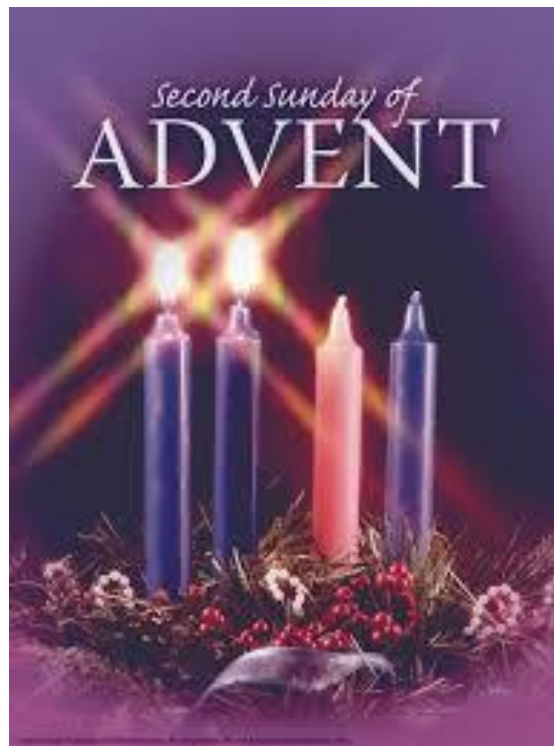


Dennison & Vang Lutheran Parish

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 7, 2025



GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
Who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.
Let us confront our sins,
And confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

God of new beginnings,
we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.
We have strayed from your paths.
We prepare for war instead of peace.
We dishonor one another and your creation.
Purify us with your refining fire
and set us again you're your way of love,
that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,
and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

People of God,
a new thing is growing in our midst,
a tender branch, a living sign.
By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.
You have put on Christ,
and your sins have been washed away.
Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **Amen.**

Gathering Song –242– “Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

Advent – Lighting the Advent Wreath

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near.
You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world.
You show up in our lives at unexpected times.
Bless us as we light these candle to keep vigil for your arrival.
We trust that even through we do not know the day or the hour,
you hurry to gather all people to your peace. **Amen.**

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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

Children's Message

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from Isaiah.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

Our feet are standing

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem—built as a city

that is bound firmly together.

To it the tribes go up,

the tribes of the Lord,

as was decreed for Israel,

to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

“May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls

and security within your towers.”

For the sake of my relatives and friends

I will say, “Peace be within you.”

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,

I will seek your good.

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

A reading from Romans.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation – 172 - “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah

Hallelujah! Hallelujah

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Song of the Day –254–“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

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

Offertory –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

Creator God,

In your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy p. 153

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

Lamb of God p. 154

Distribution of Communion

(All are welcome at the Lord's table. Gluten free bread and grape juice is available please let the Communion server know if that is your preference)

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Song –253– “He Came Down”

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God!

Special Prayers for: Liala Hedstrom, John Machacek II, Chrys Eggum, James Haugen, David Wood and all of our homebound people, service members and their families, and for all those in need of healing and strength.

Worship at Dennison & Vang

Sunday, December 14th

Vang – 9:00 am

Dennison– 10:30 am

Upcoming Events

Blood Drive

Vang/Dennison Church will be hosting a Red Cross Blood drive on **December 11th from 12:00 to 6:00 pm at the Vang Church**. Please consider donating your blood to a worthy cause. Saving lives is easy and free and so very important. You may go to the Red Cross on line and sign up yourself or call Steve at 651-332-3583 with your preferred time and he will sign you up. Thank you for giving the gift of life!

CARE TEAM Up-Coming Event

The Vang/Dennison Care Team and confirmation students will make Christmas cookies for the annual Holiday Fruit and Cookie Baskets for recipients in our congregation and community. The Team would like to have your helping hands for this special outreach event.

Please join us at Vang Lutheran Church on either date(s):

Friday, December 12 @ 10:00 am in the Vang Church kitchen to make the Christmas Cookies.

Sunday, December 14th @ approximately 10:00 am, following the church service at Vang to frost and decorate cookies for Christmas.

Saturday, December 20th at 10:30am to assemble the Holiday Fruit & Cookie Baskets for people on the Care Team list and deliver them. Also, drivers are needed to deliver them to the recipients.

Please email or text if you can help in any capacity with this Christmas Project.

Fern Vesledahl 507-649-1322 fvesledahl@outlook.com or Pam Koester 507-202-2698 koessterrp@gmail.com

Paul's words in Act 20:35 "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Looking forward to seeing and working with you! Thank you!

Questions: Contact Fern Vesledahl 507-649-1322 or Pam Koester 507-202-2698

Christmas Program

There will be a special Christmas program and celebration on Sunday, December 21st at the 9:00 am service at Vang.

Sunday, December 28th

There will be one service at 10:00 am at Dennison.

Vang	Greeter	Acolyte	Reader	Usher
Dec. 14	Steve & Pam T		Cheryl Brogger	Steve & Pam T
Dec. 21	Dena & Joe Eggum	Dena & Joe Eggum	Joe Eggum	Dena & Joe Eggum
Dec. 24	Olson Family		Steve Sviggum	Steve & Debbie