



**EPIPHANY SUNDAY/2ND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

January 5, 2025 - 8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

**WELCOME** to worship! We are now entering the *Season of Epiphany* (Jan./Feb.). May the Light of Lights, Jesus Christ, fill you with hope, strength, and peace in 2025.

**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).

PRELUDE: *New Each Morning* by Lani Smith

Micaela Lum, Pianist/Organist

**GATHERING 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!**

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

Gracious God, have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(A moment of silence. Proclamation of forgiveness.)

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

THE KYRIE (People sing refrain below.)

#154



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, on this day You revealed Your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know Your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum

(8:30/10am - Children may leave for Sunday school and return during Holy Communion.)

THE LESSON: Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you gentiles, for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand for the Gospel.)

#169



Leader: Speak, O Lord, Your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.  
(People sing Alleluia again.)

(The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 2nd chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord!**)

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 2:10-15

**When the Magi saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold,**

**frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."**  
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Will You Come and Follow Me?**

#798 vv. 1-2, 5

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"**

**"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?"**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

THE MESSAGE: *Wisemen Took a Waymo*

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Amazing Grace*

Stephanie Trick & Paolo Alderighi

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE: The Doxology**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful Father,  
**we offer with joy and thanksgiving, what You have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(All who believe Christ is present in this sacrament are welcome. Non-communing children and adults who choose not to receive, may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms as a signal you would prefer a blessing. Also, juice is located in the center of each tray, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request-please indicate this choice to a minister.)

### HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:

#### **Lamb of God** (Agnus Dei)

#195

**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.**

#### **Here I Am, Lord**

#574

**"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"**

Refrain: **Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"** (Refrain.)

**"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"** (Refrain.)

#### **We Are Called**

#720

**Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

Refrain: **We are called to act with justice,  
we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God.**

**Come! Open your heart!**

**Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
so hatred and blindness will be no more.** (Refrain.)

#### **Sing! Sing a new song!**

**Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other  
as sisters and brothers united in love.** (Refrain.)

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

#### BENEDICTION FOR 2025

#### **THE SENDING HYMN: We Are Marching in the Light of God**

#866 vv. 1, 3, 4

**We are marching in the light of God,  
We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, marching,  
We are marching, marching,  
We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, marching,  
We are marching, marching,  
We are marching in the light of God.**

**We are praying . . .  
We are singing . . .**

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE: *Sonata in C Minor, K. 254* by Domenico Scarlatti Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** provided by Deborah Yee Litt in celebration of her 37th wedding anniversary!

**WELCOME TO MUSICAL GUESTS** - Stephanie Trick & Paolo Alderighi! They will play a piece for us at the morning services today, and then a concert, 5pm, Sanctuary. Come enjoy their amazing talents! Invite a friend to join you. (Donation)

**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!

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

**CONFIRMATION** (Jr. High) resumes today with Pastor David and Youth Director Paige Gulck, 11:15am, Bankson Hall.

**DECORATIONS DOWN** - Epiphany ends the Christmas Season, and so the Christmas Tree and decorations will come down Tuesday, 10am. If you would like to help, please join the staff!

**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!

**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).

**SANCTUARY & HANDBELL CHOIRS** resume rehearsals on Thursdays in the sanctuary. Handbell Choir-6:30pm, and Sanctuary Choir-7:30pm. To join, speak with Michelle Lum or email: michellelum@mygloriadei.org.

**PSALMS AND HEBREW** - Pastor David will lead a Bible study on the Psalms, while teaching some simple Hebrew. You can do it! Beginning this Thursday, 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.

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

**MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI?** Next Adult Inquiry Class (non-Lutheran background, Jan. 11, 10am) 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! Questions: youth@mygloriadei.org.

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

**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 G.I.F.T. (Growing In Faith Together) GROUP** - All women and men are welcome to join in, starting Tuesday, Jan. 21, 10am, Knudson Hall (1st & 3rd Tuesday/month). They will study the Gospel of John. Bring your own Bible. Facilitated by Dennis & Deacon Daneen Pysz. Sign-up.

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

**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 JANUARY 5 - 11, 2024**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am & 10am); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); Stephanie Trick & Paolo Alderighi (8:30am & 10am); Confirmation (11:15am); Stephanie Trick & Paolo Alderighi Concert (5pm); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

**Monday:** Al Anon (5:30pm); South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed Meeting (7pm)

**Tuesday:** AA Meeting (7am); Undecorate & take down Christmas Tree (10am); Al Anon (7pm)

**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); AA Group (6pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

**Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Grief Healing Group (1pm); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Handbells (6:30pm); Psalms & Hebrew Study (6:30pm); AA (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

**Friday:** Al Anon Meeting (10am); Art Gathering (6:30pm)

**Saturday:** AA Men (7am); Men's Breakfast Study (8:30am); Women's Board Meeting (9am); Adult Inquiry for New Membership (10am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Sr. High Burgers & Bowling (12pm); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm)

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

- Sr. High Valentine Making at Gloria Dei (February 1, 6pm);
- Annual Meeting and Aloha Luncheon (February 2, 11:15am)
- Prime Time Seniors - Nixon Library (February 13);
- L&L - Celebrating Life Community Health Center (March 2);
- Men's Spring Training Retreat (March 7-9);
- Los Angelitos Orphanage trip (March 15);
- Women's One Day Retreat (March 22);
- Annual Church Campout (June 6-8);
- Vacation Bible School (June 16-20)
- 60th Anniversary of GDLC (September 19)

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

**8:30am:** Coffee Prep: Lynne & Wes Morgan; Communion: Barb Collins & Carol Weinhardt; Lector: David Zylstra; Refreshments: Denise Boyd; Ushers: Diane Kelly & Chuck Weinhardt; Welcome Table: Sharon Derr

**10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Dennis Pysz; Communion: Ron Bacon & Melody Lieber; Lector: Katherine Dickinson; Refreshments: Ann & Jim St. Martin; Ushers: Laurene Holmes-Hylton & Gia Lugo; Welcome Table: Peggy Johnson

