

ADVENT 2022

"The World is About to Turn"

Our 4 week preparation for Christmas, looking at the "Canticles" (songs) in the Gospel of Luke.



1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 27, 2022 (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 (8:30am and 10am).

TODAY is the First Sunday in Advent. Our theme during this four week preparation for Christmas is *"The World is About to Turn."* We will be looking at the Canticles - Songs in the Gospel of Luke. Today, it's Mary's *"Magnificat."* May this time be a wonderful preparation for the Savior's birth and bring you great hope!

PRELUDE: *Prelude on "Gabriel's Message"*

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

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

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

Blessed be God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - who comes to wake us from sleep, and 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 Emma Person (8:30am); Jackson Brodrick (10am)
(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

(8:30/10am - Children may leave for Sunday school and return during Holy Communion.)

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

(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 1st chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-56

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard

Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home. (The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM (10am): *Canticle of the Turning*

Sanctuary Choir, Music Director Kathy Person

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: *On Christmas Night*

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**On Christmas Night all Christians sing
to hear the news the angels bring.
On Christmas night all Christians sing
to hear the news the angels bring:
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?
Then why should we on earth be sad,
since our redeemer made us glad,
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 World is About to Turn"*

Pastor David R. Mattson

THE OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Toccata on Veni Emmanuel*

Fred Johnson, piano

ADVENT OFFERTORY RESPONSE: (Tune - *The First Noel*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.**

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)

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**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.**

In the Bleak Midwinter

#294

**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.**

**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.**

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.**

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: Canticle of the Turning

#723

**My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest,
Could the world be about to turn?**

Refrain: **My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.**

**Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.** (Refrain.)

**From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev-'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn.** (Refrain.)

**Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.** (Refrain.)

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *Trumpet Tune on People, Look East* by G. Macchia Fred Johnson, (8:30/10am)
Micaela Lum (5pm)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Bob & Bonny Gillespie in celebration of their anniversary!

SEASON OF ADVENT begins *today*. This four week preparation for Christmas will focus on the theme: *The World is About to Turn* and will look at the four Canticles (songs) in the Gospel of Luke's story of Jesus' birth. Invite a friend to worship as we sing, "O, Come, O, Come, Emmanuel", light the Advent Candles and prepare for hope!

CHRISTMAS GIFTING TREE - If you took a tag, please return it in the offering box or to the office, with a \$25 gift card by Sunday, December 4. Thanks for supporting this annual event!

GLORIA DEI ART MINISTRY — 2nd Friday monthly at 6:30pm in Bankson Hall - December 9 is the next meeting, however, we have additional meeting times: *today*, 12-4pm *Lunch Provided*, December 1st, 3-6pm, & December 2nd, 9-12pm, 1-4pm. For all artists and creatives at any experience level. Contact: Arts and Outreach Minister Michelle Lum (michellelum@mygloriadei.org).

DECORATING THE TREE - Come and help set up the Christmas tree - Friday, December 2, 10am. Mark your calendars & come join the fun!

EMPTY NESTERS - Christmas party, Friday, December 2, 5:30pm at the home of Laura and Jim Bankson. Bring an appetizer to share. Bring 1 ornament per person or couple for exchange. Jim Bankson will provide dessert. Directions available at the Welcome Table.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE - For women of all ages on December 4, 2pm, in Bankson Hall. Bring 3 dozen cookies (home baked or store bought) & a Christmas ornament to exchange. Take home 2 dozen cookies & the remaining cookies will be served at the Alzheimer Luncheon. Sign up.

SR. HIGH CHRISTMAS @ DANA POINT BOAT PARADE - Friday, December 9, 6pm - 9pm: Boats, boats, boats! We'll meet at Beach Harbor, grab some pizza and then watch the Boat Parade. For more info, contact Youth Director Paige Gulck: Youth@mygloriadei.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - Sunday, December 11th, 10am. Under the guidance of Sunday School Director Susie Boland, the kids will perform a brief Christmas pageant at the beginning of worship.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24, 2022

4pm, 5:30pm, and 10pm

All services are candlelit with carols, choirs, instrumental musics, and more.

Holy Communion celebrated at the 10pm service.

Invite a friend to the celebration of the world's greatest hope - the Savior's born!

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP - Sunday, December 25, 2022, 10am (only)

Carols, special music, and Holy Communion.

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. Place completed in the offering box. Due by December 18.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME - Pick up your devotional book at the Welcome Table (January - March 2023).

HEALTH GUIDELINES - You're always welcome to wear a mask (extras at the Welcome Table). If feeling sick, please watch the service online. Thankfully, our space is uniquely open.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Age 4 - 5th grade/8:30am & 10am service) - Kids leave worship with their teacher following the Children's Message and return at Holy Communion. To register your child for Sunday school, fill out a form at the Welcome Table or speak with Susie Boland: fellowship@mygloriadei.org.

SR HIGH MINISTRY IN MOTION - Does your kid have a high school football game? Or a play? Or a cross-country meet? Whatever your kids are doing, that's what we will be doing! If your kid has an event they would like a cheering section for, email Youth Director Paige (youth@mygloriadei.org).

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

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY meets every Wednesday, 10am. All women are invited. This study is led by Seminary Intern Dana Becker and Pastor David.

OFFERING - Please place check/money in boxes in the sanctuary or at the Welcome Table, or give ELECTRONICALLY - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-DanaPoint. Or you can give via credit card or debit card through our secure site: mygloriadei.org/donate. Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei Lutheran!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 3, 2022

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am, 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Art Installation (12pm); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

Monday: South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm)

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Faith on Tap 21+ Group (5pm); Al Anon (7pm); Men's Book Club (7pm); South Coast Singers (7pm); Al Anon Meeting (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Mission Hospital Alumni AA (6pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Art Installation (3pm); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Internship Committee Meeting (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

Friday: Art Installation (9am); Decorate Christmas Tree & Sanctuary (10am); Preschool Choir (10am); Art Installation (1pm); Empty Nesters Event (5:30pm)

Saturday: AA Men's (7am); Prayer Shawl (9am); Betty Nies Memorial (10:30am); ACA (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm - 4:30pm); NA (7pm)

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Acolytes: Elijah Don; Coffee: Christian & Dawn Asis; Communion: Shelly Higgins & Bill Jonas; Lector: Henri Nurminen; Usher: John Adams & Tim Boyd; Welcome Table: Gene Rathbun

10am: Acolytes: Jackson Brodrick; Coffee: Scott Lund; Communion: Melody King & Betty Prock; Lector: Dennis Pysz; Usher: Laurene Holmes-Hylton & Gia Lugo; Welcome Table: Ann & Jim St. Martin

5pm: Communion & Lector: Guy Boicey

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5pm Worship Leader Micaela Lum