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Kids' Christmas Worship Service

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LIGHT OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship: Sundays 10:30 am; Mondays 7:00 pm

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Welcome

As we gather to celebrate the Lord's coming, we reflect on how through history, He has raised up the humble and lowly to accomplish His purposes. Through the shepherds of Bethlehem, He proclaimed Christ's birth. And today, He gives each of us a role to play in spreading the Good News about His greatest gift to mankind.

Guests & 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

Ushers: Eric Meinzen and Jacob Gomez

Worship Leader: Pastor Jon Klein



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

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 by singing the congregational hymns.

PART ONE: INTRODUCTION

What does it mean to be a shepherd to God's people?

Congregational Hymn: CW 53 To Shepherds as They Watched by Night



1 To shep - herds as they watched by night Ap - peared
2 "At Beth - le - hem, in Da - vid's town, As Mi -
3 Oh, then re - joice that through his Son God is
4 What harm can sin and death then do? The true
5 Not one he will or can for - sake; His cov -



a host of an - gels bright; "Be - hold the ten - der
cah did of old make known. It is the Christ, your
with sin - ners now at one; Made like your - selves of
God now a - bides with you. Let hell and Sa - tan
'nant he will nev - er break. Let ev - 'ry scheme the



babe," they said, "In yon - der low - ly man - ger laid,
Lord and King, Who will to all sal - va - tion bring."
flesh and blood, Your broth - er is th' e - ter - nal God.
storm and rave, Christ is your broth - er— you are safe.
tempt - er try, You may his ut - most pow'rs de - fy.

6 You shall and must at last prevail.
God's own you are; you cannot fail.
To God forever sing your praise
With joy and patience all your days.

Bible Reading: Matthew 2:6

6 " 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

Narration

Congregational Hymn: CW 515 Shepherd of Tender Youth



1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, Guid - ing in
2 You are our ho - ly Lord, Christ, the in -
3 You are our great High Priest; You have pre -
4 Oh, ev - er be our guide, Our shep - herd
5 So now and till we die Sound we your



love and truth Through de - vious ways, Christ, our tri -
car - nate Word, Heal - er of strife. You did your -
pared the feast Of ho - ly love; And in our
and our pride, Our staff and song. Je - sus, O
prais - es high And joy - ful sing; In - fants and



um - phant King, We come your name to sing
self a - base That from sin's deep dis - grace
mor - tal pain None calls on you in vain;
Christ of God, By your en - dur - ing Word
all the throng Who to your Church be - long



And here our chil - dren bring To join your praise.
You might thus save our race And give us life.
Our plea do not dis - dain: Help from a - bove!
Lead us where you have trod; Make our faith strong.
U - nite to swell the song To Christ, our King.

PART TWO: ADAM

When God's people face death and danger, He promises a Shepherd to rescue them.

Narration

Recitation: Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Narration

Recitation: Genesis 3:15

¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Congregational Hymn & Handbell Choir: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**O come, O Wisdom from on high,
Who made all things in earth and sky,
Creating man from dust and clay
To us reveal salvation's way.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, O Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by your drawing nigh;**

**Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

PART THREE: MOSES

When God's people face hardships, He sends a Shepherd to lead them to freedom.

Narration

Bible Reading: Exodus 7:16

¹⁶ Then say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to say to you: Let my people go, so that they may worship me in the wilderness. But until now you have not listened.'

Narration

Recitation: The Ten Commandments

You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his workers or his animals or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Narration

Congregational Hymn & Handbell Choir: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O Come, O come, O Lord of Might
Who to Your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times did give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

PART FOUR: DAVID

When God's people face attacks, He sends a Shepherd to protect them.

Narration

Bible Reading: 1 Samuel 17:34-37b

³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷ The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."

Narration

Bible Reading: Psalm 78:70-72

⁷⁰ He chose David his servant and took him from the sheep pens; ⁷¹ from tending the sheep he brought him to be the shepherd of his people Jacob, of Israel his inheritance. ⁷² And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them.

Narration

Bible Reading: Psalm 23

A psalm of David. ¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Narration

Congregational Hymn & Handbell Choir: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**O come, O Root of Jesse, free
Your own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell your people save,
And bring them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O Come, O Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home.
Make safe the way that leads on high,**

**And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

PART FIVE: BETHLEHEM SHEPHERDS

When the time had fully come, God came as our Shepherd.

Narration

Recitation: Luke 2 :1-18

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

Children's Song (all ages): Away in a Manger

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with you there.**

PART SIX: THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Our Good Shepherd laid down his life for his sheep.

Narration

Bible Reading: Isaiah 53:4-6

⁴ Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Narration

Recitation: John 3:16

¹⁶ For 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.

Narration

Children's Song (lower grades): I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

**I am Jesus' little lamb
Ever glad at heart I am.
For my shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my needs and well provides me.
Loves me every day the same,
Even calls me by my name!**

Narration

Congregational Hymn: CW 57 Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain



Go, tell it on the moun-tain, O-ver the hills, and ev - 'ry - where;



Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born.



1 While shep - herds kept their watch - ing O'er si - lent
2 The shep - herds feared and trem - bled When lo, a -
3 Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum - ble



flocks by night, Be - hold, through - out the
bove the earth Rang out the an - gel
Christ was born; And God sent us sal -

Refrain



heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.
cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

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

Book of Job Bible Study

Join us as we study the book of Job on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am, in which we learn how to be a Christian friend to someone who is suffering. Attend in person at church or via Google Meet (meet.google.com/pqv-rkqb-zjo). The Bible study recordings will be made available through the link in the weekly newsletter.

Angel Tree

For this year's Angel Tree, we are partnering with the Bountiful Food Pantry's "Sub for Santa." Please return your gift, wrapped or unwrapped, to church no later than Monday, December 20. If you have any questions, contact Harry Short, our Evangelism Chairman (outreach@lotvlayton.org; 801-828-7027). Thank you!

Evangelism Training

The next session of our evangelism training Bible Study, led by our Evangelism Chairman, Harry Short, will be Sunday, December 19 at noon. All are invited to attend and learn how to be an evangelist in your everyday interactions. If you have any questions, contact Harry (outreach@lotvlayton.org; 801-828-7027).

No Monday Night Worship December 20

With the children's Christmas program held in place of our regular worship service on December 19, there will not be Monday night worship on December 20. Regular Monday night worship will resume the following week, December 27, at 7:00 pm.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Everyone is invited to our special Christmas Eve candlelight worship service held on December 24. This year's services will be held at 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm, with both services having the same content. Join us in celebrating the nativity of our Savior!

Christmas Day Worship

All are welcome to join us for a special Christmas Day worship celebrating the birth of our Savior at 10:30 am on Christmas morning. This is a different service from our Christmas Eve candlelight worship.

No Bible Study for All Ages on December 26

There will be no Bible Study for all ages on Sunday, December 26. Both Sunday morning Bible studies will resume on January 2 at 9:15 am.

Christmas “Thank You” Donations

The Church Council is asking if LOTV members would like to contribute toward a monetary gift to thank our Pastor and specific LOTV volunteer positions. If so, please place donations along with a note stating the purpose of the contribution in a sealed envelope by December 19. Gifts can be placed in the collection plate or given to any of the Council members. Your generosity is much appreciated. If you have questions, contact Joel Schwarz, Council President (president@lotvlayton.org; 801-540-8351).

Financial Peace University

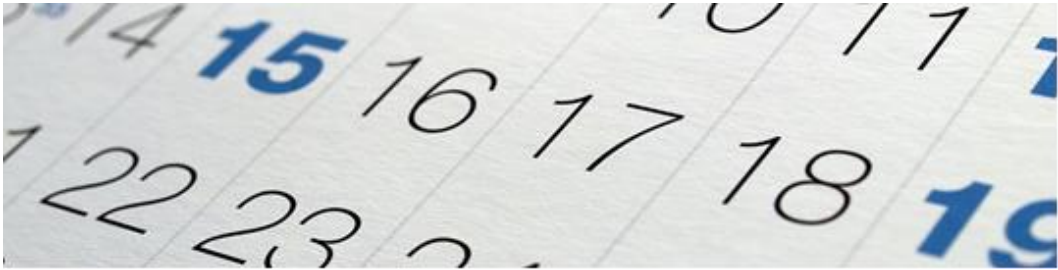
Tell your money where to go instead of wondering where it went! Join my virtual Financial Peace University class and learn to make a budget you'll actually stick to. We meet online, so you won't even have to leave home. Visit fpu.com/1143374 to sign up for my class and start your 14-day free trial of Financial Peace! Class starts Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 6:30 pm. Contact Eric Meinzen (801-499-0393 or ericmeinzen@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Lutheran Recovery Group

There are many things in life that can threaten our relationship with Jesus. So, on Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm, we have a recovery support group here at Light of the Valley to strengthen each other through God's Word and to encourage one another. If you have questions, please contact Faith York (920-691-2332; help@lotvlayton.org).

Advocates for Survivors of Abuse

Light of the Valley now has trained advocates available for survivors of domestic violence and abuse, as well as anyone supporting survivors of domestic abuse. If you would like to utilize this new resource, or are interested in becoming a trained advocate, please contact Faith York (920-691-2332; help@lotvlayton.org).



This Week at LOTV

Sunday, December 19	9:15 am	Bible Study for All Ages
	10:30 am	Children's Christmas Program
	12:00 pm	Evangelism Training
Tuesday, December 21	7:00 pm	Lutheran Recovery Group
Thursday, December 23	7:00 pm	AA Meeting
Friday, December 24	3:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
Saturday, December 25	10:30 am	Christmas Day Worship
Sunday, December 26	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion

Church Membership: What Does it Mean?



There are over 80 member households at Light of the Valley (LOTV). Church membership is the tangible connection to the family of faith that is our congregation. It is a connection consisting of *unity* in the Bible's teachings and *commitment* to the mission, ministry, and members of this congregation. We live this out by being served with God's Word and then, in turn, serving as Christ served us. Participation in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at LOTV says, among other things, that you are so united and committed to this congregation and Christ's service.

Our Bible Information Class (BIC) explains the Bible's teachings as confessed by our church. It also explains the mission and ministry of this congregation so that inquirers can decide if they want to be committed members of it. Ask Pastor Klein for the next offering. You can also listen the lessons on our church website by clicking on the "Learn" and then the "Bible Information Class" tabs on the main front-page menu.

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.