



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP

December 24, 2022
4:00pm, 5:30pm, 10:00pm

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! A blessed Christmas to you! Tonight, we celebrate the birth of hope, compassion, peace and light in the world, Jesus Christ! May this Story become your story and fill you with light. Thank you for being with us!

PRELUDE MUSIC

Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist
Music Director Kathy Person, Violin
Ashley Santore, Viola
Gloria Dei Bells (5:30pm)

THE GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP (Luke 1:78-79)

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

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.

Come, let us welcome the Christ into our hearts anew!
Come Lord Jesus, bring Your light, hope, and peace. Amen.

(The Advent Candles and Christ Candle are lit during the hymn.)

THE GATHERING HYMN: O Come, All Ye Faithful

#283 vv. 1-2

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the king of angels:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

(The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray...)

Gracious God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light. Grant that we may reflect Your light to a darkened world; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE CHRISTMAS READING: Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to

whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.
(Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**)

THE HYMN: Angels We Have Heard on High

#289 v. 1

**Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.**

Gloria... in excelsis Deo.

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THE CHRISTMAS READING: Luke 2:8-14

In that 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!"

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

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Angels We Have Heard on High (Please stand.)

#289 v. 3

Come to Bethlehem and see

him whose birth the angels sing;

Come, adore on bended knee

Christ the Lord, the newborn king.

Gloria... in excelsis Deo.

Gloria... in excelsis Deo.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 2:15-20

(The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 2nd chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**)

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. (The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!)**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (4/5:30pm)

Youth Director Paige Gulck

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANTHEM (5:30pm): *Still, Still, Still*

The Sanctuary Choir

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: O Little Town of Bethlehem

#279 vv. 1, 4

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel**

THE MESSAGE: "*I Before E Except After C*"

Pastor David R. Mattson

THE OFFERING

(Place check/money in boxes in sanctuary or at Welcome Table, or give through - [Venmo: @GloriaDei-DanaPoint](#) or by [credit/debit card](#) through our site: [mygloriadei.org/donate](#). Thank you!)

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *The Heart of Christmas* (4pm & 5:30pm)

Christian Try, Michelle Lum

All is Well Tonight (10pm)

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Hark the Herald Angels Sing (please stand.)

#270 v. 1

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God,

Humbly we offer our gifts in joyful thanksgiving for this holy night, in celebration of Your Son's birth. May these gifts be used to extend Your light and grace to the entire world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each prayer: Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (10pm)

(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.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION (10pm only): *Away in a Manger* #277

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing; the baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.**

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(To avoid hot wax, please keep lit candles upright. Thank you!)

THE GOSPEL READING: John 1:1-5,9-14

THE HYMN: *Silent Night, Holy Night* #281 vv. 1, 3

**Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace.**

Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN: *Joy to the World*

#267 vv. 1-2

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods,
rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

SENDING WORDS: Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *Bring A Torch, Jeanette Isabella* by Keith Chapman Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

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CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

Sunday, December 25, 2022, **10am** (only)
Carols, special music, and Holy Communion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by the Dubow Family in memory of Betsy Dubow's birthday on December 23. They are also given by Sharon Miller in honor of Steve Good's birthday.

"CAELESTIS" - hanging from the high slats in the Sanctuary. For more details on it, see the informational signs. Thanks to Arts and Outreach Minister Michelle Lum for her leadership and creativity and to all the volunteers in the art ministry for their work.

CHRISTMAS EVE POINSETTIAS - Thanks to all who donated poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary. You may pick it up after the 10am service on Dec. 25, 2022. Or we will put some outside the office door so you can pick your poinsettia up during the week of December 26, when the office is closed.

HEALTH GUIDELINES - With rising cases of Covid, flu, etc., 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 on Sunday mornings at 8:30am & 10am services. On Christmas Eve we are offering babysitting at 4pm & 5:30pm. Nursery is for babies - pre-K. The attendants are vaccinated. They will be inside the preschool room closest to the church.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Age 4 - 5th grade/8:30am & 10am service) - Kids leave worship with their teacher following the Children's Message and return at Communion. To [register](#) your child for Sunday school, speak with Susie Boland: fellowship@mygloriadei.org. *Sunday school is on Christmas break & will resume January 8, 2023.* Thanks to all our leaders and teachers in this important ministry!

CONFIRMATION (Middle School) - resumes January 8, 11:15am with class & lunch.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - every Wednesday, 10am and reconvenes Wednesday, January 11. All women are invited to join in! Great way to start the new year! Study is led by Seminary Intern Dana Becker and Pastor David.

GLORIA DEI YOUTH - All high school students - Bowling at Saddleback Lanes on January 13, 6pm. The group will meet at the bowling alley. Bring a friend! Contact Paige Gulck at youthdirector@mygloriadei.org if you plan to attend.

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

GLORIA DEI ART MINISTRY — 2nd Friday monthly at 6:30pm in Bankson Hall - Next gathering is Friday, February 10. For all artists and creatives at any experience level. Contact: Arts and Outreach Minister Michelle Lum (michellelum@mygloriadei.org).

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY - Saturday, January 14, 8am, Bankson Hall. All men are invited to a Bible study, good conversation, and wonderful food. Call the office for more details.

UPCOMING - Annual Meeting & Ministry Celebration (February 5, 11:15am); Ash Wednesday Services (February 22, 12pm & 7pm); Lenten Soup Suppers Begin (February 22, 6:00pm); Men's Spring Training Baseball Retreat in Arizona (March 3-5).

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TONIGHT!

4pm: Acolyte: Evan Neiderhiser; Lector: Christian Asis; Parking Attendants: Carter & Scott Neiderhiser and Chuck Weinhardt; Ushers: Lynn & Wes Morgan; Welcome Table: Leslie McNaughton

5:30pm: Acolyte: Emma Person; Lector: Lexi Chernekoff; Parking Attendants: Matt Dubow & Ren Higgins & Chad Smith; Ushers: Tim Boyd, Josh & Dennis Chernekoff and Henry Nurminen; Welcome Table: Katy Desmond

10pm: Communion: Pam & Steve Weiss; Lector: Craig Collins; Ushers: Barb & Craig Collins

THANKS TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS FOR DONATING POINSETTIAS!

John Adams	In memory of Big John & Marjorie Adams
Cliff & Kathi Anderson	In memory of Madeline Anderson, Cliff's wife
	In memory of Matthew Elijah Court, Kathi's grandson
Barb Baldwin	In honor of Kirk Tobiassen
James & Yvonne Bell	In memory of our parents
Denise & Tim Boyd	In memory of Tim's mother, Barbara Boyd, Ken Keys & Carol Hanson
Donna Burns	In celebration of a healthy husband, John
The Carlson Family	In honor of Stephanie Oddo
Jeff Chipman & Pearl Zimmerman	In honor of our moms: Julie Chipman & Daisie Harrison
Wing Chu	In honor of family & friends
Barb & Craig Collins	In celebration of family & friends
Suzanne Dirks	In honor of Isabella and It's Christmas!
Annette Fettes	In memory of Ernie & Joan Butler
John & Linda Friend	Glory to God and in memory of our daughter & parents
Phil & Sandy Furlong	For our Lord's Amazing Grace
Bob & Brenda Gaumer	Thanks to our God for our family
Paige Gulck	In memory of Fred Gulck and Anne Grove
Nadine Graven & Larry Lisser	In memory of Helen & Henry Graven, Helen & Alvin Johnson, and Inegene & Ernest Lisser and for the joy of family
The Hallowell Family	In memory of Frank & Helen Hallowell, Ramona Sanders, & Jean Belden
Lynn Heuer & Family	In memory of daughter, Jill Eller
Rebecca & Richard Horner	In gratitude for our family
Jade & Jenny Jahner	In loving memory of George Leake
	In honor of our Godson, Maddox Swartz
Ruth Johnson	In loving memory of Larry Johnson
Bill Jonas & Kathy Martino	In remembrance of our parents
Barbara Keim	In memory of Randy Keim
Janet Klein	In memory of loved ones
Dellita & Mike Kobold	In honor of our family
Cathy Lindgren	In memory of Warren & Marie Lindgren
Terri Litzkow	In memory of my parents, Gary & Jan Litzkow, in heaven
Bill & Sally Lorber	For the Glory of God
Tom McKeown	In honor of Kirk Tobiassen
Leslie & Steve McNaughton	In memory of Sandra Burns & Norm Clifford
	In memory of Bruce & Shirley McNaughton
Lisa Mers	In celebration of God's greatest gift - Jesus Christ
	In memory of James Gwin, James Mers, & Emmy Quinn
Sharon Miller	In memory of Marvin & Velma Miller & In honor of Steve's birthday
Erika Mills	In honor of the birth of Jesus Christ
Robert Morton	In memory of Joe Shirshac
Jan Nastoff	In memory of my husband, Robert and in memory of my parents
The Neiderhiser Family	In honor of Richard Rhine
Toni Nelson	In honor of Gladys Nelson & Donna Bardswich

Jennifer & Kurt Olmstead	For God's many blessings
Jay & Liz Pederson	In memory of Dolores Estrada
Daneen & Dennis Pysz	For Peace & Love
The Person Family	In loving memory of Kathy's dad, Richard Lashbrook
Gene Rathbun	In honor of Annie Rathbun & Laurie Ann Helms
The Ross Family	In memory of Susan Bahan
Mary Jane Rylaarsdam-Pike	In memory of Jack Pike
Donna Sandidge	In memory of my dad, Don Wilson
Lora Schultz	In honor of Christ Child
Elberta Segraves	In loving memory of Gary, Sean & Roddy Segraves
Carol & Bill Simpson	In memory of John & Gina Simpson and Wilbert Bender
Ann & Jim St. Martin	To celebrate the birth of Christ
Cheryl Swinehart	In memory of Mike Swinehart & son Paul
The Tan Family	In memory of Grandma & Great Grandma, Lydia Pegler
	In memory of Grandpa & Papa Vernon "Butch" Mirly
David & Susan Warneke	Gloria in excelsis Deo
The Weinhardt Family	In memory of Hank & Jeri Steck and Evelyn & Paul Weinhardt
	In memory of Virginia Moore
Pam & Steve Weiss	In memory of Vernon "Butch" Mirly
The Zylstra Family	In memory of Hays Zylstra