplace (food, fellowship, kid friendly), SJC. Sign-up at the Welcome Table. Questions, please contact the office.

**YOUNG ADULT** (20s-30s, no kids) - Friendship group meets last Sunday/month. Next meeting, Sunday, March 30, 11:15am (Stack's Pancake House, 34255 Pacific Coast Hwy, Dana Point). Questions, speak with Lindsey Engel or call the office.

**HOSPITALITY** - Pacifica Synod Assembly - Offer a room to those attending the assembly who may not be able to afford a hotel, May 15 and 16; or just Friday, May 16. See the sign-up for details.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** job opening at Gloria Dei. If you are interested, go to the website for details ([mygloriadei.org/about](http://mygloriadei.org/about)) and submit your resume: [pastordavid@mygloriadei.org](mailto:pastordavid@mygloriadei.org).

**MIRABELL TRIO CONCERT** - Friday, April 4, 5pm, Sanctuary. Gloria Dei concert series begins with chamber music - Julie Ayer (violin), Karen Follingstad (piano), and Martha Lippi (cello).

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Sharon Grady on April 5 at 11am, followed by a luncheon in Bankson Hall.

**PRAYER LABYRINTH** April 12, 8am - 5pm, come pray on the "seven last words of Christ on the Cross". This self-guided prayer will be in the labyrinth. Sign-up for a time at the Welcome Table.

**WOMEN'S TEA** - April 26 at 11am in Bankson Hall. Food catered by Ellie Snyder. Cost: \$30 via Venmo, Zelle, check or cash. No charge for table hostesses and military families. Invite a friend! Watch for sign-up at the Welcome Table to attend or host a table.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** (preschool-5th grade) meets during both morning services. Children leave after the Children's Message and return at Holy Communion.

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

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** takes place every Wednesday, 10am, Knudson Hall. This study is led by Pastor David or Deacon Daneen. All women are invited to join at any time!

**GRIEF HEALING GROUP** - Meets on Thursdays at 1pm in Knudson Hall. The group meets weekly on Thursday. All in need are welcome to join at any time. Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Table.

**DEI-LY UPDATES** - Gloria Dei provides weekly email news for friends and members. This is church & ministry news only. If you would like to receive updates, go to the website: [mygloriadei.org](http://mygloriadei.org) & sign up.

**XTRA PRAYERS** - If you would like extra prayer, please visit with Deacon Daneen and other people at the Prayer Candle Station (near organ pipes) after worship. They are happy to pray with you.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR MARCH 16 - 22, 2025**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am, 10am, & 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Ukrainian Food Presentation (9:30am)

**Monday:** South Coast Literacy Council (10am); RIOT (Reading Is Our Thing) Book Club (2pm); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed Meeting (7pm)

**Tuesday:** AA Meeting (7am); GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) (10am); Al Anon (7pm)

**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); First Communion Instruction (5:15pm); Lenten Soup Supper (6pm); Lenten Worship (6:30pm); 12 Step Couples (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 Meeting (10am); Rope Basket Workshop (10am)

**Saturday:** AA Men (7am); First Communion Chalice Making (10am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of OC (1:30pm)

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- ❖ Blood Drive (May 7)
- ❖ Pacifica Synod Assembly (May 15 - 17)
- ❖ Couples with Young Kids Beach Play Date (May 18)
- ❖ Annual Church Campout (June 6-8)
- ❖ Vacation Bible School (June 16-20)
- ❖ Fantasy Football Draft Day (August 23)
- ❖ 60th Anniversary of GDLC/Party and Dinner (September 19)
- ❖ Women's Retreat (October 3-5)