



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 30, 2025

(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 First Sunday in Advent. Our theme during this four week preparation for Christmas is **MESSENGERS OF HOPE** ("Angels We Have Heard on High"). In Scripture, there are many messengers who help prepare for the Messiah's coming - John the Baptist, Mary, Angels, and many others. May this time be a wonderful preparation for your preparation for the hope of the world.

PRELUDE:

Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist (8:30am/10am)
Harrison Michael (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: 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!**

LIGHTING OF THE 1ST CANDLE LITANY: Emma Person (8:30), Elijah Don (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 Wisdom from on high,
embracing all things far and nigh:
in strength and beauty come and stay;
teach us your will and guide our way.** (Refrain)

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lisa Zylstra

(Children may leave for Sunday school and return during Communion.)

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 2:1-5

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)

Tune: *O, Come, O, Come, Emmanuel*

Alleluia, alleluia. O come to us Emmanuel.

(The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**)

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

"But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left.

Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

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

ANTHEM (10am):

Sanctuary Choir, Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF THE DAY: On Christmas Night

#274

**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.**

THE MESSAGE: *Get Ready, Here I Come*

Deacon Daneen Pysz

THE OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC:

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**)

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. Gluten free wafers are also available.)

HOLY COMMUNION MUSIC:

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

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In the Bleak Midwinter

#294

**In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak mid-winter, long ago.**

**Heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign;
in the bleak mid-winter a stable place sufficed
the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.**

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him — give my heart.**

He Came Down

#253

**He came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
hallelujah forever more.**

**He came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
hallelujah forever more.**

**He came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
hallelujah forever more.**

He came down that we may have joy;

**he came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy;
hallelujah forever more.**

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: Canticle of the Turning

#723

**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.)**

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

POSTLUDE:

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Patrick McKinley in memory of his wife Barbara.

CHRISTMAS GIFTING TREE - If you took a tag, please return it in the offering box or to the office, with a \$25 gift card by Sunday, December 4. Thanks for supporting this annual event!

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 an offering box. Due by December 14.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

4pm, 5:30pm, and 10pm

All services are candlelit with carols, choirs, instrumental musics, and more.

Holy Communion celebrated at the 5:30/10pm service.

Invite a friend to the celebration of the world's greatest hope - the Savior's born!

ADVENT DEVOTIONS - Join Pastor David for a brief video devotion counting down the days to Christmas: www.mygloriadei.org/advent-devotions-2025. Join him on a walk and conversation (with Siggy).

SUNDAY SCHOOL is during morning services: children ages 4-5th grade. If you have any questions, contact Children's Ministry Director Molly Healey.

CHOIR DURING CHRISTMASTIME - Sanctuary Choir is open for new members during the Christmas season. If you'd like to join for the month of December or just for Christmas Eve, email michellelum@mygloriadei.org.

ALZHEIMER'S SERVICE - December 3 at 10:30am we will be holding a service in Bankson Hall. If you would like to assist, please call the office or speak with Deacon Daneen. Sign up at the Welcome Table.

DECORATING THE TREE - Come and help set up the Christmas tree - Friday, December 2, 10am. Mark your calendars & come join the fun!

LAUNDRY LOVE - Friday, December 5, 2-5:30 pm. Sign up at the welcome table.

TINSEL, TUNES & TRAINS - Friday, Dec. 5, 4pm, roundabout for music, crafts, snacks & rides. Then down to the sanctuary for the Annual Tree Lighting! All are welcome! Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

ART RECEPTION & CONCERT - December 10, 6:30pm, Sanctuary. Join the art ministry for an art reception with music by Micaela Lum & Kathy Person.

SENIOR HIGH CHRISTMAS PARTY - December 12 at 6pm in Bankson Hall. Pizza and Christmas cookies! Let's decorate some cookies for the shut-ins! Contact Paige.

LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE TRIP - Saturday, Dec. 13. The plan - Bring individualized gifts for the kids and have a Christmas Party. Hope you can join us and/or donate to the kids. Spread the good word for Los Angelitos. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

WOMEN'S COOKIE PARTY & CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Saturday, December 13, 2pm, Bankson Hall. They will be exchanging cookies (bring 3 dozen to share) and having a special concert with Harrison Michael.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - Please join us Sunday, December 14 at the 10am service for the Children's Christmas Pageant! Details at the Welcome Table.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING - Sunday, December 14, will be meeting in the upper parking lot at 3pm to head out for Christmas caroling. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE - Sunday, December 21 at 5pm. A time of reflection, meditation, and remembrance.

OFFERING - Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei! Please place check/money in donation boxes or give electronically - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-DanaPoint or Zelle - gloriadei@mygloriadei.org. You can also donate via credit/ debit card through Vanco, our secure site: mygloriadei.org/donate.

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee Prep: Diane & Greg Blanda; Communion: John Adams & Barbara Keim; Lector: Shelli Parajekas; Ushers: Lisa & David Zylstra; Welcome Table: Judy Young **10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Dennis Pysz; Communion: Susan & David Warneke; Lector: Shannon Schroeder; Ushers: Donna & Jerry Combe; Welcome Table: Kathi Anderson; 5pm Reader & Communion: Lorraine McCarty

OPPORTUNITIES FOR NOVEMBER 30- DECEMBER 6, 2025

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am) Young Adults Beach Outing (11:15am) **Monday:** South Coast Literacy (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); GIFT (6:30pm); AA Coed (7pm) **Tuesday:** ARTWORK DROP OFF: AA Men (7am); GIFT(10am); Dean's Meeting (12:30pm); Al Anon (7pm) **Wednesday:** ARTWORK DROP OFF; AA Men (7am); Alzheimer's Christmas (10:30am); Mission Hospital AA (6pm); 12 Step Couples (7:30pm) **Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Seniors and Friends AA (1pm); Al Anon (5:30pm); Handbell Choir (6pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:15pm); Chorale Rehearsal (8:15pm) **Friday:** Put Up Christmas Tree (10am); Al Anon (10am); Laundry Love (2pm); Tinsel, Tunes and Trains (4pm); Kenny's Music (6pm) **Saturday:** AA Men (7am); Prayer Shawl Meeting (9am); ACA Group (11:30am); Ukrainian School (1:30pm)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- ❖ Prime Time Seniors - Mission in Lights (December 29, 4pm)
- ❖ Trick and Alderighi Piano Duet Concert (January 4, 2026, 5pm)
- ❖ New Member-Adult Inquiry Class (January 24, 2026, 9am)
- ❖ Aloha Luncheon/Annual Meeting (February 1, 2026, 11am)
- ❖ Men's Spring Training Retreat (March 6-9, 2026)
- ❖ Women's 1 Day Retreat (March 14, 2026)
- ❖ Sara Groves in Concert (May 2, 2026)
- ❖ Church Campout (June 12-14, 2026)
- ❖ Vacation Bible School (July 6-10, 2026)

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