

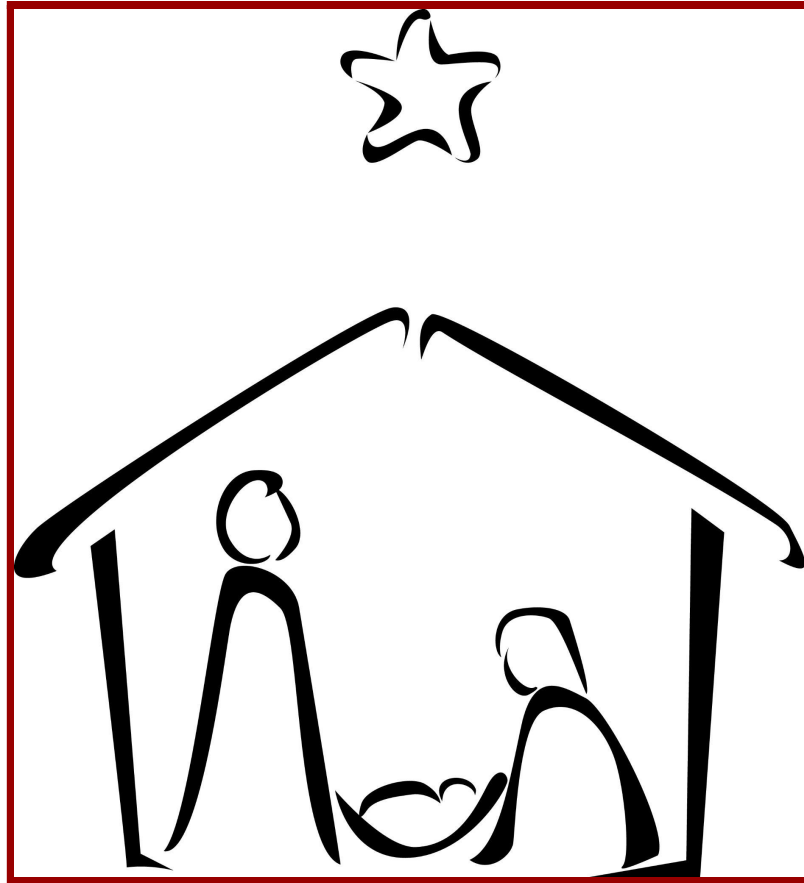


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CHRISTMAS IN JULY - MELE KALIKIMAKA

July 25, 2021

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

WELCOME to worship. Merry Christmas! May the wonder of Christ's birth fill you with joy and peace, even in July. Hopefully, you'll hear a favorite carol, be inspired by the story of the incarnation, and the grace of that story be learned by heart.

PRELUDE: *O Holy Night* arr. by John Purifoy

Rachel Ehring, Pianist (8:30am/10am)

Micaela Lum, Pianist/Organist (5pm)

St. Paul's Pageant, Auckland, NZ

THE WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor David R. Mattson

THE CAROL: Joy to the World

#267 vv. 1-2

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 9)

We celebrate everyday - The life, death, and resurrection of the Son.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

We celebrate everyday - The hope of the incarnation, that You, O God are near.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

We celebrate everyday - Your name is Emmanuel, God with us.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

We celebrate everyday - That even pain and hurt will not be the final word.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

We celebrate everyday - You came to bring the fullness of life to all people!

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Amen.

THE CAROL: Joy to the World

#267 v.4

**He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

(The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have

increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

THE SECOND LESSON: Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

#257

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.**

Refrain: **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

**O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh:
in strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way.** (Refrain.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

READING OF THE GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-24

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah* took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife.

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

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Neta Wenrick

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: Love Has Come

#292

**Love has come - a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.**

**Love is born! Come, share in the wonder. Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother; what is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers; Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.**

**Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!**

THE MESSAGE: *The Mess is the Message*

Pastor David Mattson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *When Hope Came Down* by Kari Jobe

Michelle Lum

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *In the Bleak Midwinter*

#294 vv. 1, 3

**In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak mid-winter, long ago.**

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him — give my heart.**

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Glorious God, we sing with the angels to celebrate the tremendous gift of your Son
Jesus! We rejoice with gladness. You give us wonderful joy and peace in our Savior. As
we bring our offerings, we ask that our lives would reflect your joy and generosity. We
pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each prayer - Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (All who believe Christ is present in this Sacrament are welcome to receive. Non-communing children and others who wish to receive only a blessing may come forward also. For those who prefer, white juice is located in the center of each tray.)

HOLY COMMUNION MUSIC: Of the Father's Love Begotten

#295 vv. 1-3

**Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
ever-more and ever-more.**

**Oh, that birth for-ev-er blessed, When the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost con-ceiv-ing, Bore the Savior of our race,
And the babe, the world's redeemer, First revealed his sacred face,
Ever-more and ever-more.**

**This is he whom seers in old time Chanted of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets Promised in their faithful word;
Now he shines, the long expected; Let creation praise its Lord
Ever-more and ever-more.**

Away in a Manger

#277

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing; the baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE SENDING BLESSING FOR THE YOUTH GROUP (8:30am)

THE SENDING HYMN: Angels We Have Heard on High

#289 vv. 1, 3

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria... in excelsis Deo; Gloria...in excelsis Deo.**

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.
Gloria... in excelsis Deo; Gloria...in excelsis Deo.**

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Rachel Ehring, Organist/Pianist (8:30am/10am)
Micaela Lum Organist/Pianist (5pm)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS - We're glad you have joined us! Please sign-in at the Welcome Table to receive a gift. Thank you for worshipping with us.

THANKS to Rachel Ehring for leading us on piano today! Fred Johnson is on vacation and will return on 8/8/21.

NEW GUIDELINES for worship - Sit wherever you see a bulletin. Face masks are not required for fully vaccinated people! If you have not received your Covid-19 vaccination yet, please wear a face mask, or for people who would simply be more comfortable with one on - extras at the Welcome Table. We continue to livestream the 8:30am service: www.youtube.com/GloriaDeiLutheranChurchDanaPoint

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Rebecca Horner in honor of Randy Horner's Marine Corp. Retirement. They are also provided by Ruth Johnson in loving memory of Larry Johnson.

MEMORIAL SERVICE for Anne Siminuk, this Saturday, 11:30am. We give thanks to God for her life and pray God's Spirit to give strength to her family and friends. Please join us in support of the family.

SUMMER BIBLE/BOOK STUDY based on Anne Lamott's "*Help, Thanks, Wow - The 3 Essential Prayers*", Six consecutive Wednesdays, 6pm continues Wednesday, July 28, 6pm. Led by Pastor David and others. Meal served. Donation. Buying book is not required, but helpful.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH - leave today and return on Wednesday, Kern River White Water Rafting (July 24-27). Thanks to our Youth Director Paige Gulck and Summer Ministry Student Emma Janzen for leading the high school youth group trip! Our prayers will be with you all.

SOUTH COUNTY BELL CONCERT - August 1, 2pm in the Sanctuary. Free will offering taken for FAM - Family Assistance Ministries. Please come enjoy this concert!

COVID LONG HAUL RELIEF (CLHR) - Struggling with symptoms from Covid-19? Support group meets first Wednesday each month. Next meeting is Aug. 4, 7pm. Questions, call the office or Kayla Carlson.

BLOOD DRIVE - The Mitch Redden Memorial Blood Drive will be held at Gloria Dei on August 10, 9am-3pm. Sign up online or contact the office to request a time & Carol Weinhardt will assist you.

<https://sleevesup.redcrossblood.org/campaign/the-mitchell-redden-memorial-blood-drive/>

The Blood Drive will be held in Bankson Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED - Sign up now at the Welcome Table to help with Sunday School at either the 8:30am or 10am services (teachers, subs, co-teachers, etc. needed). Sunday School begins September 12. Questions? sundayschool@mygloriadei.org.

NURSERY is available at the 8:30am & 10am services. Services for babies - pre-K. The attendants are vaccinated and they will be wearing masks. They will be inside preschool room or at the playground.

OFFERING - Please place check/money in boxes, or **ELECTRONIC GIVING** - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-Dana Point. Alternatively, you can give via credit card or debit card through our secure site: mygloriadei.org/donate. Thank you for supporting the ministry of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church!

VACCINATIONS - If you or someone you know is having difficulty registering for a shot, please contact the church office. Volunteers are also able to drive people to receive their shot.

DEI-LY UPDATE EMAILS - If you are interested in receiving regular notices regarding things related to Gloria Dei, please go to our website to sign-up: mygloriadei.org. This is the main way we communicate with the church. You can opt in or opt out at any time. Your email will not be shared.

UPCOMING: Intern Pastor Veronica Gould joins Gloria Dei for the year beginning August 17; Prayer Labyrinth (September 11); Men's Breakfast (September 11); Adult Inquiry Class (September 11); Rally Sunday/Sunday school begins (September 12) New Member Orientation Lunch (September 12); Beach Party (September 19); Women's Succulent Planting (September 25)

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Communion: Bill Jonas & Jim Wenrick; Lector: Emma Janzen; Usher: Matt Dubow & Diane Kelly; Welcome Table: Gail Rightmire

10am: Communion: Ann & Jim St. Martin; Lector: Katherine Dickinson; Usher: Katherine Dickinson & Sharon Miller; Welcome Table: Jerry & Sharon Grady

5pm: Communion & Lector: Erika Mills

OPPORTUNITIES FOR JULY 25 - 31, 2021

Today: Worship Mele Kalikimaka/Christmas in July (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Nursery Care (8:30am & 10am); Sr. High Rafting Trip Departure (9am); NA (6:30pm)

Monday: Alanon (5:30pm); South County Bell Choir Rehearsal (5:45pm); Alanon (7pm); ACA (7pm); Alanon(7pm)

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Alanon (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Sr. Hi Rafters Return Home (4pm, est.); 3 Essential Prayers Study (6pm); AA Couples Group (7pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Southcoast Literacy Group (10am); AA Men (7pm)

Saturday: AA Men's (7am); Anne Siminuk Memorial (11:30am); ACA (2pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

