



## 1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 26, 2021 (Worship: 8:30am, 10:00am)

**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 we have children's bags available for their use.

**TODAY** is the First Sunday after Christmas. The Christmas season lasts twelve days, from Christmas Day until January 5, the day before the Epiphany.

PRELUDE: *A Christmas Medley* arr. John Purifoy

Rachel Ehring, Pianist

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - DAEMAN RIGGLEMAN

(Prior to the 10am service, the Sacrament will be celebrated at the Baptismal Font)

**GATHERING HYMN: Angels from the Realms of Glory**

#275 v. 1-3

**Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth ;  
once you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:**

Refrain: **Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light. (Refrain.)**

**Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great desire of nations, you have seen his natal star. (Refrain.)**

THE INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

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

**I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed; in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, by my fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

(Silence for reflection and confession. Pastor proclaims the forgiveness.)

**THE HYMN: Angels from the Realms of Glory**

#275 v. 4

**All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One. (Refrain.)**

Refrain: **Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

THE FIRST LESSON: 1 Samuel 2:18 - 20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and with the people.

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

THE PSALM: Psalm 148  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!  
**Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!  
**Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.  
**He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,  
**fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!  
**Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!  
**Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;  
**his glory is above earth and heaven.**

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,  
**for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!**

THE SECOND LESSON: Colossians 3:12-17  
As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.  
(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Please stand.) #283 v. 3  
**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!**  
**Glory to God in the highest:**  
**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,**  
**O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

THE GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52  
The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 2nd chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**  
**Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.**  
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE APOSTLES' CREED  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor David R. Mattson

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY: *What Child is This*** #296 vv. 1-2  
**What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?**  
**Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?**  
**This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.**  
**Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!**

**Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?**  
**Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.**  
**Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;**  
**Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!**

THE MESSAGE: "Mary, Did You Know?" Intern Pastor Veronica Gould

THE OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC:  
*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* arr. John Purifoy Rachel Ehring, Piano solo

CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY RESPONSE: ***What Child is This*** #296 v. 3  
**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.**  
**The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.**  
**Raise, raise the song on hush, the virgin sings her lullaby.**  
**Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!**

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER  
Merciful Father,  
**we offer with joy and thanksgiving, what You have first given us - our selves, our time,**  
**and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who**  
**offered Himself for us, Jesus 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.**

***Silent Night*** #281  
**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright**  
**round yon virgin mother and child.**  
**Holy Infant, so tender and mild,**  
**sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;**  
**Glories stream from heaven afar,**  
**Heav’nly hosts sing Alleluia!**  
**Christ, our Savior is born! Christ our Savior is born!**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light**

**radiant beams from your holy face,**  
**with the dawn of redeeming grace.**  
**Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.**

***O Come, All Ye Faithful*** #283 v. 1-2, 4  
**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!**  
**O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;**  
**come and behold him, born the king of angels:**  
**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,**  
**O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

**The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,**  
**born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;**  
**Son of the Father now in flesh appearing!**  
**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,**  
**O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;**  
**Jesus, to thee be glory giv’n!**  
**Glory to God in the highest;**  
**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,**  
**O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

THE BLESSING

**SENDING HYMN: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!*** #270 v. 1-3  
**Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king;**  
**peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.”**  
**Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;**  
**with angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”**  
**Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”**

**Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,**  
**late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin’s womb.**  
**Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!**  
**Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!**  
**Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”**

**Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!**  
**Light and life to all he brings, ris’n with healing in his wings.**  
**Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,**  
**Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.**



**Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”**

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

POSTLUDE: *Angels from the Realms of Glory* arr. John Purifoy Rachel Ehring, Pianist

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Jim and Ann St. Martin in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary.

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**WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** - In 2022, this study begins again on Wednesday, January 12, 10am. All women are invited to meet in the Sanctuary & refreshments will be served early.

**CONFIRMATION** (6th-8th graders) will resume on Sunday, January 9, 2022, 11:15am. Questions, speak with a pastor or Youth Director Paige Gulck ([youth@mygloriadei.org](mailto:youth@mygloriadei.org)).

**SANCTUARY CHOIR** (Teens/Adults) - All levels of ability are welcome! Practice is on Thursdays at 7:30pm for one hour in the Sanctuary. We will resume practice on January 13, 2022. At this time, choral masks are provided. For details - Kathy Person: [music@mygloriadei.org](mailto:music@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 closest to the church.

**GOD SQUAD** (3rd - 5th Graders) - LaserLand - Wednesday, January 12, 4pm. 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!

**MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI:** See the sign-up at the Welcome Table. There are two ways to join: Attend the Adult Inquiry Class (Saturday, Jan. 22, 9am) or transfer membership from another Lutheran congregation. The Adult Inquiry Class covers the “basics” of the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective. To both groups, there will be a get-to-know-you brunch on Saturday, January 22, 11:15am. New Members will be officially received during worship - Sunday, January 30.

**MEN'S RETREAT - SPRING TRAINING BASEBALL** (Tempe): Annual event takes place March 4-6, 2022. Sign-up for this popular, first-come-first-served event will take place in mid January.

**GLORIA DEI COOK BOOK** - Pick up your copy at the church office. Contact Carol Weinhardt at 949-493-3414 or [gloriadei@mygloriadei.org](mailto:gloriadei@mygloriadei.org). Thanks to all for your recipe contributions. Thanks to the Women's Board for organizing.

**DEVOTIONALS** - Pick up a copy of “*Christ in Our Home*”, January - March 2022, at the Welcome Table.

**PRESCHOOL TEACHER AID** - Preschool Director Shelli Parajeckas is interviewing for a part time position, 15 hours per week, working in the three year old classroom. If interested in applying, please contact her at [preschool@mygloriadei.org](mailto:preschool@mygloriadei.org).

**WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP** - RIOT (Reading Is Our Thing) meets the *third Monday of each month at 2pm*. The group meets in Knudson Hall. Next meeting is January 17. They are reading *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley. If interested in joining the book club, please contact the office at 949-493-3414.

**MEN'S BOOK GROUP** - Meets the last Tuesday of the month, 7pm. Meeting in person at O'Neill's Bar & Grill (26772 Avery Parkway, Mission Viejo/Arroyo Trabuco Golf Course). They are reading *The Night Portrait* & will meet on January 25. For information contact the church office.

**UPCOMING:** Annual Meeting/Ministry Celebration (February 6); Ash Wednesday (March 2); Concordia College Choir from Minnesota in Concert (March 2, 7pm)

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR DECEMBER 26 - JANUARY 1, 2021**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am, 10am, 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); Daeman Riggelman Baptism (9:45am); NA Meeting(6:30pm)  
**Monday:** Alanon (5:30pm)  
**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); AlAnon Meeting (7pm); Men's Book Club (7pm)  
**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); 12 Step Couples Group (7pm)  
**Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); AA Men (7pm)  
**Saturday:** AA Men's (7am); ACA (2pm); NA Meeting (7pm); Happy New Year!

**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Coffee: Bob & Bonny Gillespie; Communion: Bill Jonas & Jim Wenrick; Lector: Liane Schuller; Usher: Pam & Steve Weiss; Welcome Table: Liane Schuller  
**10am:** Coffee: Liz Flippin; Communion: Melody Bacon & Roger Grefsrud; Lector: Roger Grefsrud; Usher: Susan Behnke & Scott Lund; Welcome Table: Lora Schultz & William Stoll