

## The Season of Advent

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



## 3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 12, 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 Third Sunday in Advent. Today is our annual Sunday School Christmas Program and this year, it will be in the form of our children interviewing adults on their Christmas joy. May you discover this gift in worship today!

PRELUDE: *Angels From The Realms of Glory*

Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30am/10am)

Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist (5pm)

BAPTISM OF NIKOLAI ALEXANDER SHNAYDERMAN

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

THE WELCOME AND GREETING

Pastor David R. Mattson

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.** (Silence for confession.)

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news! **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: Of the Father's Love Begotten**

#295 vv. 1-2

**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,  
evermore and evermore.**

**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,  
Evermore and evermore.**

LITURGY FOR LIGHTING OF THE THIRD CANDLE

(Following the reading and prayer, we sing, O, Come, O, Come, Emmanuel while the candle is lit.)

**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 Dayspring, come and cheer; O Sun of justice, now draw near  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.** (Refrain)

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

THE READING: Isaiah 40:1-8

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

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

PRESENTATION - Sunday School Children - "*Memories of Christmas*"

THE PRAYER

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Youth Director Paige Gulck

THE READING: Isaiah 7:13-14

Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

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

PRESENTATION - Sunday School Children - "*Christmas Traditions*"

THE PRAYER

THE READING: Matthew 1:18-25

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 fulfill 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, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son;\* and he named him Jesus.

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

PRESENTATION - Sunday School Children - "*Celebrate Christmas*"

THE PRAYER

**THE HYMN: The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came**

#265 vv. 1-3

**The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:  
"All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,  
most highly favored lady." Gloria!**

**"For know a blessed mother though shalt be,  
all generations laud and honor thee;  
thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,  
most highly favored lady." Gloria!**

**Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;  
"To me be as it "pleaseth God," she said.  
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."  
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!**

THE READING: John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

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

PRESENTATION - Sunday School Children - "*What is Your Favorite Part of Christmas?*"

THE PRAYER

THE OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC:

Michelle Lum

**THE ADVENT OFFERTORY RESPONSE** (Taize)

(Sung 2x)

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

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.**

**What Child Is This**

**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 he borne for me, for you;  
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!**

**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 high, the virgin sings her lullaby;  
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!**

THE BLESSING

**SENDING HYMN: Go Tell It on the Mountain**

Refrain: **Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev-'ry-where;  
 Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

**While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
 behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. (Refrain)**

**The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo, above the earth  
 rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. (Refrain)**

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE: *People, Look East* by J. Mansfield

Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30am/10am)

Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist (5pm)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Judy Young in celebration of Aaron & Ethan's 16th birthday!

**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](mailto:gloriadei@mygloriadei.org) or 949-493-3414 by Tuesday, December 21.

**CHRISTMAS EVE HELP!** We need assistance with ushers, parking attendants, welcome... Please see the sign-up at the Welcome Table and help us provide hospitality in celebration of Jesus' birth.

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP** will take place Friday, December 24, 3pm, 4:30pm, and 6pm. Candlelight, carols, special music, and more. Services will take place inside/outside/online. **Reservations** required. The inside 4:30pm service is now full, but there's plenty of room at other services and outside. To reserve your spot: [www.mygloriadei.org/adventchristmas-at-gloria-dei](http://www.mygloriadei.org/adventchristmas-at-gloria-dei). Invite a friend to experience the birth of hope!

**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](http://mygloriadei.org/adventchristmas-at-gloria-dei).

**SR. HIGH HAPPENINGS** - Today, 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).)

**GLORIA DEI COOK BOOK** - Pick up your copy at the Welcome Table or the church office. 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.

**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.

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

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

**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).

**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.

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

**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. 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. 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:** Lessons and Carols Service (Dec.19), Annual Meeting/Ministry Celebration (February 6).

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR DECEMBER 12 - 18, 2021**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am, 10am, 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); Baptism of Nikolai Shnayderman (10am); Sr. High Cookie Decorating (12pm); NA Meeting(6:30pm)

**Monday:** Southcoast Literacy Group (10am); RIOT Book Club (2pm); Alanon (5:30pm); Pacifica Synod Study (6:30pm)

**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Brass Practice (5pm); VFW Auxiliary (6:30pm); Al Anon Meeting (7pm); Church Council (7pm)

**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); 12 Step Couples Group (7pm)

**Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Literacy Group (10am); Internship Committee (5:30pm); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

**Saturday:** AA Men's (7am); Serra's Pantry (8:30am); ACA (2pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

### **THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Acolyte: Elliot Don; Advent Reader: Elijah Don; Coffee: Pam & Steve Weiss; Communion: Bill Jonas & Jim Wenrick; Lector: Neta Wenrick; Usher: Lynne & Wes Morgan; Welcome Table: Katy Desmond

**10am:** Acolyte: Ryan Brown; Advent Reader: Bryan Hallowell; Coffee: Lisa Mers; Communion: Melody Bacon & Roger Grefsrud; Lector: Susan Warneke; Usher: Donna & Jerry Combe; Welcome Table: Dave Warneke

**5pm:** Reader & Usher: Jeff Contestabile

