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The Third Sunday in Advent

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LIGHT OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome

What's the best way to prepare for Emmanuel's coming? It's not with frantic doing. It's not with a focus on what we have done or promise to do. It's not with how we will pay back what he comes to bring. It's not trying to build a home with God by our own two hands. The best preparation for Emmanuel's coming and arrival is a readiness to receive him and what he does for us, the house he builds for us.

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: Jacob Gomez & Larry Cantarella

Communion Assistant: Ben Heidfeld

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.*

STAND

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, the Emmanuel, 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 & 4 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. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; 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: 2 Samuel 7:8-16

⁸“Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. ⁹I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. ¹⁰And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning ¹¹and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

“ ‘The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: ¹²When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his

kingdom. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. ¹⁵ But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.' "

Second Bible Reading: Romans 16:25-27

²⁵ Now to him who is able to establish you in accordance with my gospel, the message I proclaim about Jesus Christ, in keeping with the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, ²⁶ but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all the Gentiles might come to the obedience that comes from faith—²⁷ to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

STAND

The Gospel Reading: Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail."

³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Confession of Faith: The 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. Believers join their voices with one another and the whole Christian Church on earth to confess God's truth.

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.

Sermon on 2 Samuel 7:8-16

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) As Christmas is quickly approaching, what things disturb me and my home?
- 2) How does the Emmanuel coming and making us a forever home with him give me relief from the things that disturb me?

Hymn of the Day: CW 12 *Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes*



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the cap - tives to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Your wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre -
pris - on held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst; The i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring With your be - lov - ed name.

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 15 *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding*



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing; "Christ is
2 Lo, the Lamb, so long - ex - pect - ed, Comes with
3 That, when next he comes with glo - ry And the
4 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with
world is wrapped in fear, He may shield us
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness; You are chil - dren of the day."
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n,
with his mer - cy And with words of love draw near.
last - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

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

Bible Study

We have one more Bible study on Sunday, December 20 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. After December 20, Bible study resumes January 3.

Arts & Crafts

You are invited to join in for an afternoon of art and craft projects on Tuesday, December 15 starting at 1:00 pm. Contact Brenda Kidd (sahrow@yahoo.com; 801-663-0015) to RSVP and find out about upcoming projects.

Christmas Outreach

Our Christmas mug invites are on the table in the entry way and ready for you to take and use to invite people to worship with us in person or online. Take as many as you would like. You can use the cardboard trays under the table to transport up to 12 mugs.

Angel Tree

This year our "Angel Tree" in the lobby is filled with requests of school supplies and other needs of 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, December 13	9:15 am	Bible Study for All Ages
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Council Meeting
Monday, December 14	7:00 pm	Worship w/ Holy Communion
Tuesday, December 15	1:00 pm	Arts & Crafts
	7:00 pm	Lutheran Recovery Group
Thursday, December 17	7:00 pm	AA Meeting
Sunday, December 20	9:15 am	Bible Study for All Ages
	10:30 am	Children's Christmas Program

The Advent Wreath



The Advent wreath is a circular garland of evergreen branches representing eternity. On that wreath, five candles are typically arranged. During the season of Advent one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday as a part of the Advent services. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. As a whole, these candles represent the coming of the Light of Christ into the world.

On the first Sunday of Advent, the first purple candle is lit. This candle is typically called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, primarily Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ (**Isaiah 7:14; 9:1-7**). This candle represents hope and expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah. We have a sure and certain hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises he made to us.

On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle is lit. This candle is called either the "Bethlehem Candle" or the "Candle of Preparation." God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem (**Micah 5:2**). As we hear in our Bible readings for this Sunday, we are preparing a way for the Lord still today by him purifying our lives and refining our actions as we wait his Second Advent.

On the third Sunday of Advent, the pink candle is lit. This pink candle is called the "Shepherds' Candle" or the "Candle of Joy." The angels announced the birth of the Savior to the shepherds in total joy (**Luke 2:7-15**).

The fourth and last purple candle, oftentimes called the "Angel Candle" or the "Candle of Love," represents the reason why God sent Jesus in that lowly manger. "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (**John 3:16**). This candle is lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent.

On Christmas Eve, the white center candle is lit. This candle is called the "Christ Candle." The color white represents purity. Christ is the sinless, spotless, pure Savior, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. (**John 1:29**) Those who receive Christ as Savior are washed of their sins and made whiter than snow.