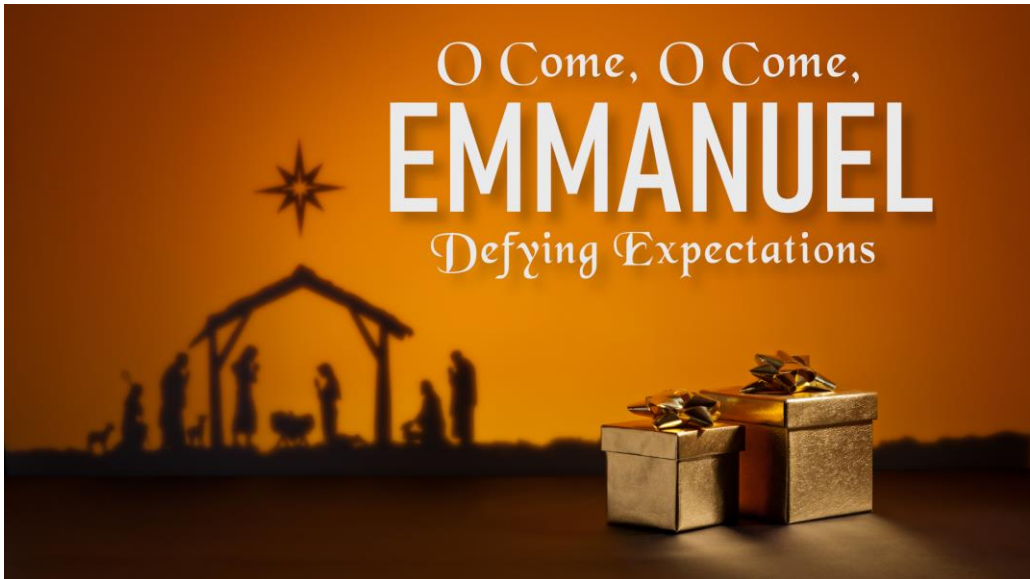




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The First Sunday in Advent

November 29 & 30, 2020

LIGHT OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome

In Advent ("coming" or "arrival"), the Word of God bids us to prepare for the coming of Christ. The Bible readings for Advent have this urgency to them: since he is surely coming again in judgment, we desperately need for him to come to us first in grace. For without that coming in grace we will perish at his coming in judgment. Today, we focus on the faithfulness of God, who calls himself our Father and he himself takes care of all the details, which will save us when we are judged at Jesus' Second Advent.

Visitors

We are so thankful that you joined us for worship! We would be thrilled to share more about what we teach, preach, and believe with you. Please leave your contact information with Pastor Klein or fill out our [online guestbook](#) on our church website. If there is any other way that we can serve you, please let us know. God bless your worship!

Information

Restrooms are located on your right as you exit the back of the sanctuary.

The **Fellowship Hall** is located to the left of the sanctuary.

A **Playroom & Nursery** are available for small children, located to your right as you exit the back of the sanctuary, near the entrance to the Ladies' Restroom.

Hand Sanitizer is located in the entry way of church.

Prayer Requests can be made by filling out the prayer request book as you enter church or by speaking with the pastor.

Serving in Worship

Music: Gail Vander Wal

Ushers: Steve V & Jacob G

Communion Assistant: Tyler J

Worship Leader: Pastor Jon Klein



Light of the Valley is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

Precautionary Measures in Worship for COVID-19

Masks

The wearing of masks at church is mandated by current state health guidelines. We have free masks on the table in the front entry way for you to use and take home.

Worship Folders & Children's Bulletins

The worship folders are placed on the chairs in the sanctuary prior to each worship service. Please take them home or put them in a blue recycling bin at the end of worship. At this time, we are offering children's bulletins only for download on our website.

Communion

We will distribute communion in a "continuous flow" style. When the usher directs you, move down the center aisle to the front of the sanctuary to the line of tape closest to the baptismal font on your side. The communion assistant will place the bread (Jesus' body) in your outstretched hand. Then proceed to the pastor to receive the wine (Jesus' blood). He will hand you the individual cup, holding it from the top. Please take it from the bottom. Once finished, proceed to the side aisle, depositing your individual cup in the basket provided. At the end of the distribution of the Lord's Supper, Pastor will bless the entire congregation after covering the elements (the bread and wine).

Ushers

They will provide you additional worship folders as needed and usher you up for communion one row at a time.

Sanitization

Volunteers are needed to sanitize all of the high contact areas in church after each worship service. Please help when and where you can.

Fellowship Food & Drink

Although we are not offering fellowship time with food at this time, you can get hot and cold water from the water dispenser in the lobby entryway.

Entrance & Exit

There is hand sanitizer available outside and inside the front entrance for your use. After worship, exit using the front or side doors, whichever you prefer.

Order of Worship

*In our worship, God comes to us in his Word and his Sacraments, and we respond with our praise and thanksgiving to him. All are welcome to participate as indicated. The parts marked **M** are spoken or sung by the minister, and the parts marked **C** are spoken or sung by everyone in the congregation.*

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M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession & Absolution of Sins

In the confession of sins, we acknowledge our sins and ask God to forgive them. The absolution gives and assures us that we are forgiven by the substitutionary life and death of Jesus Christ.

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit. Through God's gift of faith in Christ our Savior, he has created a new heart and a right spirit within you.

C: O Lord, my God, I called to you for help, and you answered me. I thank you for the love you have shown me in Jesus Christ, my Savior. Through him you have rescued me from the guilt of my sin and given me the peace of forgiveness. Help me fight against temptation, correct whatever wrongs I can, and serve you and those around me with love and good works. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Prayer and Praise

Knowing that we have been forgiven all of our sins, we praise God asking him to come to us using verses 1 & 3 from the hymn "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel."

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!



1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2 Oh, come, O Root of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
 3 Oh, come, O Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by your
 4 Oh, come, O Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
 heav'n - ly home. Make safe the way that leads on high,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And bring them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 And close the path to mis - er - y.



Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray:

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come with your peace. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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The Word of God

This section is the heart and high point of our service. What follows is the sure and certain Word of God that has called us to faith and strengthens our faith in Jesus as our Savior from sin, death, and the devil.

First Bible Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

¹ Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! ² As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! ³ For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.

⁴ Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. ⁵ You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved?

⁶ All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us

away.⁷ No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins.

⁸ Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.⁹ Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

Second Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus.⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—⁶ God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you.⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.⁸ He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁹ God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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The Gospel Reading: Mark 13:26-37

²⁶ "At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.²⁷ And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

²⁸ "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.²⁹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door.³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

³² "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴ It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

³⁵ "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

The Creed is a summary of the Christian faith and a confession of the whole Christian Church on earth concerning the teachings of Scripture and especially of the person of Jesus Christ.

M: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Sermon on Isaiah 64:1-9

The sermon, for the most part, is a one-sided conversation from the pastor meant to apply God's Word to your life. In order to help with this application, consider these questions during or after the sermon.

- 1) What do we expect God to do when we pray to him? Why do we expect this?
- 2) In what wonderful ways has God defied our expectations?

Hymn of the Day: CW 2 *Savior of the Nations, Come*



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the
3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child Of the
4 From the Fa - ther's throne he came And as -
5 Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, Praise to



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
Spir - it of our God Was the Word of
vir - gin un - de - filed, Though by all the
cend - ed to the same, Cap - tive lead - ing
God the Son, our King, Praise to God the



heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
God made flesh, Wo - man's off - spring, pure and fresh.
world dis - owned, Yet to be in heav'n en - throned!
death and hell— High the song of tri - umph swell!
Spir - it be Ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

Thank Offering to God

The offering is an opportunity for us to return thanks to God. Prompted by the forgiveness of sins given to us through our crucified and risen Savior, Jesus Christ, we give of our time, talents, and treasures, which also support the Gospel ministry done at Light of the Valley. You can place your offering in the offering plates on a stool outside the doors to the sanctuary. You can also set up electronic giving with GivePlus from Vanco, which you can find on our website (www.lotvlayton.org) under the "Worship" tab or download it from any app store and start using it today. Another way is to "Give By Text" by texting to 833-946-1361 the amount you wish to donate, using the \$ before the amount; then follow the instructions in the reply text. If you encounter any problems, contact our Financial Secretary, Ben Heidfeld (435-740-0643; finsec@lotvlayton.org).

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Prayer of the Church

The Lord invites our prayers and asks that Christians pray for many people and circumstances. He promises to listen to them and respond according to his will in a way that is best for us. With that in mind, we approach our God with confidence and faith in him and his promises.

- M: Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.
- C: We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.**
- M: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.
- C: Move us to take to heart the words of John: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."**

M: You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.

C: Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.

M: Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.

C: Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

C: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

Lord's Prayer

The following prayer is what Jesus himself taught his disciples. (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

**All: 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.**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper



Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us and grant us your peace. Amen.

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Distribution



On the basis of what God's Word says, the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity in beliefs. Therefore, we kindly ask that only confirmed members of Light of the Valley and of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod partake of Holy Communion. We encourage those who would like to receive Holy Communion with us to speak with the Pastor before doing so.

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Post Communion Prayer

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever!

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. Lord, now let your servant depart in peace according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.

Blessing

As we close our worship service, we leave with direct blessings from our Lord and God, using the words that God gave to Aaron the High Priest to bless the Israelites (Numbers 6:22-27).

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn: CW 21 *Hosanna to the Coming Lord*



1 Ho - san - na to the com - ing Lord! Ho - san - na
2 O Sav - ior, with pro - tect - ing care A - bide in
3 O Ad - vent King, our sins for - give; Come in our
4 Then in the last and dread - ful day, When earth and



to the in - car - nate Word! To Christ, Cre - a - tor, Sav -
this your house of prayer, Where we your part - ing prom -
lives and hearts to live, And let our hum - ble souls
heav'n shall melt a - way, Your flock, re - deemed from sin -



ior, King Let earth, let heav'n ho - san - na sing.
ise claim, As - sem - bled in your sa - cred name.
be - come A tem - ple wor - thy of your name.
ful stain, Shall swell the sound of praise a - gain.

Take a moment to reflect on today's message, one of the Bible readings, or on a hymn during the service. Following the announcements, please dismiss yourself by rows. For those who volunteered to sanitize, please meet in the kitchen. Pastor will greet you at the front doors. Have a blessed week!

Announcements

December Calendar

The December calendar is available on the information table by the bulletin board between the restrooms. You can also download it on our church website (www.lotvlayton.org) under the calendar tab.

Exodus Bible Study

We are studying *Exodus* Sundays at 9:15 am. Join in person at church or via Google Meet (meet.google.com/pqv-rkqb-zjo). These study sessions are uploaded on our Youtube channel afterwards.

Reduced In Person Worship Services

Due to low overall in person attendance, we no longer offer the Sunday 8:00 am worship service as those who regularly attend it are comfortable attending one of our other worship services and because we have plenty of room to space out at the Sunday 10:30 am worship service and the Monday night 7:00 pm worship service.

New Meditations Daily Devotions

The latest edition of our daily devotional booklet *Meditations* is here and is on the member information table by the bulletin board between the restrooms. Help yourself to a copy and maybe another to share with a friend.

Advent Devotion Book

We received several copies of the Advent devotion booklet *The Jesse Tree*. These one-page devotions help you focus on Jesus in the 24 days leading up to and including Christmas. These devotion booklets were written, produced, and given as a gift from Martin Luther College, our called worker training college. Pick one up for yourself today on the information table by the bulletin board between the restrooms.

Arts & Crafts

You are invited to join in for an afternoon of art and craft projects on Tuesday, December 8 starting at 1:00 pm. Contact Brenda Kidd (sahrow@yahoo.com; 801-663-0015) to RSVP and find out about upcoming projects.

Lutheran Recovery Group

On Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm at church, we have a recovery support group to strengthen each other through God's Word to fight addictions of any kind. Contact Faith York (920-691-2332; gizmo619@sbcglobal.net) to join these meetings in person or online.

Christmas Outreach

We are planning to put together special Christmas gifts as an invite for people to join us for worship on Christmas Eve. Sign up on the bulletin board today to help. If you are donating hot chocolate or candy canes, please bring them to church by December 6. Those wanting to help assemble the gifts will do so on Sunday, December 6 at 11:30 am. Those willing to help deliver these gifts to our neighbors will meet at church on Saturday, December 12 at 9:00 am and Sunday, December 20 at 11:30 am. Contact our Evangelism Chairman, Harry Short (outreach@lotvlayton.org; 801-828-7027) with questions.

Christmas Decorating at Church

On Sunday, November 29 immediately following the 10:30 am service, we will break out our Christmas decorations and set them up here at church. Many hands make light the work. Hope that you can stay and help.

Angel Tree

This year our "Angel Tree" in the lobby will be filled requests of school supplies to go to children who attend E.G. King Elementary here in Layton. While you can buy just what is on the angel, all school supplies are welcome. Please return the school supplies unwrapped to church by Sunday, December 27. If you have any questions, talk to our Evangelism Chairman, Harry Short (801-828-7027; outreach@lotvlayton.org).

This Week at LOTV

Sunday, November 29	9:15 am	Bible Study for All Ages
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Christmas Decoration Set-up
Monday, November 30	7:00 pm	Worship w/ Holy Communion
Tuesday, December 1	7:00 pm	Lutheran Recovery Group
Thursday, December 3	6:00 pm	Elders' Meeting
	7:00 pm	AA Meeting
Sunday, December 6	9:15 am	Bible Study for All Ages
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Christmas Outreach Gift Assembly