



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 6, 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:

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

Harrison Michael, Worship Leader (5pm)

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

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

THE GATHERING HYMN: *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

#597 vv. 1-3

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Refrain: **On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev-'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.** (Refrain)

**His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay.** (Refrain)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 130)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you,

so that you may be revered.

I wait for the LORD; my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord

more than those who watch for the morning,

O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

It is he who will redeem Israel

from all its iniquities. Amen.

THE HYMN: *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

#597 v. 4

**When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne!** (Refrain)

Refrain: **On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

Pastor David Mattson

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down; they cannot rise; they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise. (Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 3:4b-14

Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)

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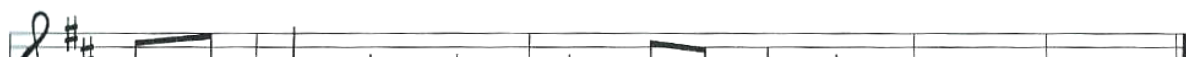
Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



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



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



(The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**)

THE GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

THE ANTHEM: *Beauty All Around Us* by L. Nickel

Sanctuary Choir (10am)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children of the Heavenly Father

#781

**Children of the heav'n-ly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.**

**God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

**Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.**

THE MESSAGE: "Extravagant Love"

Deacon Daneen Pysz

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Forty Days and Forty Nights*
Micaela Lum

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



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.)

Precious Lord Take My Hand

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

#773

**When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

Come, Let Us Eat

**Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body let us take together,
Our Lord's body let us take together.**

#491

**Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.**

**In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,
In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.
In the presence of our Lord we gather,
In the presence of our Lord we gather.**

**Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word,
Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word.
Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom,
Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSINGS

THE SENDING HYMN: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

#865

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise the everlasting King!**

**Praise him for his grace and favor to our forebears in distress.
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Glorious is his faithfulness!**

**Tenderly he shields and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Widely as his mercy flows.**

**Angels help us to adore him, who behold him face to face.
Sun and moon bow down before him; all who dwell in time and space.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise with us the God of grace.**

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: Dianne & Greg Blanda; Communion: Bill Jonas & Kathy Martino; Lector: Bill Jonas; Refreshments: Dianne & Greg Blanda; Ushers: Craig Collins & Pam Weiss; Welcome Table: Bob & Brenda Gaumer. **10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Gloria Dei Staff; Communion: Katherine Dickinson & Sharry Hilyard; Lector: Roger Grefsrud; Refreshments: Melody & Ron Bacon; Ushers: John Cummings & Margaret Dean; Welcome Table: Sharon Miller. **5pm:** Communion & Lector: Lorraine McCarty.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Ren & Shelly Higgins in celebration of their 38th anniversary! They are also given by Linda & John Friend in celebration of their anniversary!

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.

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 has been completed & First Communion will be celebrated on Palm Sunday, April 13.

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/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.

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.

PRIME TIME SENIORS - Carlsbad Flower Fields, April 11, 1pm - 3pm. Sign-up at the Welcome Table. Cost -\$25, plus \$8 for the wagon tour. Carpool if needed. Payment due no later than April 6.

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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST - meets the second Saturday each month & led by Pastor David. Our next meeting is Saturday, April 12 at 8:30am. After the meeting, join us for spring cleaning (9:30am) Get our campus ready for Holy Week with some extra cleaning!

SPRING CLEANING DAY at Gloria Dei on Saturday, April 12, 9:30am. Come for an hour or two or three, as we clean things up for Holy Week.

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.

ART MINISTRY EVENTS - This week we are working on our Easter art project and we have our monthly gathering. Join in our Easter project on April 8, 10:30-12:30pm and April 10, 1-3pm and for our gathering on April 11, 6:30pm in Bankson Hall.

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.

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

YOUNG ADULTS (20s/30s) Beach outing, Doheny, May 4 after the second service! Questions, speak with Lindsey Engel or call the church office. *"May the 4th be with you! And also with you!"*

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

MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI - If you are interested in officially joining the Gloria Dei family, sign-up at the Welcome Table or call the office. For non-Lutherans, an adult inquiry class will be held Sat., May 3, 9am. For those who plan to join (new or transfer), come to the New Members Orientation, Sun., May 4, 11:30am. New member Welcome is Sunday, May 11. Questions, speak with Pastor David.

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 APRIL 6 - 12, 2025

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am, & 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Confirmation (11:15am)
Monday: South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Piano Tuning (1pm); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group (6:30pm); AA Coed Meeting (7pm)
Tuesday: AA Meeting (7am); Surfside Quilters General Meeting (9am); Heart Lifters (6:30pm); VFW Auxiliary (6:30pm); Al Anon (7pm); Church Council (7pm)
Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters Workshop (9am); Women's Bible Study (10am); 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: Carpet Cleaning (9am); Al Anon (10am); Prime Time Seniors Flower Fields Outing (1pm); Kenny's Music (2pm); Art Gathering (6:30pm)
Saturday: AA Men (7am); Labyrinth (8am); Men's Breakfast Study (8:30am); Women's Board Meeting (9am); Church Spring Cleaning (9:30am); 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 Party and Dinner (Sept. 19)
- ❖ Women's Retreat (October 3-5)

