

Dennison & Vang Lutheran Parish

1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 27, 2022



GATHERING

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness – pg. 94

Gathering Song – 239 - “Hark the Glad Sound”

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

Stir up your power, Christ Jesus. Enlist us to walk in your ways. Enliven us to hope and to dream. May our hopes for the future inspire our actions in the present. May the flame of your Spirit glow strong in our hearts. In your name we pray. Amen.

WORD

Advent Song – 262 – “Wait for the Lord”

Wait for the Lord,

whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord,

be strong, take heart

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

To be alive is to desire, to hope, and to dream. Open us today to hear the prophet's hopes and dreams. As we light the first candle of the Advent wreath, inspire us to act in ways that reflect God's dream for the world.

(The first candle is lit)

The days are surely coming when we will beat our swords into plowshares, and learn war no more. Help us to usher in that day as we share, love and care. As we play and laugh and know that we all God's children.

Advent Song – 262 – “Wait for the Lord”

*Wait for the Lord,
whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord,
be strong, take heart*

WORD

First Reading: Daniel 7: 9-18

“As I was watching all this,
Thrones were set in place
and The Old One sat down.
His robes were white as snow,
his hair was white like wool.
His throne was flaming with fire,
its wheels blazing.
A river of fire
poured out of the throne.
Thousands upon thousands served him,
tens of thousands attended him.
The courtroom was called to order,
I kept watching. Then, as I watched, the monster was killed and its body cremated in a roaring fire. The other animals lived on for a limited time, but they didn't really do anything, had no

power to rule. My dream continued.

“I saw a human form, a son of man,
arriving in a whirl of clouds.

He came to The Old One
and was presented to him.

He was given power to rule—all the glory of royalty.

Everyone—race, color, and creed—had to serve him.

His rule would be forever, never ending.

His kingly rule would never be replaced.

“But as for me, Daniel, I was disturbed. All these dream-visions had me agitated. So I went up to one of those standing by and asked him the meaning of all this. And he told me, interpreting the dream for me:

“‘These four huge animals,’ he said, ‘mean that four kingdoms will appear on earth. But eventually the holy people of the High God will be given the kingdom and have it ever after—yes, forever and ever.’

Second Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5

There’s a day coming

when the mountain of God’s House

Will be The Mountain—

solid, towering over all mountains.

All nations will river toward it,

people from all over set out for it.

They’ll say, “Come,

let’s climb God’s Mountain,

go to the House of the God of Jacob.

He’ll show us the way he works

so we can live the way we’re made.”

Zion’s the source of the revelation.

God’s Message comes from Jerusalem.

He’ll settle things fairly between nations.

He’ll make things right between many peoples.

They’ll turn their swords into shovels, their spears into hoes.

No more will nation fight nation;

they won't play war anymore.
Come, family of Jacob,
let's live in the light of God.

Gospel Acclamation – 253 – “He Came Down”

*He came down that we may have hope;
He came down that we may have hope;
He came down that we may have hope;
Hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke...

Glory to you, O Lord

Holy Gospel: Luke 1: 67-79

Then John's father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up a mighty savior for us

in the house of his child David,

as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors

and has remembered his holy covenant,

the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,

to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,

might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness

in his presence all our days.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

to give his people knowledge of salvation

by the forgiveness of their sins.

Because of the tender mercy of our God,

the dawn from on high will break upon us,

to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

Children's Message

Sermon

Song of the Day – 257 – “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (vs. 1, 2 & 7)

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

Offering Prayer

Offertory – “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free spirit.*

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Song – 267 – “Joy to the World”

Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Special Prayers for: Liala Hedstrom, Bob Mitchell, Nick Iverson, Lowell Anderson, Tim Larson, Don Paddock, John Machacek II, Bruce Jenson, Laurie Underdahl, Doris Ellingboe and all of our homebound people, service members and their families, and for all those in need of healing and strength.

Christmas Family

Again this year we will have a family to help during the holidays.

Let's all help to make it great for them.

We are in need of **money** donations to help purchase gift cards and material for tie blankets the 9th grade confirmation students will be making for them.

Please send/give your donations to Kari Flom.

Thanks, Vang WELCA

Community Night – Nov. 30 @ First Lutheran

All are invited to the next community and faith formation night. For the community night on November 30, we will be teaming up with local ELCA churches. The community night November 30 will be at First Lutheran in Kenyon.

6:00 PM – Worship at First Lutheran

6:30 PM – Community Faith Formation time at First Lutheran

- Adult Ed - Advent, Waiting, and Giving Birth to God
- Confirmation – Holden, Dale, First, and Vang confirmation groups will join together for a learning time about homelessness

Activities for grades K-6

Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 4 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Dennison - 9:00

Vang - 11:00

Sunday, December 11 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Dennison – 9:00

Vang – 11:00

Sunday, December 18

Dennison – 9:00 AM – (Songs of my Life)

Vang - 11:00 (Christmas Pageant and Worship)

Wednesday, December 21 - Advent Evening Prayer

Dennison – 6:30 PM

Evening Prayer will be followed by a congregational Christmas party with a bonfire, hot chocolate, and a Christmas service opportunity

Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

Dennison – 5:00 PM

Vang – 8:00 PM

Sunday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

Dennison – 9:00 AM (Combined service with Christmas Carols)