

ADVENT 2022

"The World is About to Turn"

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



3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 11, 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 third 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 the Angels*. May this time of worship be an encouragement and blessing for your life of faith.

PRELUDE:

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT (10am)

(Weather permitting, at the beginning of the 10am service, we will gather outside to watch the Sunday school children reenact the Christmas story. Please join us for this wonderful event!)

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: *Once in Royal David's City*

#269 vv. 1-3

**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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC (10am): "*Light One Candle*"

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

**Light one candle for hope, hope that the whole world needs
Light one candle for hope, hope that the Savior will bring**

Light one candle for peace...

Light one candle for joy...

Light one candle for love...

Love that the Savior will bring.

LITANY FOR LIGHTING OF THE 3RD CANDLE Elliot Don (8:30am); Jenna Hallowell (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 Michelle Lum, Minister of Arts and Outreach
(8:30/10am - Children may leave for Sunday school and return during Holy Communion.)

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and shouting. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be opened; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp; the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

THE SECOND LESSON: James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the

late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Brothers and sisters, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

(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 2:8-14

Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

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

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM (10am): On Jordan's Banks

Sanctuary Choir, Music Director Kathy Person

HYMN OF THE DAY: *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

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**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.**

**Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heav'n-ly music floats o'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov'ring wing,
and ev-er o'er its babel sounds the blessed angels sing.**

**And you, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow:
look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing;
oh, rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing!**

THE MESSAGE: "But First, the Shepherds"

Seminary Intern Dana Becker

THE OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Greensleeves*

Darius Miertschin, guitar

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.**)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER, INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT

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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Of the Father's Love Begotten

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**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, ev-er-more and ev-er-more.**

**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,
Ev-er-more and ev-er-more.**

**This is he whom seers in old time Chanted of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets Promised in their faithful word;
Now he shines, the long expected; Let creation praise its Lord
Ev-er-more and ev-er-more.**

Let the heights of heav'n adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;

**pow'rs, dominions, bow before him and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent, vev-'ry voice in concert ring
ev-er-more and ev-er-more.**

**Christ, to thee, with God the Father, vand, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be:
honor, glory, and dominion, vand eternal victory
ev-er-more and ev-er-more. Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

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**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!**

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

POSTLUDE: *People, Look East* by James Mansfield

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Ron and Melody Bacon in praise for God's grace!

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!

ART PIECE hanging from the high slats in the Sanctuary - For more details on it, see the informational signs. Thanks to all the volunteers for their work on it and to Arts and Outreach Minister Michelle Lum for her leadership and creativity. It will be on display through December 18.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - Today, 10am. Under the guidance of Sunday School Director Susie Boland, the kids will perform a brief pageant at the beginning of worship. Join us outside (weather permitting) to support them.

LESSONS AND CAROLS SUNDAY: Next 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.

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.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE: Wednesday, December 21, 7pm. Special service for those struggling with grief will be at held Our Savior's Lutheran Church (San Clemente). You are invited.

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

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.

A CHRISTMAS INVITATION is available to pick up at the Welcome Table. You are invited to use them to invite friends, neighbors, and family members to worship on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS? The Sanctuary Choir (Adults and Older Teens) rehearses every Thursday, 7:30pm. You are invited to join in for the Christmas Season. Questions, speak with Music Director Kathy Person (music@mygloriadei.org)

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAK - after today, Sunday school will be off until the January 8, 2023. Thanks to all our leaders and teachers in this important ministry!

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY meets every Wednesday, 10am. They will meet this Wednesday, December 14 and then take a break until the new year. All women are invited. This study is led by Seminary Intern Dana Becker and Pastor David.

GLORIA DEI ART MINISTRY - 2nd Friday monthly at 6:30pm in Bankson Hall - Friday, January 13 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).

MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI - If you are interested in officially becoming a member of the Gloria Dei family, more information and a sign-up is at the Welcome Table. New members are received officially on Sunday morning, January 29, 2023 during worship.

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!

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Acolyte: Emma Person; Coffee: Bill Jonas; Communion: Scott and Carter Neiderhiser; Lector: Pat McKinley; Usher: Pam & Steve Weiss; Welcome Table: Janice Olson

10am: Acolyte: Reed Jensen; Coffee: Ann & Jim St. Martin; Communion: Daneen and Dennis Pysz; Lector: Lora Schultz; Usher: John Cummings & Paige Gulck; Welcome Table: Melody Bacon; Coffee Clean-up: Ann & Jim St. Martin

5pm: Communion & Lector: Erika Mills

GLORIA DEI STAFF

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Organist/Pianist Fred Johnson (organist@mygloriadei.org)

5pm Worship Leader Micaela Lum

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DECEMBER 11 - DECEMBER 17, 2022

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

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

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Church Staff Meeting (1pm); Al Anon (7pm); South Coast Singers (7pm); Al Anon Meeting (7pm); Church Council (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters Guild (9am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Mission Hospital Alumni AA (6pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); Preschool Christmas Pageant (9:15am); 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); Staff Christmas Party (4pm)

Saturday: AA Men's (7am); ACA (11:30am); Piano Recitals (1pm); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm - 4:30pm); NA (7pm)