



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Grace changes everything.*

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## 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 30, 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.

PRELUDE: *Peace to My Soul* by William Barnett

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

Harrison Michael, Worship Leader (5pm)

THE WELCOME AND INVOCATION

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

**THE GATHERING HYMN: *In Christ There Is No East or West***

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**In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord close binding human-kind.**

**Join hands, disciples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;  
all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.**

THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum

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

FIRST LESSON: Joshua 5:9-12

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal, they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on

that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and roasted grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year. (Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:16-31

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (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.



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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 15th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**)

THE GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.' So he divided his assets between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave**

**him anything. But when he came to his senses he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"**

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

ANTHEM: *Beauty All Around Us* by L. Nickel (8:30am) Sanctuary Choir, Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN: *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* (Stuart Townend)

**How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One, Bring many sons to glory**

**Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished**

**I will not boast in anything No gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom.**

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THE MESSAGE: *Finding Gilgal*

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Harrison Michael

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

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**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.**)

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.)

**Amazing Grace**

#779 vv. 1-4

**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.**

**God of the Sparrow**

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**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 hungry  
God of the sick  
God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care  
How does the creature say Life**

**God of the neighbor  
God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace**

**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**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSINGS

**THE SENDING HYMN: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**  
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.

#631 vv. 1-2, 4

**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!**

SENDING WORDS

POSTLUDE: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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

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**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Coffee Prep: Lynne & Wes Morgan; Communion: Barb Collins & Diane Kelly; Lector: Paige Gulck; Ushers: Henri Nurminen & Gene Rathbun; Welcome Table: Janice Olson. **10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Scott Lund; Communion: Donna & Jerry Combe; Lector: Laurene Holmes-Hylton; Ushers: Kathi Anderson & Susan Behnke; Welcome Table: Julie Sweany. **5pm:** Communion & Lector: Gary Bridge.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Liane Schuller in celebration of God's never-ending love & mercy.

**WELCOME** to Bethlehem Handcrafts who are on the patio, displaying various goods, featuring olive wood products.

**YOUNG COUPLES WITH KIDS** - Meets TODAY 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. Meeting, TODAY at 11:15am (Stack's Pancake House, 34255 Pacific Coast Hwy, Dana Point). Questions, speak with Lindsey Engel or call the office.

**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.

**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.

**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).

**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](mailto:deacondaneen@mygloriadei.org).

**ART BUILD DAYS** - the art ministry is creating our Easter art project! This week join us for water marbling and stamping on April 1, 10:30-12:30pm, April 2, 3-5pm, and ADD. 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 SERVICES** for Jimmye Burke on April 4, at 11am & Sharon Grady on April 5 at 11am. Both services will be 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](mailto: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.

**EASTER EGG COLLECTION** - Children's Ministry is in need of filled eggs for the Eggstravaganza on Easter Sunday. Please bring the eggs by April 13 & drop off at the large basket 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.

**BLOOD DRIVE** - May 7, 9am - 3pm in Bankson Hall. Sign-up at the Welcome Table or register online at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time?dt=WB:PL:DR:PM&zipSponsor=92629>. Pick up a reminder flyer at the Welcome Table.

**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](mailto:gloriadei@mygloriadei.org). You can also donate via credit/ debit card through Vanco, our secure site: [mygloriadei.org/donate](http://mygloriadei.org/donate).

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR MARCH 30 - APRIL 5, 2025**

**Today:** Bethlehem Handcrafts Display (8am-11:15am); Worship (8:30am, 10am, & 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Young Couples with Kids Outing (11am); Young Adults (20-30's; no kids) Brunch (11am)

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

**Tuesday:** AA Meeting (7am); Preschool Reptile Show (9am); GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group (10am); Art Build Water Marbling (10am); Dean's Meeting (12:30pm); Al Anon (7pm)

**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Art Build Water Marbling (3pm); Lenten Soup Supper (6pm); Lenten Worship (6:30pm); 12 Step Couples (7:30pm)

**Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Mirabell Trio Rehearsal (12pm); Grief Healing (1pm); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

**Friday:** Al Anon Meeting (10am); Jimmie Burke Memorial Service (11am); Kenny's Music Rehearsal (2pm); Laundry Love/Sparklean Alipaz Center SJC (2pm); Mirabell Trio Concert (5pm)

**Saturday:** AA Men (7am); Sharon Grady Memorial Service (11am); Prayer ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of OC (1:30pm)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- ❖ 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)