



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

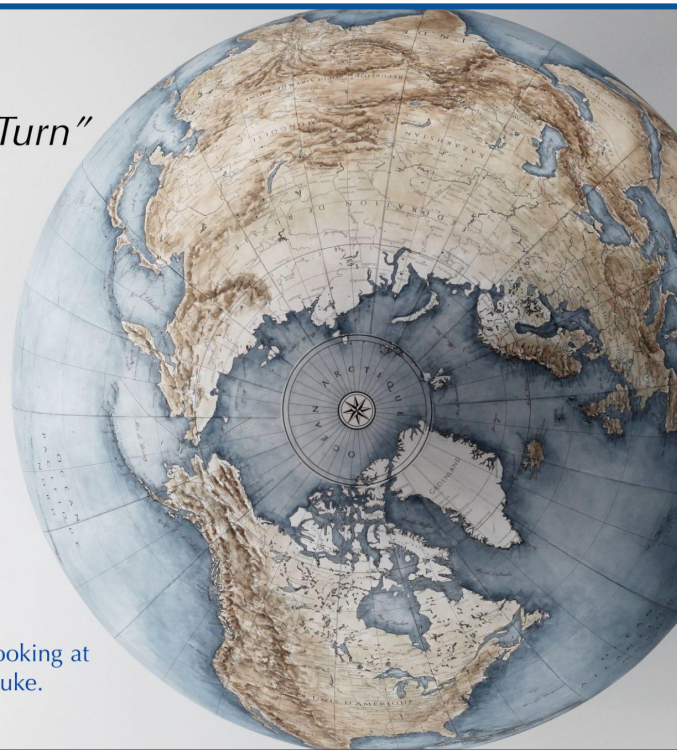
*Grace changes everything.*

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## ADVENT 2022

*"The World is About to Turn"*



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

## LESSONS AND CAROLS 2022

**December 18, 2022** (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 take a pager. We also love children in worship and have children's activity bags available in the Narthex.

**TODAY**, we celebrate the Festival of Lessons and Carols. This year, we will focus on the art installation - *Caelestis*. There will be music, scripture, and prayers all focused on the artwork above us. We hope this is a great preparation for the Savior's birth!

THE PRELUDE: *In the Bleak Midwinter* by Kevin Kern  
*Who is He in Yonder Stall* by T. C. McKibben  
*The First Nowell* by Benjamin Knoedler

Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist

### THE INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song;  
**sing to the Lord, all the earth!**

Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;  
**tell the good news of salvation from day to day.**

Declare God's glory among the nations,  
**God's marvelous works among all the people.**

For great is the Lord,  
**and greatly to be praised. Amen.**

THE GATHERING HYMN: ***I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve***  
**I am so glad each Christmas Eve, the night of Jesus' birth!**  
**Then like the sun the star shone forth, and angels sang on earth.**

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**The little child in Bethlehem, he was a king indeed!**  
**For he came down from heav'n above to help a world in need.**

**He dwells again in heav-en's realm, the Son of God today;**  
**and still he loves his little ones and hears them when they pray.**

**And so I love each Christmas Eve, and I love Jesus too;**  
**and that he loves me every day I know so well is true.**

### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.  
Loving God, open our hearts to the truths revealed in your Word. Help us to understand your plan for humanity and the salvation that you offer us in Jesus Christ. Make us grateful for his coming and enable us by your Spirit to find joy and peace in him. **Amen.**

LITURGY FOR LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH CANDLE Elijah Don (8:30am); Bryan Hallowell (10am)  
(Following the reading and prayer, people 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 King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one:**

**Refresh the hearts that long for you; restore the broken, make us new.** (Refrain)

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor David R. Mattson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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DEVOTION RELATED TO THE ART

Michelle Lum, Minister of Arts and Outreach

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-5

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

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

THE SONG: *Star in the East*

Sanctuary Choir, Music Director Kathy Person

THE PRAYER

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DEVOTION RELATED TO THE ART

THE SECOND LESSON: Psalm 42:1-6a

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?" These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

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

THE SONG: *Meditation*

Music Director Kathy Person & Organist/Pianist Fred Johnson

THE PRAYER

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DEVOTION RELATED TO THE ART

THE THIRD LESSON: Romans 1:19-20a

For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made.

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

THE SONG: ***O Little Town of Bethlehem***

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**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.**

**For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!**

THE PRAYER

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DEVOTION RELATED TO THE ART

THE FOURTH LESSON: John 8:12-16

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." Then the Pharisees said to him, "You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid." Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. You judge by human standards; I judge no one. Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid; for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me."

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

THE SONG: *Light of the World* by We the Kingdom

Soloist Christian Try

THE PRAYER

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DEVOTION RELATED TO THE ART

THE FIFTH LESSON: Psalm 104:1-13; 31-35

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight. They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them. You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth. You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst. By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches. From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work. May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works— who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord. Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord.  
(Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**)

THE SONG: ***Canticle of the Turning***

Sanctuary Choir and the Congregation

**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.)

THE PRAYER

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DEVOTION RELATED TO THE ART

THE SIXTH LESSON: Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

THE SONG: *The Whisper*

Sanctuary Choir, Music Director Kathy Person

THE PRAYER

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DEVOTION RELATED TO THE ART

THE SEVENTH LESSON: Ephesians 2:4-10

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

THE SONG: *The Heart of Christmas*

Soloist Christian Try

THE PRAYER

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THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Twos in the Moon of Wintertime*

*Gloria Dei Bell Choir*

OFFERTORY PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**)

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**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.**

**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!**

**For lo! The days are has-t'ning on, by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever circling years shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall o-ver all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.**

**The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came**

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**The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:  
"All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,  
most highly favored lady." Gloria!**

**"For know a blessed mother though shalt be,  
all generations laud and honor thee;  
thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,  
most highly favored lady." Gloria!**

**Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;  
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.  
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."  
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!**

**Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born  
in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,  
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:  
"most highly favored lady." Gloria!**

THE BLESSING

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**THE SENDING SONG: 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!**

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord..

**Thanks be to God!**

THE POSTLUDE: *Advent March on "Wachet Auf"* by F.D. Ashdown Fred Johnson, Organist

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Judy Young in celebration of the 17th birthday for Aaron & Ethan!

"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.

**LESSONS AND CAROLS SUNDAY** - Today, is focused on *Caelestis*, the art project 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 forms in the offering box. Due TODAY.

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

### **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.

**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 at the 8:30am & 10am services. Services for babies - pre-K. The attendants are vaccinated. They will be inside 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 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](mailto: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** 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.

**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.

**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](mailto: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](https://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, 6:30pm); Men's Spring Training Retreat in Arizona (March 3-5).

### **THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Acolyte: Emma Person; Coffee: Jim & Laura Bankson; Communion: Phil & Sandy Furlong; Lector: Bill Jonas; Usher: Judy Ross & Chuck Weinhardt; Welcome Table: Diane Kelly

**10am:** Acolyte: Reed Jensen; Coffee: Gloria Dei Staff; Communion: Katherine Dickinson & Jim St. Martin; Lector: Troy Lerseth; Usher: David & Susan Warneke; Welcome Table: Sharon Grady

**5pm:** Communion & Lector: Donna Sandidge

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR DECEMBER 18 - 24, 2022**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am, 10am, 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

**Monday:** RIOT Book Club (2pm); Al Anon (5:30pm)

**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Church Staff Meeting (1pm); Al Anon (7pm); Meditative Prayer GIFT Virtual Group (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); Christmas Eve Candlelight Services(4pm, 5:30pm, & 10pm); NA (7pm)

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5pm Worship Leader Micaela Lum