

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Second Sunday of Christmas



January 2, 2011

Welcome to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Latin for “Glory to God!” our name expresses our hearts desire in that all we do here at **Gloria Dei** is done to bring glory to God. Please sign the perforated tear off sheet on the back cover of the bulletin. Except for the hymns, today’s entire worship service is printed in this booklet. Hymns are found in the red hymnal. Worshipers read or sing all boldface type marked “**All.**” Large print bulletins are available from our ushers. Childcare is available in our nursery. Our ushers will be happy to assist you.

By Grace, God Gathers Us

PRELUDE: “Prelude on a Luther Hymn” Gordon Young

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
 the Maker of heaven and earth,
 the Word made flesh
 the Lord and giver of life.

ALL: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
 and one another.

Please kneel or be seated as you are able.

Pastor: God of glory, God of peace,

**ALL: we confess that we have shunned the light
 that reveals the truth about us.**

**We cling to worldly things rather than sharing the gifts of this
earth. We trust ourselves above all. Save your people, O God;
sustain the rivers and trees that sing your praise;
and free us to live boldly in the light and truth of Jesus, our
Savior. Amen.**

Pastor: The grace of God shines upon us, bringing salvation to the whole
world. We are saved, our sins are washed away, not because of
anything we have done, but according to God's mercy in + Jesus
Christ. Renewed by the Holy Spirit, let us live in hope and joy.

ALL: Amen.

(please stand as you are able and turn to face the processional cross as it enters the church.)

ENTRANCE HYMN: *“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”* ELW 270

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: Today Christ is born: Alleluia, alleluia!
 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray:
 Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your
 incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in
 all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever.

ALL: **Amen.**

(please be seated)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children are released to Sunday School.

In Grace, God Empowers Us With The Word



THE SNOW

Folding the earth in its mantle
Pure and undefiled
Soft in its own clear whiteness.
As the cheek of an innocent child,
The snow o'er the world is falling,
It floats upon the air,
Silent, yet ever restless,
As a child's hands crossed in prayer.

Like a benediction descending
O'er the sin-stained weary world,
It falls in tender pity,
Its mantle o'er all unfurled.
Oh, Father in Heaven above us,
Thy goodness and Thy love
Descend like a silent spirit,
Like a pure and spotless dove.

The world is a myst'ry of sorrow,
And dark with sin and woe;
Over its toil and sadness
Thy mantle of mercy throw.
Fold us about, protect us
In Thy garment, spotless white,
As the snow in its silent falling
Is shrouding the earth tonight.

Edith Willis Linn Forbes (1865-1945)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Hear the Word of the Lord as written in Luke:

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with Child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she would be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country, shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them: "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward all." (Luke 2:1, 3-14)

PRAYER

Let us pray:

Help us, O Lord, on the most wondrous of days to listen with our hearts for the sounds of your coming. Let Your still small voice silence the clamor and noise of our selfishness and sin. Let us begin our journey to the manger with joyous abandon surrounded by the music of Your grace.

Carols of Promise and Praise

As the snow lay on the ground, frosty winds were blowing.
Suddenly there came a sound from the heavens growing.
“Glory be to God on high!” Peace to all they sang that night
Let the steeples ring....Let the people sing...
Hodie Hodie sing Gloria in excelsis Deo
All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace.
Glad tidings in the heart of all begin and never cease,
begin and never cease.

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria..... in excelsis Deo!

Gloria..... in excelsis Deo!

All glory be to God on high! Let there be peace.

Gloria All glory to God!

See, amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below;

See, the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.

Hail, thou ever blessed morn! Hail redemption's happy dawn!

Sing through all Jerusalem: “Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Hear the Word of the Lord as recorded in Luke:

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another: “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told to them. (Luke 2:15-20)

PRAYER

Let us pray:

Exalted God, we acknowledge You as King of the universe and Lord of our lives. You have spoken Your word with all integrity and Your promise of grace will not be revoked. Through Your Son You have declared the great “AMEN” and at the sound of His name one day every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Let the Earth Resound with Praise!

Christ is the King of kings! Christ is the Lord of lords!
Before all time began, He was the Living Word.
Christ is the King of kings! Ancient of Days!
Alleluia, Alleluia Let the world resound with praise!

Christ is the King of kings...The King of kings!
The Star of Morning! His light is shining like a candle in the dark.
Christ is the King of kings...the Light of grace!
Alleluia. Alleluia. Let the world resound with praise!

Raise high the celebration. Let music wake the dawn.
The Holy Child of Bethlehem is winter's Gift of Grace.
He is worthy of honor, of glory and of praise.
He is worthy of honor, of glory and of praise.
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Rejoice and sing alleluia!

Alleluia! Ancient of Days!
Alleluia! Alleluia Let the world resound with praise!
Let the world resound with praise!

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Hear the Word of the Lord as recorded in Matthew:

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the One who had been born King of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him." (Matthew 2:1-2)

PRAYER

Let us pray:

O Guiding Light, like the magi of old we wander through the wilderness searching for answers to the great mysteries of the soul. We are Your seekers of the light, and we long to present to You the treasures of our heart. With humble thanks we bow and worship You.

What Strangers Are These?

What strangers are these that wander through the town?

It is Joseph and gentle Mary.

And what do they seek as night falls all around?

They are seeking shelter for Mary...

For she is the blest and chosen of the Lord,
who will bear to all the promised King.

And who is this King of whom the angels sing?

Know ye not the Christ, Jesus the Savior.

What child is this, that in a manger lies?

It is Jesus Christ, Son of wonder.

And what fair maid is this filled with wonder and awe?

Oh, 'tis Mary, mild Mother of Jesus.

Oh, these are the shepherds and these the Magi Kings,

Who have brought Him their gifts of gold and myrrh.

But why do they kneel before a tiny babe?

They adore their King Jesus the Savior.

Who are these that march from death unto life?

These are all who love Jesus the Savior.

And how do they triumph o'er the gates of Hell?

Through the grace of Him, Jesus the Savior

He is born to redeem, let every heart rejoice!

He brings peace joy and love to all the world.

Oh where shall I find Him? Where shall I seek?

He is here even now, Jesus my Savior.

And He is present even now! Christ the Lord!

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Hear the Word of the Lord as recorded in Isaiah:

For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

Now hear the words of Jesus, the Prince of Peace as recorded in John:

"I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (John 14:27)

Canticle of Peace

Peace, fall like a gentle snow.
Fall fresh on the wounded heart.
Come blanket our every fear and let the healing start.
Cover every anxious thought, and all our fears erase.
May we know the tender touch of love's redeeming grace.
 Hope, come like a silver star.
 Shine down on our solemn night.
 May you lead to a golden dawn, and morning's promised light.
 Let shadows of violence vanish.
 Let us find tomorrow's sure embrace.
 May we know the tender touch of love's redeeming grace.
Grant us peace. Dona, nobis pacem. Grant us peace.
Dona, nobis pacem.
Et in terra pax hominibus. Et in terra pax, hominibus
Bo nae voluntatis. Bo nae voluntatis.
Dona, nobis pacem, pacem.

Peace, fall like a gentle snow. Peace, fall like a gentle snow.
Peace, fall like a gentle snow. Peace.

THE FINAL BLESSING

And now grace and peace be yours in abundance through Christ our Lord.
Through the gift of Jesus we have been provided everything we need for life.
As the winter snow covers the barren earth with beauty, so His perfect grace
has covered our sin with heaven's mercy. Hope, peace, joy and love are ours to
claim and to share with others. His light and truth now shine within us guiding
us through the journey of life.

And so now as we leave this sacred place may we hold these treasures near our
hearts, always remembering: It is by grace that we are saved, through faith –
and this not from ourselves, for grace is the perfect gift of God.

Silent Night, Holy Night

ELW 281

Congregation joins in the singing of 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.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight.

Glories stream from heaven afar.

Heavenly 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Noel Nouvelet arr. By Crisafilli

Estelle Schultz, Flute

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Filled with wonder and joy that God's gift of grace has been given
in the Son born for us, let us pray for the church, the good creation,
and the needs of all.

Kneel/Sit

After each petition of the prayers:

Leader: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: Into the manger of your love, holy God, we lay our prayers, trusting
in your promise made known to us in Jesus the Christ, our brother
and Savior.

All: Amen

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

The worshipers may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

In Grace, God Empowers Us With The Meal

THE OFFERING

The OFFERING is received – if you haven't already done so, we ask at this time for you/family to complete the perforated tear off sheet on the back of your bulletin.

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Before the Marvel of This Night”*

Betty & John Nicholson

(please stand as you are able)

OFFERTORY *“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” ELW 275 v.4*

All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,

Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn king.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....

We praise their name and join in their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR THE NATIVITY

Pastor: Holy God,
Creator of all and Source of life,
at the birth of time
your word brought light into the world.

In the fullness of time,
you sent your Word, born of Mary,
to shine in our darkness
and to make us your daughters and sons.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his birth and life among us,
his death and resurrection,
we await his coming again
when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup,
that, held and nourished by you,
we may live as your children,
shining with the light of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

ALL: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

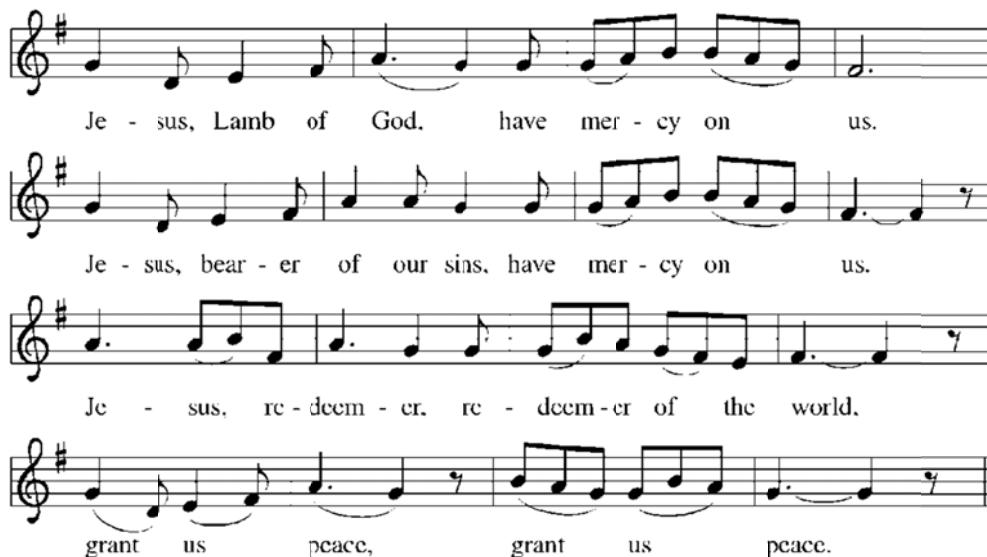
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: The bread of God comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Come, eat, and live. All are welcome.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church celebrates open communion. We understand the sharing of the bread and the cup in Jesus' name to be a representation of an ancient vision of God's feast for all peoples. We don't require you to be a member of this church to participate with us in this feast of grace – it is God's Table. All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Lord's body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Everyone is invited to come forward for a blessing at the time of Holy Communion. Simply come forward at the usher's direction. The wafer will be given to you by the pastor. The assistant will offer the cup for you to dip the wafer into the wine. If you prefer a common cup this available by the second assistant. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available for those who are allergic, please ask the communion assistant.

LAMB OF GOD



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: *“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”* ELW 276
(please stand as you are able)

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
 And keep you in His grace.

All: **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: Great and saving God, you have gathered your scattered people
 around gifts of grain and wine, the body and blood of our Savior
 Christ. As we, like the shepherds, return on our way,
 may we proclaim all we have heard and seen, praising you in word
 and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” ELW 288
*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
 Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born;
 Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
 Christ is born today! Christ is born today!*

With Grace, God Sends Us

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Life is short and we do not have much time
 to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.
 So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind.
 And may the Divine Mystery Who is beyond our ability to know
 but Who made us, and Who loves us, and Who travels with us,
 Bless you and keep you in peace.
 In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *“Go Tell It on the Mountain”* ELW 290

DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: “*Pastorale on French Carol*” G. Young

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THIS WEEK AT GLORIA DEI

January 1st to January 9th

SECOND WEEKEND OF CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Celebrate!

8pm AA

SUNDAY

9:30am Worship - **Christmas Cantata**

10:30am Fellowship

10:45am Angel Voices Rehearsal

11:30 am The Lunch Bunch @ City Pier

MONDAY

TUESDAY

9am Quilting (bring a bag lunch)

4pm Inquiring Minds

WEDNESDAY

7pm Epiphany Eve Worship

No Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

9:30am Women's Book study

5:30 pm Gulf Coast Flute Choir dinner

7pm Gulf Coast Flute Choir concert

FRIDAY

3rd WEEKEND OF CHRISTMAS

5pm Celebrate!

8pm AA

SUNDAY

9:30am **Traditional Worship**

10:30am Fellowship

10:45am Angel Voice's Rehearsal

**Gloria Dei
Lutheran Church
Communication Card
January 1st & 2nd**

Name _____

Phone _____

Address, Phone or E-mail
change?

Please check appropriate
box:

___ I would like info on
making Gloria Dei my church
family.

___ I would like to receive the
newsletter electronically
e-mail _____

___ I am willing to learn to be a
worship assistant

___ I will attend the "Getting
Started" dinner at 5:30 on
1/18.

___ I will attend the Gulf Coast
Flute Choir 1/6
___ dinner 5:30
___ concert 7pm

___ I will serve at Our Daily
Bread on 1/16 from 9-11:30

Message to Staff:

**Guests: Welcome to
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church!**

Are you visiting with us today?
If so, please fill out the following
information:

Name(s)

Address

City/State/Zip

E-mail _____

Local Address _____

**We're glad you're here! Please
tell us about yourself:**

Which service did you attend?

Trad. Worship @ 9:30 AM

How did you hear about us?

Newspaper Banner

Website Friend

I would like information on
joining Gloria Dei Church

I would like information on
Sunday School Classes

I would like information on
Adult Small Groups

Please register me for a
New member's Class

Gloria Dei would like to be a
home away from home. If you
need a prayer or a Pastor's call
please let us know.

Other _____

(please place card in collection plate)