



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 23, 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 hearts, minds, and 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. May you experience the unconditional love of Jesus in worship today.

PRELUDE: *The Water is Wide*

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

Harrison Michael, Worship Leader (5pm)

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

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

THE GATHERING HYMN: *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

#756 vv. 1-3

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Savior, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 55:1-9)

Come to the water, all you who thirst—
come drink deeply from the river of life.

Come to the water, all you who are weary—
come rest in the quiet pools of God's love.

Come to the water, all you who long for a justice—
come be renewed in God's ever-flowing stream.

For God is here among us,
washing away the dust and grime of our lives,

and pouring out the Spirit on all who thirst.
Let us worship and give thanks together. Amen.

THE HYMN: *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

#756 v. 4

**O Trinity of love and pow'r,
all trav-'lers guard in danger's hour
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,**

**protect them where-so-e'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns and praise from land and sea.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(8:30/10am - Children may leave for Sunday school and return during Holy Communion.)

Deacon Daneen Pysz

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:1-9

Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did, as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not engage in sexual immorality, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

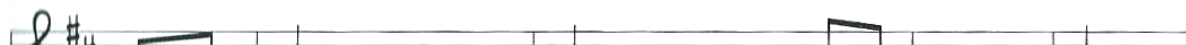
(Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)

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



(The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**)

THE GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-5

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did."

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

THE ANTHEM: *Now the Green Blade Rises*

Sanctuary Choir (10am)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN: ***Living Water*** (Cash/Getty)

**Are you thirsty? Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken, Peace unspoken
Rest beside these living waters**

**Christ is calling, Find refreshing
At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down
All the old gone
Rise up in these living waters**

Refrain: **There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters**

**Spirit moving, Mercy washing
Healing in these living waters
Lead your children, To the shore line
Life is in these living waters** (Refrain)

**Are you thirsty? Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters
Love, forgiveness, Vast and boundless
Christ, He is our living waters** (Refrain)

THE MESSAGE: "*Soul Food*"

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *All Who Are Thirsty* by Brenton Brown

Andy Degan

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: ***Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am*** (sing 2x)

#814

**Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

#807

**Come, thou Fount of ev-'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

#623

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSINGS

THE SENDING HYMN ***Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart***

#873 vv. 1-2, 6

**Rejoice, ye pure in heart!, Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.**

Refrain: **Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,

send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days. (Refrain.)

**Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest, one God forevermore.** (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: Henri Nurminen & Scott Neiderhiser; Lector: David Zylstra; Ushers: Christian Asis & Tim Boyd; Welcome Table: Bob & Brenda Gaumer. **10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Melody & Ron Bacon; Communion: Melody & Ron Bacon; Lector: Cora Weaver; Ushers: Gini Sherwood & Karen Ungerman; Welcome Table: Mary Jane Rylaarsdam. **5pm:** Communion & Lector: Erika Mills

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS provided by Hayden & Rose Fredrick.

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, 3pm in Bankson Hall) Finding 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.

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

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 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.

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

LAUNDRY LOVE - Looking for volunteers at Sparklean Laundromat in San Juan Capistrano on Friday, April 4, 2pm - 5:30pm. Sign-up at the Welcome Table. For more info: deacondaneen@mygloriadei.org.

ART BUILD DAYS - the art ministry is creating our Easter art project! This week join us for water marbling on March 26, 1:30-3:30pm, March 27, 4-6pm, and March 28, 11am-1pm. See the welcome table for more details.

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.

PRIME TIME SENIORS - Join us at the Carlsbad Flower Fields on April 11, 1pm - 3pm. Sign-up at the Welcome Table. Cost -\$25 plus \$8 for the wagon tour. Carpool if needed, otherwise we will all meet there. Must have the money no later than April 6. For more info: deacondaneen@mygloriadei.org.

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, catered by Ellie Snyder. Cost: \$25. No charge for table hostesses/military families. Invite a friend! Sign-up at the Welcome Table to attend or host.

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.

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. You can also donate via credit/ debit card through Vanco, our secure site: mygloriadei.org/donate.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MARCH 23 - 29, 2025

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

Monday: South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed Meeting (7pm)

Tuesday: AA Meeting (7am); Men's Book Club (6pm); Heart Lifters (6:30pm); 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 Part 2 (10am); Kenny's Music Rehearsal (2pm)

Saturday: AA Men (7am); 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)