



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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2ND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 2, 2022
(8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm)

WELCOME to worship! Today, we welcome in the Year of Our Lord 2022. We seek God's blessing and guidance into this new year and remember that Jesus is the "light." May you experience hope and strength to face the challenges of this time.

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.

PRELUDE: *There Is a Fountain* by Nigel Williams

Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist

THE GATHERING HYMN: **Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!**

#288

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

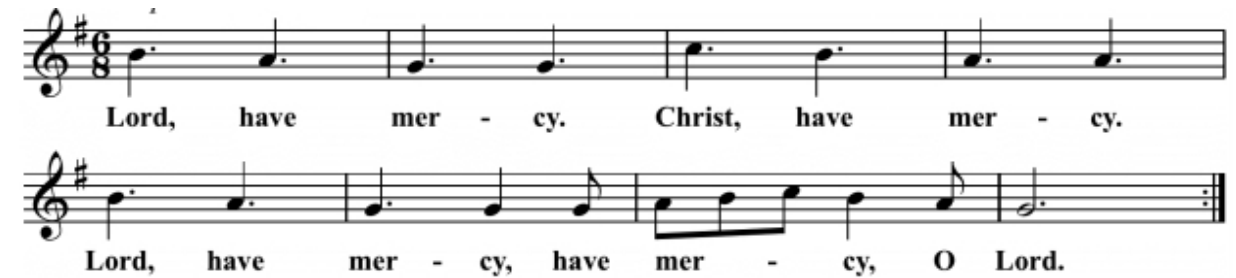
**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heav-en's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

THE INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

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

THE KYRIE (People sing the refrain below. Cantor sings verses.)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

New every morning is your love, great God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors and all your creation, and to devote each day to your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:7-14

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with

consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.” For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord. (Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:1-6
Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.
(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand for the Gospel.) #169



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor: Speak, O Lord, Your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.
(People sing Alleluia again.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**
READING OF THE GOSPEL: 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 has not overcome it.
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Neta Wenrick

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SONG OF THE DAY: You Are Mine #581 vv. 1-3
**“I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here.**

Refrain: **Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.”**

**“I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me.** (Refrain)

**“I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name.** (Refrain)

THE MESSAGE: *Looking Forward, Power Forward* Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERTORY AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: Christian Try

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: The Doxology

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

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: Lamb of God #195
**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.**

He Came Down

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.

Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain: Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John -
they came with me and the dance went on. (Refrain.)

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame.
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
and they left me there on a Cross to die. (Refrain.)

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the Dance, and I still go on. (Refrain.)

#253

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (Refrain.)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN: Go Tell It on the Mountain

#290 vv. 1, 3

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.

Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. Refrain.

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *Gigue on "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!"*

Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Phil & Sandy Furlong in honor of their 62nd wedding anniversary today!

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!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - This Saturday, 8am in Bankson Hall. Please wear a mask. RSVP if attending to pastordavid@mygloriadei.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Age 4 - 5th grade) during the 10am service starts up after break next Sunday, January 9. Sunday school attendees will leave the church service after the children's message for Sunday school and rejoin their families for Holy Communion.

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 next Sunday, January 9, 2022, 11:15am. Questions, speak with a pastor or Youth Director Paige Gulck (youth@mygloriadei.org).

SANCTUARY CHOIR (Teens/Adults) - 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.

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. 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. 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.

FAITH ON TAP - 21+ years of age. This 20-something group plans to meet the last Tuesday of the month at 6pm to have discussions which tap into their faith. They will be meeting at Station Craft on January 25th at 6pm.

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP - RIOT (Reading Is Our Thing) meets the *3rd Monday/month at 2pm*. Group meets in Knudson Hall. Next meeting is on January 17 and we are reading *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley. If interested in joining, please contact the office at 949-493-3414.

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

SR. HIGH BOWLING BONANZA - Friday, January 21, 7:00 p.m. Are you ready to be bowled over with laughter? Meet at Saddleback Lanes and join us for one of our favorites! Details, speak with Youth Director Paige (youth@mygloriadei.org)

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR JANUARY 2 - 8, 2022

- Today:** Worship (8:30am, 10am, 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); NA Meeting(6:30pm)
- Monday:** South Coast Literacy Group (10am); Alanon (5:30pm)
- Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Undecorating Christmas Tree (11am); Brass Practice (5pm); Al Anon Meeting (7pm)
- Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); 12 Step Couples Group (7pm); Covid Long Haul Relief (CLHR) Group (7pm)
- Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); South Coast Literacy Group (10am); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)
- Saturday:** AA Men's (7am); Women's Board Meeting (9:15am); ACA (2pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

- 8:30am:** Coffee: Carol Weinhardt; Communion: John Adams & Henri Nurminen; Lector: John Adams; Usher: Christian Asis & Gail Rightmire; Welcome Table: Diane Kelly
- 10am:** Coffee: Ann & Jim St. Martin; Communion: Betty Prock & Mary Jane Rylaarsdam-Pike; Lector: Jim Wenrick; Usher: Dave & Susan Warneke; Welcome Table: Daneen & Dennis Pysz
- 5pm:** Communion & Lector: Erika Mills