



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Grace changes everything!*

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## THE 2ND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 4, 2026  
(8:30am, 10am, no 5:00pm)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! A blessed Christmas Season and happy New Year to you! We celebrate the birth of hope, compassion, and peace in the world, Jesus Christ! As the year of our Lord 2026 begins, we thank God for His guiding presence.

### PRELUDE MUSIC

Stephanie Trick and Paolo Alderighi

### WELCOME AND INVOCATION

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on John 1:16)

(People read **bold** words.)

In the fullness of time, the light of the world was born.

**"From His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace."**

We gather to give thanks for this past year of life and service.

**"From His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace."**

We gather to seek God's guidance and strength for the new year.

**"From His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace."**

To give thanks for mercy, forgiveness, and purpose.

**"From His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace." Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN: *O Come All Ye Faithful*

#283 vv.1-3

**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!**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God ... in .. the .. highest:  
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 READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight

he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.  
(Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**)

(Please stand.)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

#169

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Leader: Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life. (Repeat Alleluia.)

(The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 1st chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**)

THE GOSPEL: John 1:1-14

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.**

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

**THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Christ be Our Light**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.

#715 vv.1-3

**Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.**

Refrain: **Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice. (Refrain.)**

**Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed. (Refrain.)**

THE MESSAGE: *More Power*

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: Stephanie Trick and Paolo Alderighi

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'n-ly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God,

**Humbly we offer our gifts in joyful thanksgiving, in celebration of Your Son's birth. May they be used to extend Your compassion to the entire world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each prayer: Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR THE SACRAMENT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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)**

#195

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Be Thou My Vision**

#793

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
 naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 thou my best thought . . . by day and by night,  
 waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
 I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,  
 raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
 thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
 thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
 great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after vic-to-ry won,  
 may I reach heav-en's joys, O heav-en's Sun!  
 Heart of my own heart, what-ev-er be-fall,  
 still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**Will You Let Me Be Your Servant**

#659

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
 Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'-lers on the road;  
 we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;

I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
 I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
 Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSINGS

**SENDING HYMN: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***

#836

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
 Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.  
 Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
 stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
 Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'-ry meadow, flashing sea  
 chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
 well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!  
 Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
 teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

Sending Words: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

THE POSTLUDE

Stephanie Trick & Paolo Alderighi

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Phil and Sandy Furlong in celebration of their 66th wedding anniversary. Also, in honor of all the January birthdays.

**THANKS** to Stephanie Assisi for playing the piano and leading us in worship this morning.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is during morning services (children ages 4-5th grade). They are now on Christmas break, but will return next Sunday, January 11, 2026. Questions - contact Children's Ministry Director Molly Healey [childrensministry@mygloriadei.org](mailto:childrensministry@mygloriadei.org).

**ILLUMINATED LETTERS** - Selections from our art show are hanging in the sanctuary, visit the foyer to see them.

**TRICK AND ALDERIGHI CONCERT** - Tonight, 5pm. Jazz piano duo Stephanie Trick and Paolo Alderighi are back! Not only are they playing special music at the morning services, they will offer a concert this evening. Donation.

**BLESSING OF HOME** - If you would like to "chalk" the entrance to your home with prayer, pick up a packet at the Welcome Table.

**TREE AND DECORATIONS** coming down on Tuesday (Epiphany), 10am. If you can help, meet in the Sanctuary. Thank you!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** - Starting back up on Wednesday January 7 at 10am in Knudson Hall.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** - Saturday, January 10 at 8:30am in Knudson Hall.

**LUNCH & LEARN** - Next Sunday, January 11, 11:15am - informational meeting given by Alzheimer's Association of OC, Meals on Wheels and the Dana Point Police Department. Donation for lunch. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

**ART GATHERING** on Wednesday, January 14 at 6:30pm in Bankson Hall. We continue our series on Still Life and resume our Working Artist Discussions.

**WEEKLY CHOIR REHEARSALS** resume Thursday, January 15. Handbell Choir (6pm), Sanctuary Choir and Chorale (7:15pm). All choirs are open to new members for the Spring season. Email [michellelum@mygloriadei.org](mailto:michellelum@mygloriadei.org) to join a choir.

**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP:** January 16 - Bowling night at Saddleback Lanes at 6pm. Bring a friend for some gutter balls. Contact Youth Director Paige ([youth@mygloriadei.org](mailto:youth@mygloriadei.org))

**NEW G.I.F.T. GROUP** (Growing in Faith Together) (50+), Madelyn and Jim Jansma's home. Studying Romans, meeting 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm. Dessert served. First meeting - Jan. 20. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

**MUSEUM TRIP** to The Broad and MOCA on January 30 from 9am-3:30pm. Sign up to join us for a ride up. Details at the welcome table.

**MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI?** If you are interested in becoming a member and for all the details, see the sign-up at the Welcome Table. New members received February 1.

**KERYGMA BIBLE OVERVIEW** led by Pastor David, Thursdays, 6:30pm beginning January 15. Thirty lessons covering both the Old and New Testament.

**PRAYERS?** - Meet with a prayer partner at the Candle Station before or after services.

**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](mailto:gloriadei@mygloriadei.org). You can also donate via credit/debit card through Vanco, our secure site: [mygloriadei.org/donate](http://mygloriadei.org/donate).

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

**8:30am:** Acolyte: Cade Bochenek; Coffee Prep: Dave Ross; Communion: Kathy Martino & Carol Weinhardt; Lector: Ren Higgins; Ushers: Henri Nurminen & Gene Rathbun; Welcome Table: Janice Olson **10am:** Acolyte: Conor O'Byrne; Coffee Clean-up: Scott Lund; Communion: Ron & Melody Bacon; Lector: Dave Warneke; Ushers: Laurene Holmes-Hylton & Gia Lugo-Overton; Welcome Table: Dave Warneke

#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR - JANUARY 4-10, 2026**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am & 10am); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); Confirmation Class (11:15); Trick and Alderighi Concert (5pm) **Monday:** South Coast Literacy (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); GIFT (6:30pm); AA Coed (7pm) **Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); G.I.F.T. (10:00); Staff Meeting (11am); Dean's Meeting (12:30pm); Al Anon (7pm) **Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); 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); AA Meeting (7pm) **Friday:** Al Anon (10am); 12 Step Meeting Men (6:30) **Saturday:** AA Men (7am); Men's Breakfast (8:30am); Women's Board Meeting (9am); ACA Group (11:30am); Ukrainian School (1:30pm)

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

❖ Aloha Luncheon/Annual Meeting (February 1, 2026, 11am) ❖ Women's Winter Bunco (February 6, 2026, 6pm) ❖ Mirabell Trio Benefit Concert (February 15, 2026, 5pm) ❖ Ash Wednesday Worship and Soup Suppers begin (February 18) ❖ 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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