



The Season of Advent
"The days are surely coming..."

2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 5, 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 Second Sunday in Advent. Our theme during this 4 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: *See Amid the Winter's Snow* by Anthony Giamanco Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

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: *O Christmas Tree!*

**O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree! Thy leaves are so unchanging;
O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree! Thy leaves are so unchanging;
Not only green when summer's here, But also when 'tis cold and drear.
O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree! Thy leaves are so unchanging!**

**O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree! How richly God has decked thee!
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Thou bidst us true and faithful be, And trust in God unchangingly.
O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree! How richly God has decked thee!**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**)

LITANY FOR LIGHTING OF THE SECOND 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 Branch of Jesse free, your own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell your people save and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.** (Refrain)

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
(10am - Children may leave for Sunday school.)

Pastor Veronica Gould

THE FIRST LESSON: Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

THE SECOND LESSON: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

(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 3rd chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be ev-'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within, and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.

We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward; without your grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay.

THE MESSAGE: The Days are Surely Coming - "It's Georg"

Pastor David R. Mattson

THE OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC: *He Shall Reign Forevermore*

Christian Try

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 may shine ever new and our lives reveal your light; through 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)

**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.**

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In the Bleak Midwinter

**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.**

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**Heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign;
in the bleak mid-winter a stable place sufficed
the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.**

**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.**

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

**'Twas in the moon of wintertime when all the birds had fled,
That God, the Lord of all the earth, sent angel choirs instead.
Before their light the stars grew dim, and won-d'ring hunters heard the hymn:
Jesus your king is born! Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria!**

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**Within a lodge of broken bark the tender babe was found:
a ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round;
but as the hunter braves drew nigh, the angel song rang loud and high:**

Jesus your king is born! Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria!

**The ear-liest moon of winter-time is not so round and fair
as was the ring of glory around the infant there.
The chiefs from far before him knelt with gifts of fox and beaver pelt.
Jesus your king is born! Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria!**

**O children of the forest free, the angel song is true;
the holy child of earth and heav'n is born today for you.
Come, kneel before the radiant boy, who brings you beauty, peace, and joy.
Jesus your king is born! Jesus is born, in excelsis!**

THE BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: The Bells of Christmas

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**The bells of Christmas chime once more;
the heav'n-ly guest is at the door.
He comes to earthly dwellings still
with new year gifts of peace, good will.**

**This world, though wide and far outspread,
Could scarcely find for you a bed.
Your cradle was a manger stall,
No pearl nor silk nor kingly hall.**

**Oh, join with me, in gladness sing,
To keep our Christmas with our king,
Until our song, from loving souls,
Like rushing mighty water rolls!**

POSTLUDE: *When the Morning Stars Sang Together* by Clarke Fred Johnson, Organist (8:30/10am)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Craig & Marcy Backhus in celebration of their 31st anniversary!

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.)

CHRISTMAS EVE POINSETTIAS - Help beautify the sanctuary for Christmas Eve by providing a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone. Cost \$10. Forms are located at the Welcome Table or contact the office at gloriadei@mygloriadei.org or 949-493-3414 by Tuesday, December 21.

THE ADVENT SEASON continues 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.

THANKS to all who came and helped with decorating the tree! It is greatly appreciated.

WOMEN'S GROUP MEETUP - today, 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!

MEMORIAL SERVICE for Joann Groon-Feryan on Saturday, December 11, 1pm.

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.)

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

ALL MEN are invited to the monthly breakfast Bible study on Saturday, 8am. Great way to start the day with breakfast and a brief study led by Pastor David.

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.

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. 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. 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.

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!

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. 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. 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.

UPCOMING: Sunday school Christmas Program (Dec. 12), Lessons and Carols Service (Dec.19), Annual Meeting/Ministry Celebration (February 6).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DECEMBER 5 - 11, 2021

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am, 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); Sunday School (10:15am); Confirmation Class (11:15am); Women's Group Meetup (2pm); NA Meeting(6:30pm)

Monday: Southcoast Literacy Group (10am); Alanon (5:30pm); GIFT Group 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)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Literacy Group (10am); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

Saturday: AA Men's (7am); Men's Breakfast Bible Study (8am); Women's Board Meeting (9:14am); ACA (2pm); Person Interment (3pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Acolyte: Daeman Riggleman; Advent Reader: Evan Neiderhiser; Coffee: Kristina Mayfield; Communion: Bill Jonas & Jim Wenrick; Lector: Pam Weiss; Usher: Phil & Sandy Furlong; Welcome Table: Gene Rathbun

10am: Acolyte: Kayla Dyas; Advent Reader: Romy Rettig; Coffee: Lisa Mers; Communion: Melody Bacon & Roger Grefsrud; Lector: Roger Grefsrud; Usher: John Cummings & Lisa Mers; Welcome Table: Jerry & Sharon Grady

5pm: Reader & Usher: Carol Simpson