



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## 1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 29, 2024 (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. Sunday school will resume January 5.

**TODAY** is the first Sunday of Christmas. In the church calendar, the Christmas Season began with Christmas Day, December 25, and continues until Epiphany. This season is marked by thankfulness for Christ's first coming to provide salvation for all people. May the peace of God guide you into the new year.

THE PRELUDE: *Es ist ein Ros entsprungen* by Johannes Brahms

Micaela Lum (8:30/10am)

Rachel Ehring, Pianist (5pm)

THE WELCOME AND INVOCATION

THE CONFESSION

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

We have failed to love you with all our heart: Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves: Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We have failed to be good stewards of your many gifts: Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Forgive us all our sins and grant us new life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

(A moment of silence for confession. The proclamation of forgiveness.)

**GATHERING 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.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**)

**Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the**

**knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good**

**will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns**

**with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

THE FIRST LESSON: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the loan that she made to the LORD," and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

(Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: Colossians 3:12-17

Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

(Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God!**)

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Angels We Have Heard on High** (Please stand.) #289 v. 1  
**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o're the plains,  
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria... in excelsis Deo; Gloria...in excelsis Deo.**

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

THE GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52

**Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them. Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.**

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

**THE GOSPEL RESPONSE: Angels We Have Heard on High  
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.**

#289 v. 3

THE NICENE CREED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Preschool Director Shelli Parajeckas

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY: O Little Town of Bethlehem  
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.**

#279 vv. 1-3

**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!**

**How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.**

THE MESSAGE: "*Where's Jesus?*"

Deacon Daneen Pysz

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC:

Michelle Lum

**THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Hark the Herald Angels Sing  
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!"**

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THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God,

Humbly we offer our gifts in joyful thanksgiving for the love you have shown us. Accept these gifts in celebration of your Son who was born this Christmas, and may they be used to extend His compassion to the entire world. Amen

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

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** (All who believe Christ is present in this Sacrament are welcome to receive. Non-communicating 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 and gluten-free wafers are also available.)

**HOLY COMMUNION MUSIC: Lamb of God** (Agnus Dei) Page 191;

**Silent Night**

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.

#281

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.

**It Came upon the Midnight Clear**

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.

#282

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.

**'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime** (*Huron Carol*)

#284

'Twas in the moon of wintertime when all the birds had fled,  
That God, the Lord of all the earth, sent angel choirs instead.  
Before their light the stars grew dim, and won-d'ring hunters heard the hymn:  
Jesus your king is born! Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria!

Within a lodge of broken bark the tender babe was found:  
a ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round;  
but as the hunter braves drew nigh, the angel song rang loud and high:  
Jesus your king is born! Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria!

The ear-liest moon of winter-time is not so round and fair  
as was the ring of glory around the infant there.  
The chiefs from far before him knelt with gifts of fox and beaver pelt.  
Jesus your king is born! Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria!

O children of the forest free, the angel song is true;  
the holy child of earth and heav'n is born today for you.  
Come, kneel before the radiant boy, who brings you beauty, peace, and joy.  
Jesus your king is born! Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria!

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE BLESSING

**SENDING HYMN: O Come, All Ye Faithful**

#283

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!**

SENDING WORDS

THE POSTLUDE: *Noël IX, sur les flûtes* by Louis-Claude Daquin

Micaela Lum (8:30/10am)  
Rachel Ehring, Pianist (5pm)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** provided by Jim & Ann St. Martin in celebration of their wedding anniversary!

**NEW ART INSTALLATION** - is hanging down the center aisle of our sanctuary. *Following Yonder Stars* is comprised of 1,197 stars and depicts several people's journeys to Jesus. Many thanks to the art ministry for creating this artwork!

**PLANNING SURVEY INSERT** - If you have not completed one online, please complete one today. Pick it up at the Welcome Table and place it in the offering boxes. Thanks for helping out!

**CHRIST IN OUR HOME** - Pick up your copy of January - March, 2025 devotional at the Welcome Table.

**PIANO DUET CONCERT** - January 5, 2025, 5pm. Come see Stephanie Trick & Paolo Alderighi play four-hand piano! They'll be our guests during morning services. Come enjoy their amazing talents!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** (preschool-5th grade) resumes Sunday, January 5, during both morning services. Children leave after the Children's Message and return at Holy Communion.

**SANCTUARY CHOIR & HANDBELL CHOIR** - resumes rehearsals on January 9th in the sanctuary. Handbell choir meets at 6:30pm, and the sanctuary choir meets at 7:30pm. To join, email Michelle at michellelum@mygloriadei.org.

**WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** - Meets every Wednesday, 10am, begins Jan. 8. All women are invited!! Study led by Pastor David or Deacon Daneen. Meets in Knudson Hall (upstairs near kitchen).

**MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY** - Meets on January 11, 8:30am in Knudson Hall. This group meets every month, 2nd Saturday. All men are invited. Bible study led by Pastor David.

**THE PSALMS AND HEBREW** - Pastor David will lead a Bible study on the Psalms, while teaching some simple Hebrew. You can do it. Beginning on January 9, 6:30pm, Knudson Hall (6 weeks).

**ART GATHERING** - January 10th at 6:30pm in Bankson Hall. We resume our Art & Theology series with a look at 1 Corinthians 15 and a conversation about the physical vs. the spiritual.

**MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI?** Next Adult Inquiry Class (non-Lutheran background) (Jan. 11, 9am) and New Member Orientation (Jan. 12, 11:30am) for all joining. See sign-up for details or call the office.

**SR. HIGH BOWLING** - January 11, 12pm at Saddleback Lanes. Meet at the bowling alley for burgers & bowling. Invite a friend!

**L&L (LUNCH & LEARN)** - January 19 at 11:15am, Bankson Hall. L & L to find support for yourself and learn new ways to communicate with loved ones with Alzheimers. Donation for lunch. See sign-up.

**NEW GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) GROUP** - Starting Tuesday, Jan. 21, 10am, Knudson Hall. This small group will meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday/month. They will study *John: Jesus-the-Word, The Messiah, The Son of God* & facilitated by Dennis & Deacon Daneen Pysz. Open to all. Sign-up.

**WOMEN'S BUNCO** - Back by popular demand! Girls and women of all ages come and play, January 24, 6pm, Bankson Hall. Bring an appetizer for dessert to share. Cost: \$5. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

**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](https://mygloriadei.org/donate).

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR DECEMBER 29 - JANUARY 4, 2024**

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

**Monday:** Office Closed; Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed Meeting (7pm)

**Tuesday:** Office Closed; AA Meeting (7am); Al Anon (7pm)

**Wednesday:** Happy New Year! AA Men (7am); AA Group (6pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

**Thursday:** Office Closed; AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); AA (7pm)

**Friday:** Office Closed; Al Anon Meeting (10am)

**Saturday:** AA Men (7am); Prayer Shawl Meeting (9am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); NA Meeting (7pm)

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- Sr. High Valentine Making at Gloria Dei (February 1, 6pm);
- Prime Time Seniors - Nixon Library (February 13, 2025);
- L&L - Celebrating Life Community Health Center (March 2, 2025);
- Men's Spring Training Retreat (March 7-9, 2025);
- Los Angelitos Orphanage trip (March 15, 2025);
- Women's One Day Retreat (March 22, 2025);
- Annual Church Campout (June 6-8, 2025);
- Vacation Bible School (June 16-20, 2025)
- 60th Anniversary of GDLC (September 19)

**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Coffee Prep: Martyn & Vanessa Frost; Communion: Phil & Sandy Furlong; Lector: Craig Collins; Ushers: David & Lisa Zylstra; Welcome Table: Liane Schuller

**10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Dennis Pysz; Communion: Roger Grefsrud & Lisa Mers; Lector: Sharon Miller; Ushers: Dave & Susan Warneke; Welcome Table: Mary Jane Rylaarsdam

**5pm:** Communion & Lector: Lorraine McCarty