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 us a side isle, not the center one. 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 Communionwill not be celebrated today during our worship service but in special outdoor services at 11:00, 11:20 and 11:40.

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 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. Questions? Email svlcoceanside@gmail.com

**+** **The First Sunday in Christmas +**

**Before the Service**

**The Welcome**

**The Announcements** *See page 1*

**The Service of the Word**

**The Prelude and Silent Personal Prayer**

The Opening Song “Angel’s From the Realms of Glory”

Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o’er all the earth

Ye who sang creation’s story, Now proclaim Messiah’s birth.

Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the field abiding, Watching o’er your flocks by night,

God with us is now residing, Yonder shines the Infant Light.

Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,

Evermore your voices raising To the\_eternal Three in One.

Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.

**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 61:10-62:3 ESV*

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. *This is the Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God!** .

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**The Psalmody:** From Psalm 89

*I will proclaim your faithfulness forever!*

**We will always sing of your love, O Lord!**

# *How blessed are those who live in your kindness!*

**We will always sing of your love, O Lord!**

# *How wonderful are all the things you do!*

**We will always sing of your love, O Lord!**

# The Second Lesson: *Galatians 4:4-7 ESV*

When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. *This is the Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God!**

# The Gospel Lesson: *St. Luke 2:22-40 ESV* Please Stand

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, “Lord, now you are letting your servantdepart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin,and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. *Lord, have mercy on us.* **Thanks be to God!**  .

The Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle’s Creed (c. 212 AD)

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

And 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 from the dead, He ascended into Heaven and sits on 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 catholic church – the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!**

**The Children’s Message:**

**The Song of the Day:** *“Go Tell It on the Mountain”*

Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev’rywhere;

Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching O’er silent flocks by night,

Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.

Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev’rywhere;

Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds feared and trembled When lo, above the earth

Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior’s birth.

Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev’rywhere;

Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lonely manger The humble Christ was born;

And God sent us salvation That blessèd Christmas morn.

Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev’rywhere;

Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

**The Message:** “What Now? Or Life After Christmas”*Text: Gospel reading*

**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: “Now Sing We”

Now sing we, now rejoice, Now raise to heav’n our voice;

He from whom joy streameth Poor in a manger lies;

Not so brightly beameth The sun in yonder skies.

Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!

Come from on high to me; I cannot rise to Thee.

Cheer my wearied spirit, O pure and holy Child;

Through Thy grace and merit, Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,

Draw me unto Thee! Draw me unto Thee!

Now through His Son doth shine The Father’s grace divine.

Death was reigning o’er us Through sin and vanity

Till He opened for us A bright eternity.

May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!