

Dennison & Vang Lutheran Parish

2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 4, 2022



GATHERING

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness – pg. 94

Gathering Song – 257 - “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (vs. 6, 7, and 8)

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

Let us pray...

Stir up your power, Christ Jesus. Like your servant Mary, give us courage to say, “Here I am, Lord, your servant.” May we dare to surrender ourselves to you. Align our hearts with yours, that we may cooperate with God’s creative power. 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

In this season of Advent, a time of awaiting and pondering the coming of God in Christ, let us light a candle for Mary. Your humble servant, she trusted that nothing is impossible with God. Many generations call her blessed.

(Two candles are lit)

Enliven us today with hope. A holy hope that the seemingly impossible is possible. A holy hope that this

present moment is pregnant with possibilities we can't see or even imagine, possibilities that come alive through you. May our souls magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

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First Reading: Isaiah 9: 2-7

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel (which means God-with-us.)

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light.

For those who lived in a land of deep shadows—
light! sunbursts of light!

You repopulated the nation,
you expanded its joy.

Oh, they're so glad in your presence!
Festival joy!

The joy of a great celebration,
sharing rich gifts and warm greetings.

The abuse of oppressors and cruelty of tyrants—
as surprising and sudden as Gideon's old victory over Midian.

The boots of all those invading troops,
along with their shirts soaked with innocent blood,
Will be piled in a heap and burned,
a fire that will burn for days!

For a child has been born—for us!
the gift of a son—for us!

He'll take over
the running of the world.

His names will be: Amazing Counselor,
Strong God,
Eternal Father,
Prince of Wholeness.

His ruling authority will grow,
and there'll be no limits to the wholeness he brings.

Second Reading: Romans 12: 1-2

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

Gospel Acclamation – 253 – “He Came Down”

He came down that we may have life;

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Hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke...

Glory to you, O Lord

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:26-55

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said,

“Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.”

But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?”

The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will be with you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.”

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

Then the angel departed from her.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

**"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.
Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name;
indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the aid of his child Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."**

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Song of the Day – Annunciation and Magnificat, Holden Evening Prayer

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy...
Hear our prayer.

Children's Message

Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Offertory – Hymn #186 – “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.*

Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving – pg. 144

Eucharistic Prayer

“Holy, Holy, Holy” – pg. 144

Lord's Prayer – pg. 145

“Lamb of God” – pg. 146

Distribution of Communion

All are welcome at the Lord's table.

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Song – 290 – “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

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 Jensen, 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

Worship Schedule

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)

