



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

December 25, 2022
10:00am

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! A blessed Christmas to you! Today, 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: *Still, Still, Still* by James Mansfield

Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

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 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.**)

Almighty God, you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.
(Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**)

THE SECOND LESSON: Titus 3:4-7
But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
(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; gloria in excelsis Deo.**

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. 2
**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'n-ly song?
Gloria... in excelsis Deo; Gloria...in excelsis Deo.**

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.**)

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!**)

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Coventry Carol* Music Director Kathy Person and Fred Johnson

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: O Little Town of Bethlehem #279
**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: *What Child is This?* Seminary Intern Dana Becker

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *All is Well Tonight*

Michelle Lum

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,
On this Christmas Day, we rejoice at the birth of Your Son, the birth of hope for the entire world. Use us and the gifts we now offer to extend His compassion to the entire world; we pray this in the name of the Light and Life of all; Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(After each prayer: Lord in Your mercy. Hear our Prayer.)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

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.

THE 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.)

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) Page 191

Silent Night #281

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! Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

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.

Away in a Manger #277 vv. 1 & 4

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.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN: *Joy to the World* #267 vv. 1, 2, 4

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.

He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Sending Words: Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *Postlude on “Ding Dong, Merrily on High”* by D. Lasky Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Jim & Ann St. Martin in celebration of Ann's birthday! They are also given by Elberta Segraves in memory of Gary, Sean & Roddy Segrave.

“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 POINSETTIAS - Thank you to all the church members & friends who donated poinsettias to help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas. You may pick yours up after the 10am service today. Alternatively, 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. Nursery is for babies - pre-K. The attendants are vaccinated. They will be inside the preschool room, closest to the church. However, we are not offering babysitting this Christmas morning.

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) - *Sunday school is on Christmas break & will resume January 8, 2023.* 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. 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 meets every Wednesday, 10am. They will reconvene Wednesday, January 11. All women are invited. This study is led by Seminary Intern Dana Becker and Pastor David.

GLORIA DEI YOUTH - 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 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 will be received officially on Sunday morning, 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, February 11, 8am, Bankson Hall. All men are invited to a Bible study, good conversation, and wonderful food. Call the office for more details.

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!

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 Retreat in Arizona (March 3-5).

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

10am: Coffee: Gloria Dei Staff; Communion: John Adams & Daneen Pysz; Lector: Jay Pederson; Usher: John Adams & Dennis Pysz; Welcome Table: Nancy Smith

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DECEMBER 25 - 31, 2022 (Gloria Dei Office closed.)

Today: Worship (10am only); No nursery today; NA Meeting (6:30pm)
Monday: Al Anon (5:30pm)
Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Al Anon (7pm)
Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Mission Hospital Alumni AA (6pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)
Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); AA Men (7pm);
Saturday: AA Men's (7am); ACA (11:30am); NA (7pm)

