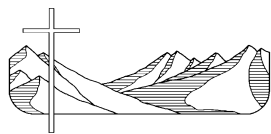


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Building a Community in Christ

The Second Sunday in Advent December 5, 2021

Greeting and Welcome

Welcome to Green Valley Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are pleased you could join us. Due to the current health crisis, we ask that enter through the lobby doors and that you exit through the fellowship hall. The nursery is open for a "cry room" for mother and child. Second floor is in use for Sunday School—we ask that only parents drop off and pick up their children at their classes. Please use the paper cups at the water fountains.

Today's Worship Service—The Lord will suddenly appear in God's Temple for deliverance of the humble and destruction of the haughty. God will carry out his good work in us, sustaining a growing faith until we enter heaven. The ministry of John the Baptist got the ball rolling—all mankind would see God's salvation! Prepare to meet Jesus with faithful hearts.

Thanks today to Donell Harlow on piano and Mr. Navarro for assisting with the liturgy..

The Service with the Lord's Supper

we prepare to worship our Lord

The Service of Light: The Bethlehem Candle

P Jesus is the Light of the world,

C the light no darkness can overcome.

P The light that gives light to all has entered the world.

C From his fullness of grace we receive one blessing after another.

The Song of Light Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel (23, v. 2)

Oh, 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 you, O Israel.

The Prayer

P Heavenly Father, as you made a first home in the humble cradle of Bethlehem for your Son, we ask that you prepare our hearts to receive our Lord, our Savior, Immanuel, with humble faith this Christmas season.

C Amen.

Opening Song Savior of the Nations Come (2)

Invocation

P To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

C In you I trust, O my God.

P Today we rejoice to worship our Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Forgiveness of Sins

P Dear Friends in Christ! 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.

P 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.

C Amen.

The Prayer for the Day

P Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

our Lord speaks to us

The Word from God's Prophet

Malachi 3.1-7 The Lord will Suddenly Appear for Judgment and Deliverance

The Word from God's Apostle

Philippians 1.3-11 God will Continue His Good Work within Us

The Word from God's Son

Luke 3.1-6 The Message of John the Baptist

Our Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

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

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose 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 worshipped and glorified,
who spoke through the prophets.
And we believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
we acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and we look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (16)

The Sermon A Job Well Done Philippians 1.3-11

Blessing (Congregation is asked to rise for the blessing at the end of the sermon.)

we respond to our Lord

Response



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

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 Hymn As Angels Joyed with One Accord (5.1, 2, 6)

Jesus offers us his body and blood for forgiveness
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The Lord's Supper

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P Praise to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

C Amen.

The Words of Institution

P 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."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Lamb of God



The Reception of the Lord's Supper

our Lord sends us into the world

P We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Song Behold a Branch is Growing (47)

This Week at Green Valley Evangelical Lutheran Church!

Today!

9 and 10:30 am- Worship, Worship with the Lord's Supper. "A Job Well Done" Lighting of the Trees.

10:30 am-Sunday School, "A Trap and A Release" (Daniel in the Lion's Den)

No Teen Bible Class. Teens are encouraged to attend worship and receive the Lord's Supper.

Worship service posted online

Monday!

6:30 am- 6 pm-Green Valley Lutheran School (M-F)

9:15 am-Chapel (M-F)

6:30 pm-Prayer Circle

7:30 pm-Worship with the Lord's Supper

Tuesday!

9 am-4 pm-Secretary (T-R)

9 am-Sewing Circle

10:15 am-Psalmbreak

"We Are GVELC" email blast

Wednesday!

1:15 pm-GVLS Staff Meeting

7 pm-Advent Worship Service, "Time Is Short." The Kindergarten shares their Christmas pageant.

Thursday!

2:45 pm-Catechism

"This Lord's Day" email blast

Saturday!

8:30 am-Catechism

Next Sunday!

9 and 10:30 am- Worship with the Lord's Supper, "The Lord is Near"

10:30 am-Sunday School, "A Nativity Night (The Birth of Jesus)"

10:30 am-Teen Bible Class, "Isaiah: The Highway"

Worship service posted online

Church Council Positions Opening!

As we prepare for 2022, we are looking for candidates to fill Church Council positions. The Church Council governs the affairs, both spiritual (together with the Pastor) and earthly, of the congregation. In keeping with biblical principles and our practice candidates must be adult male members of the congregation.

President: head the Council, serve as ad hoc member of all committees and work with the pastor in all areas of the congregation (2 year term).

Elder (1): assist the pastor in overseeing the worship, Bible instruction, evangelism and spiritual care of the congregation (3 year term).

Finance Chair: Direct and give advice on the basis of the finances of the congregation through a staff of counters, recorders, treasurer and tax compliance officer (3 year term).

If you would like to serve in one of these positions, let our Church President, Bill Lenz or the church office know. Elections will be in January and terms will start in February.

Special Worship Services in December!

Second Sunday in Advent, Sunday, December 5, 9 and 10:30 am (and Monday, December 7, 7:30 pm) with the Lord's Supper.

"Again I Say Rejoice: A Job Well Done." Lighting of the Christmas Trees

Advent Worship, Wednesday, December 8, 7 pm. "It's All in the Timing: Time is Short" Kindergarten sings

Third Sunday in Advent, Sunday, December 12, 9 and 10:30 am (and Monday, December 13, 7:30 pm) with the Lord's Supper.

"Again I Say Rejoice: The Lord is Near."

Advent Worship, Wednesday, December 15, 7 pm. "It's All in the Timing: Time's Up!" 2nd Grade sings

Fourth Sunday in Advent, Sunday, December 19, 9 and 10:30 am (and Monday, December 20, 7:30 pm). "A Savior from Bethlehem." Carol Service

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24, 7 and 11 pm Candlelight Worship. "Don't Stop Singing." Kurt Sedlmeir featured soloist


Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25, 10 am. "Catch On to Christmas." Song Service

All in the Timing

12/1 All the Time in the World
12/8 Time is Short!
12/15 Time's Up!

Green Valley Lutheran
School Grades K-2 will
sing and share their holi-
day presentations

a sermon series for the
Wednesdays in Advent



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament: *Malachi 3:1-7*

"See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty.

But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years."

"So I will come near to you for judgment. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive aliens of justice, but do not fear me," says the LORD Almighty.

"I the LORD do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. Ever since the time of your forefathers you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD Almighty.

Epistle: *Philippians 1:3-11*

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Gospel: *Luke 3:1-6*

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert. He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

"A voice of one calling in the desert,
'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.
The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.
And all mankind will see God's salvation.'"