

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

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Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered family dedicated to reaching out to our community, teaching God's Word, caring for one another and sharing God's genuine love.

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Health Request As we seek to protect the health of others and ourselves, please seat yourself and your family *at least* six feet away from others; also *please wear a mask at least whenever you are speaking and/or singing*, during fellowship, and whenever you could be within 6 feet of others. Thanks!

To Our Guests: Welcome to Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church! We are so glad to have you with us this morning, celebrating His great love and dedicating ourselves anew to Him! We hope you'll be blessed and that you'll return and worship among us again. Please take a moment to complete the welcome card in the packet you received and give it to the Greeter or Pastor after the service. Thank you!

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will not be celebrated today. Hopefully, it will return as a weekly part of our worship next Sunday,

Sunday Study Time! 9:00 in person and also streamed online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86292069694> for those practicing in-home isolation or away from Oceanside. We are beginning a NEW SESSION, "Christianity 101" Please join us!

Did You Know? We have a church library. It's at the back of the chapel. Lots of great books that are biblically and theologically sound, books that are informational, inspirational and helpful. It's on "the honor system." K Berni is the librarian. Questions? Email her at kberni@aol.com

+ The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost +

Before the Service

The Welcome

The Announcements *See page 1*

The Service of the Word

The Prelude and Silent Personal Prayer

The Opening Song *“God of Grace”*

God of grace and God of glory,
 On Your people pour Your pow'r;
 Crown Your ancient Church's story;
 Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us
 Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
 From the fears that long have bound us
 Free our hearts to faith and praise.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 For the living of these days, For the living of these days.

Save us from weak resignation
 To the evils we deplore;
 Let the gift of Your salvation
 Be our glory evermore.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 Serving You whom we adore, Serving You whom we adore.

The Opening Responses:

*In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit +
Gathered as His sons and daughters, redeemed by Christ!*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, our God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins in Christ and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We confess to You that we are sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart and we have not loved others as You have loved us. We deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name.

Our heavenly Father has had mercy on us and has given us His only Son to die for us. In Christ, He forgives us all our sins.

Thanks be to God!

*Let us speak of the glory of our God! Let us tell of His wonderful grace!
Let us rejoice in the victory of Christ, let us celebrate the victory of salvation!*

The Praise Song: “Come, Thou Fount”

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.

The First Lesson: *Zephaniah 1:7-16 ESV*

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. And on the day of the Lord's sacrifice— "I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. "On that day," declares the Lord, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are

complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do ill.' Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. *This is the Word of the Lord.*
Thanks be to God!

The Psalmody: From Psalm 90

May your blessings be upon us!

Fill us each morning with your constant love!

May we see your loving deeds!

Fill us each morning with your constant love!

May our children know your glorious acts!

Fill us each morning with your constant love!

The Second Lesson: *First Thessalonians 5:1-11 ESV*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep

awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. *This is the Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God!**

The Gospel Lesson: *St. Matthew 25:14-30 ESV* Please Stand

(Jesus said) "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two

talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents

more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is

yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' *Lord, have mercy on us. Thanks be to God!*

The Affirmation of Faith: *The Nicene Creed (AD 325)*

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things - visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; and who for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered, and was buried. And on the third day He rose according to the Scriptures and

ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; His Kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church, we acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen!

The Children's Message:

The Song of the Day: *"Where Charity and Love Prevail"*

Where charity and love prevail
There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love
By love are we thus bound.

Forgive we now each other's faults
As we our faults confess,
And let us love each other well
In Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown;
Let all contention cease;
Be God's the glory that we seek;
Be ours His holy peace.

The Message: “The Mark of the Church” *Texts – John 13:34-35 and Galatians 6:10*

The Early Church was noted especially for one thing, _____.

And it starts with _____ (not the other guy!)

It’s not JUST (or even primarily) _____ needs.

We need to NOTICE, CONNECT and _____.

I can’t do everything, but I can do _____.

The Prayers: *Please stand*

Altar Prayer

Congregation Petitions

The Lord’s Prayer:

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 Benediction: *Please stand*

*The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace +
 Amen!*

The Closing Song: *“Lord of Glory”*

Lord of glory, You have bought us
 With Your lifeblood as the price,
 Never grudging for the lost ones
 That tremendous sacrifice;
 And with that have freely given
 Blessings countless as the sand
 To the_unthankful and the evil
 With Your own unsparing hand.

Lord of glory, You have bought us
 With Your lifeblood as the price,
 Never grudging for the lost ones
 That tremendous sacrifice.
 Give us faith to trust You boldly,
 Hope, to stay our souls on You;
 But, oh, best of all Your graces,
 With Your love our love renew.

