

ADVENT 2022

"The World is About to Turn"



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

2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 4, 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 second Sunday in Advent. We will be looking at the canticles or songs in the Gospel of Luke as our preparation for Christmas. Today, it's the *Canticle of Zechariah-The Benedictus*, which means blessing. May this time of worship be an encouragement and blessing for your life of faith. (Luke 1:67-80)

PRELUDE: *The Holy Boy* by John Ireland

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: 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.

LITANY FOR LIGHTING THE 2ND CANDLE Evan Neiderhiser (8:30am); Delaney Jones (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 come, O Lord of might,
as to your tribes on Si-nai's height
in ancient times you gave the law in cloud,
and majesty, and awe.** (Refrain)

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Preschool Director Shelli Parajeckas
(8:30/10am - Children may leave for Sunday school and return during Holy Communion.)

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 15:4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has

welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

(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 1:67-80

Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

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

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM (8:30am): *On Jordan's Bank*

Sanctuary Choir, Music Director Kathy Person

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Infant Lowly, Infant Holy*

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**Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, angels singing,
bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child is Lord of all!**

**Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story,
tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the child was born for you!
Christ the child was born for you!**

THE MESSAGE: "*Ordinary Blessings*"

Pastor David R. Mattson

THE OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC: "*O Come O Come Emmanuel*" arr. Daniel Kelley
Mallory Bacon, oboe, Kathy Person, violin; 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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Once in Royal David's City

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**Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.**

**He came down to earth from heav-en who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall:
with the poor, and meek, and lowly, lived on earth, our Savior holy.**

**And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.**

**Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heav-en, set at God's right hand on high;
there his children gather round, bright like stars, with glory crowned.**

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

#284

**'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!**

**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 gloria!**

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: The Bells of Christmas
**The bells of Christmas chime once more;
the heav'n-ly guest is at the door.**

#298 vv.1-2,4

**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!**

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

POSTLUDE: *Toccatina on "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"* by D. Wagner Fred Johnson (8:30/10am)
Micaela Lum (5pm)

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THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Acolyte: Emma Person; Coffee: Kristina Mayfield; Communion: Scott and Carter Neiderhiser; Lector: Carter Neiderhiser; Usher: Wes Morgan & Christian Asis; Welcome Table: Shelli Parajeckas

10am: Acolyte: Reed Jensen; Coffee: Scott Lund; Communion: Daneen and Dennis Pysz; Lector: Kari Hallowell; Usher: Paige Gulck; Welcome Table: Virginia Anderson; Coffee Clean-up: Lisa Mers

5pm: Communion & Lector: Stephanie Anderson

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5pm Worship Leader Micaela Lum

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SEASON OF ADVENT - This four week preparation for Christmas will focus on the theme: *The World is About to Turn* and will look at the 4 Canticles (songs) in the Gospel of Luke's story of Jesus' birth. Invite a friend to worship as we sing, light the Advent Candles and prepare for hope!

CAROLING is this Wednesday, 5:30pm, meet at the church and then travel to homes and care facilities. Song books and directions provided. All ages are welcome to join in!

GLORIA DEI ART MINISTRY — 2nd Friday monthly at 6:30pm in Bankson Hall - December 9 is the next meeting - Celebration of the art piece/installation. For all artists and creatives at any experience level. Contact: Arts and Outreach Minister Michelle Lum (michellelum@mygloriadei.org).

THANKS to all those who helped with decorating the Christmas Tree and placing the art installation. For details on the meaning of the Art Installation, please see the signs in the narthex.

LESSONS AND CAROLS SUNDAY (December 18) will be focused on the art piece in the Sanctuary with special music, choirs, and reflections on various aspects of the piece.

CONFIRMATION (6th-8th grade) class continues today, 11:15am - 12:30pm, Bankson Hall. Questions, speak with Seminary Intern Dana Becker or Youth Director Paige Gulck. Lunch is provided.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE - For women of all ages today, 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.

ALZHEIMER'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE for residents of care facilities is provided this Wednesday, 10:30am. The Women's Bible study provides refreshments, the preschool sings, and much more.

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 - next Sunday, December 11, 10am. Under the guidance of Sunday School Director Susie Boland, the kids will perform a brief Christmas pageant at the beginning of worship. Questions - contact Susie (fellowship@mygloriadei.org).

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).

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY is this Saturday, December 10, 8am in Bankson Hall. All men are invited for a great time of conversation, meal, and brief study on The Lord's Prayer. You are invited!

FYI - FILMING AT GLORIA DEI will take place next Sunday as part of the work of the ELCA's Mission Investment Fund. They are highlighting our ministry as a part of their national campaign.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24, 2022

4pm, 5:30pm, and 10pm

All services are candlelit with carols, choirs, instrumental music, 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.

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.

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 DECEMBER 4 - DECEMBER 10, 2022

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am, 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (11am); Confirmation (11:15am); Women's Cookie Exchange (2pm); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

Monday: South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); GIFT Group (6:30pm); South Coast Singers Practice (6:30pm)

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Saddleback Pastors/Leaders Meeting (11am); Church Staff Meeting (1pm); Al Anon (7pm); South Coast Singers (7pm); Al Anon Meeting (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Alzheimer's Service and Luncheon (10:30am); Christmas Caroling (5:30pm); Mission Hospital Alumni AA (6pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

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

Friday: Preschool Choir (10am); High School Christmas Party and Boat Parade (6pm); Art Ministry Gathering (6:30pm)

Saturday: AA Men's (7am); Men's Breakfast (8am); Women's Ministry Board Meeting (9am); ACA (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm - 4:30pm); NA (7pm)