

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 all times. If you must get up during the service, please use a side aisle, not the center one. Thanks!

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will not be celebrated today during our worship service but a special, small, outdoor services at 11:00, 11:15 and 11:30.

Sunday Study Time! 9:00 in person and also streamed online

for those practicing in-home isolation or away from Oceanside. We are studying "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.

+ The First Sunday in Advent +

Before the Service

The Welcome

The Announcements *See page 1*

The Service of the Word

The Prelude and Silent Personal Prayer

The Opening Song *“The Advent of Our King”*

- 1 The advent of our King
 Our prayers must now employ,
 And we must hymns of welcome sing
 In strains of holy joy.
- 2 The everlasting Son
 Incarnate deigns to be,
 Himself a servant's form puts on
 To set His servants free.
- 3 O Zion's daughter, rise
 To meet your lowly King,
 Nor let your faithless heart despise
 The peace He comes to bring.

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: *Isaiah 64:1-8 ESV*

Oh that you would rend the heavens
 and come down, that the mountains

might quake at your presence— as
 when fire kindles brushwood and

the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we

be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. *This is the Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God!**

The Psalmody: From Psalm 24

The Lord will bless us!

Fling wide the gate, open the ancient door, the great king is coming!

The Lord will declare us innocent!

Fling wide the gate, open the ancient door, the great king is coming!

The Lord will save us!

Fling wide the gate, open the ancient door, the great king is coming!

The Second Lesson: *First Corinthians 1:3-9 ESV*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among

you— so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ

our Lord. *This is the Word of the*

Lord. Thanks be to God!

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

(*Jesus said*) “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the door

keeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”
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: *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

- 1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
 Born to set Thy people free;
 From our fears and sins release us;
 Let us find our rest in Thee.
 Israel's strength and consolation,
 Hope of all the earth Thou art,
 Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
 Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

- 2 Born Thy people to deliver;
 Born a child and yet a king!
 Born to reign in us forever,
 Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
 By Thine own eternal Spirit
 Rule in all our hearts alone;
 By Thine all-sufficient merit
 Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

The Message: *"While We Are Waiting"* *Text Gospel reading on page 6*

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: *"The Advent of Our King"*

- 4 As judge, on clouds of light,
 He soon will come again
 And His true members all unite
 With Him in heav'n to reign.
- 5 Before the dawning day
 Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
 The sinful self be put away,
 The new self now put on.
- 6 All glory to the Son,
 Who comes to set us free,
 With Father, Spirit, ever one
 Through all eternity.

