

# The Season of Advent

*"The days are surely coming..."*



## 1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 28, 2021 (Worship: **8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm**)

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Guests, please sign in at the "Welcome Table" and receive a gift. For young children, a nursery is available - sign in your child and grab a pager. We also love children in worship and Sunday school (10am - Children may leave after children's message for Sunday school and return at Holy Communion).

**TODAY** is the First Sunday in Advent. Our theme during this four week preparation for Christmas is *"The days are surely coming..."* (Jeremiah 33:14) It's all about praying for days of hope, peace, joy, and love. May you discover these gifts in worship today!

PRELUDE MUSIC: *Prelude on "Besancon"*

Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30am/10am)  
Micaela Lum (5pm)

### INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

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

Blessed be God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace.  
**Amen.**

Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor. God of all hopefulness,

**We confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.** (A moment of silence for confession.)

The prophet Jeremiah announced, *"The days are surely coming," saith the Lord.* Christ, the Savior has come and brings new life to the entire world. Rejoice in this good news - your sins are forgiven in His name! **Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN: Love Has Come

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**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!**

### LITANY FOR LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE

(Following the reading, we sing, O, Come, O, Come, Emmanuel).

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

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 CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Annette Fettis

(10am - Children may leave for Sunday school.)

ANTHEM (10am): *Thanks We Sing to Thee* Sanctuary Choir, Kathy Person Music Director

THE FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 33:14-16  
The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."  
(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. (Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.) Tune: *O, Come, O, Come, Emmanuel*  
**Alleluia, alleluia. O come to us Emmanuel.**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 21st chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**  
THE GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-28  
**Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."**  
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: *On Christmas Night* #274  
**On Christmas Night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring.  
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news of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful king's birth.**

**Then why should we on earth be sad, since our redeemer made us glad?  
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**when from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty?**

**When sin departs before his face, then life and health come in its place.  
When sin departs before his face, then life and health come in its place.  
Angels rejoice with us and sing, all for to see the newborn king.**

THE MESSAGE: **The Days are Surely Coming - Days of Hope** Pastor David R. Mattson

THE OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Bridge Over Troubled Water*

THE ADVENT OFFERTORY RESPONSE (Taize) (Sung 2x)

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -

joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your

voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER  
**Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light; through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our 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:**

**Lamb of God** (Agnus Dei) Page 191  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;**  
**grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

**He Came Down** #253  
**He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;**  
**he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forever more.**

**He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;**  
**he came down that we may have light; hallelujah forever more.**

**He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;**  
**he came down that we may have peace; hallelujah forever more.**

**He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;**  
**he came down that we may have joy; hallelujah forever more.**

**Prepare the Royal Highway** #264 vv.1-3  
**Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!**  
**Let ev-'ry hill and valley a level road appear!**  
**Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:**  
**Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!**

**God's people, see him coming: your own eternal king!**  
**Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!**  
**God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you!**  
**Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!**

**Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king!**  
**Your king, yet ev-'ry nation its tribute too may bring.**  
**All lands will bow before him; their voices join your singing:**  
**Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!**

THE BLESSING

**SENDING HYMN: My Lord, What a Morning** #438  
Refrain: **My Lord, what a morning; My Lord, what a morning;**  
**Oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.**

**You will hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground,**  
**looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.** (Refrain)

**You will hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations underground,**  
**looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.** (Refrain)

**You will hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground,**  
**looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.** (Refrain)

POSTLUDE: *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns* Fred Johnson, Organist (8:30/10am)  
Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist (5pm)

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by the Chernekoff family in celebration of Josh & Lexi's 17th birthday!

**THANKS!** The church council expresses deep appreciation to all who turned in their 2022 Pledge Cards/Time & Talent Sheets. Thanks for volunteering! (Those that were not picked up will now be mailed out.)

**THE ADVENT SEASON** begins today, the 4 week preparation for Christmas. Thanks to the Confirmation students for reading and acolyting. An Advent Calendar is available at the Welcome Table and an Advent Devotional is available online: [mygloriadei.org/adventchristmas-at-gloria-dei](http://mygloriadei.org/adventchristmas-at-gloria-dei).

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS** for Foster All and local Dana Point families are due by today. Thank you all for donating & reaching out to help others this Christmas season!

**DECORATING THE TREE** - Come and help set up the Christmas tree - this Friday, December 3, noon. Thanks for helping out!

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Betsy Dubow - this Saturday, December 4, 11am. Luncheon to follow in Bankson Hall.

**WOMEN'S GROUP MEETUP** - Sunday, December 5, 2pm. Meet at the main entry of Rogers Garden to celebrate Christmas. Explore the scenery and check out the Christmas boutique. All are welcome!

**SR. HIGH HAPPENINGS** - Sunday, December 12 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Cookie decorating in Knudson Hall. Lunch, cookies and bonding time for the kids. Contact Youth Director Paige ( [youth@mygloriadei.org](mailto:youth@mygloriadei.org).)

**LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE** - Sunday, December 19, 5pm. This contemplative service invites us to reflect on the grief we may feel at Christmastime and offer it all to our great sign of hope, the Holy Child of Bethlehem. We pray that all of us will find comfort in knowing that we are not alone.

**SANCTUARY CHOIR** (Teens/Adults) - All levels of ability welcome! Practice is on Thursdays at 7:30pm for one hour. Choral masks provided. For details - Kathy Person: [music@mygloriadei.org](mailto:music@mygloriadei.org).

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP** will take place Friday, December 24, 3pm, 4:30pm, and 6pm. Candlelight, carols, special music, and more. **Reservations** are required. To reserve your spot: [www.mygloriadei.org/adventchristmas-at-gloria-dei](http://www.mygloriadei.org/adventchristmas-at-gloria-dei). There will be seating inside and outside. Of course, the service will also be live streamed. Invite a friend to experience the birth of hope!

**GUIDELINES** for worship - Spread out and sit wherever you see a bulletin. Face masks required for everyone sitting inside! Extra facemasks are at the Welcome Table. We continue to livestream the 8:30am service: [www.youtube.com/GloriaDeiLutheranChurchDanaPoint](https://www.youtube.com/GloriaDeiLutheranChurchDanaPoint). FYI - All church and preschool staff have been vaccinated.

**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.

**BRASS GROUP** rehearses Tuesdays, 5pm (Sanctuary). All levels of ability are welcome! Questions - [pastordavid@mygloriadei.org](mailto:pastordavid@mygloriadei.org)

**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](http://mygloriadei.org/donate). Thank you for supporting the ministry of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church!

**GOD SQUAD** (3rd - 5th Graders) - LaserLand - Wednesday, January 12, 4pm. We will meet at LaserLand (27741 Crown Valley #315A, Mission Viejo) followed by pizza. Contact the office or email Barb Collins if attending - [sundayschool@mygloriadei.org](mailto:sundayschool@mygloriadei.org). As always, feel free to invite a friend!

**UPCOMING:** Sunday school Christmas Program (Dec. 12), Lessons and Carols Service (Dec.19), Membership Class at Gloria Dei (January 22), New Member Sunday (January 29), Annual Meeting/Ministry Celebration (February 6).

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 4, 2021**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am, 10am, 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); Sunday School (10:15am); NA Meeting(6:30pm)  
**Monday:** Southcoast Literacy Group (10am); Alanon (5:30pm); Pacifica Synod Online Study (6:30pm)  
**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Brass Practice (5pm); Al Anon Meeting (7pm)  
**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); 12 Step Couples Group (7pm); CLHR - Covid Long Haul Relief Group (7pm)  
**Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Literacy Group (10am); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)  
**Friday:** Decorate Sanctuary & put up Christmas Tree (12pm)  
**Saturday:** AA Men's (7am); Prayer Shawl (9am); ACA (2pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Acolyte: Bryan Hallowell; Advent Reader: Jenna Hallowell; Coffee: David Ross; Communion: Diane Kelly & Gail Rightmire; Lector: Gail Rightmire; Usher: Dave & Judy Ross; Welcome Table: Janice Olson  
**10am:** Acolyte: Jackson Brodrick Advent Reader: Tanner Boland; Coffee: Ann & Jim St. Martin; Communion: Laurene Holmes-Hylton & NEED; Lector: David Macher; Usher: Pat Kramer & Scott Lund; Welcome Table: Mary Jane Rylaarsdam-Pike  
**5pm:** Reader & Usher: Jeannie Moyer