December 13, 2020

3rd Sunday in Advent
Welcome to Village Lutheran Church! We rejoice that you are with us today. If you are a visitor, please complete a “Visitor’s Card” found in the pew rack and then place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you are new to the area, are seeking a church home, or are currently without pastoral care, Pastor Golden would enjoy the chance to meet you and learn how Village can best serve you.

The Lord’s Supper  We welcome to the altar to receive the Lord’s Supper those who are members of congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) or church bodies in fellowship with the LCMS. This historic practice of the Church flows from Christ’s teaching in Holy Scripture that those who receive His body and blood should be able to examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:28), that they discern the body of Christ present in the Supper (1 Cor. 11:29), and that there are to be no divisions (doctrinal or otherwise) among those who receive His body and blood (1 Cor. 11:18). The Supper is given by Christ that we may live free from sin’s guilt. Should you struggle with guilt after receiving the Supper, Pastor is available for private confession and absolution. Those who do not receive the Supper may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their hearts to indicate such. Gluten-free host is available; speak with Pastor before the service to request such.

If mobility challenges prevent you from ascending the stairs to the altar, inform Pastor that he may bring the Supper to you. Ushers are available to offer a hand to those ascending the stairs. Should you have any questions, please see Pastor before the service.

In Our Prayers:  
Strength and healing  Alison (friend of Charlotte), Allan, Barbara (friend of Scott & Cheryl), Barbara, Betty, Bruce (father of Jonathan), Dan, David, Dick, Elizabeth, Fred, Jackson (grandson of Scott & Cheryl), Jan, Jim & Penny (friends of Bill & Debra), Jim, John (friend of Charlotte), John (friend of Sharon), Judy, Leslie, London (friend of Linn), Luke, Maggie (friend of Stephanie), Paul (nephew of Kathy), Peter, Preston (nephew of Judy), Scott (friend of Linn), Stephanie, Steve, Tammy (friend of Linn), Tom, Valerie (wife of Jack); Our homebound members; Those who rejoice; Those who mourn; For those in the military, especially Tom and Aaron; For those outside the faith that the Spirit would call them to faith, especially Ken, Michael and Sarah; Village Lutheran Preschool, its students, staff, and families; All Seminary students and Washington University students that the Spirit would instill and strengthen their faith in Christ; All missionaries, especially Phillip (Francophone Africa), David & Jennifer (LCMS-Dominican Republic), and Tirzah (Dominican Republic); For the community in which we live, specifically its residents, civic leaders, government officials, and educational institutions; Those who are unemployed or underemployed due to the pandemic.

Serving Us Today  
Celebrant: Pastor Kevin Golden, PhD
Sermon: Vicar Michael Stainbrook
Assistants: Seminarian Ian Thormodson (5 pm & 10:45 am)
Seminarian Jonathan Lackey (8:15 am)
Organist: Phillip Magness
Altar Guild: Merle Millar

Flowers are given in grateful thanksgiving to God for His abundant blessings and in honor of all of the saints who have gone before us.
Seasonal Insight: Rose paraments proclaim the joy that is given us by our coming Savior who forgives all our sin.

Saturday 5 pm service will continue as long as the restriction to 25% attendance remains in place. There will be a Saturday, 5 pm service on December 19, but not on December 26. Plans beyond those dates will be shared as soon as possible.

Advent Services: Join us Wednesday, noon and 7 pm as we prepare for the arrival of Christ, our Prophet, Priest, and King.

KFUO’s broadcast today has been sponsored in honor of Audrey Fink.

Voters Meeting: Regular voters meeting is today, December 13.

Thank you to all the people who “decked the halls” of Village Lutheran Saturday. Thirty-nine (42!) members, craving socialization, enjoyed chatting while trimming wreaths and trees, draping garlands, and assembling the outdoor creche. The work was done in two hours but many stayed longer, sitting around sharing stories of the past months. Thanks to: Jim & Leslie Barnett, Christine Boehlke & (Lydia, Sophia, Evelyn & Esther), Jerri Bryant, Marilyn Daughhtee, Scott & Cheryl Davis, Pat Gilbert, Michael Glaub, Pastor Golden & (Paul & Juliet), Sarah Gulseth, Kurt & Dawn Haldeman, Susan Hammond & Megan Niemeyer, Eric & Hannah Jackson, Mary Jones, Steve Lauer, Lynn Kapp, Betty Kusterer, Dave Millar, Keith Motz, Vicki Petit, Corey & Alyssa Rahn, Gary & Stephanie Schulte, Tiffany & Kate Silverberg, Vicar Stainbrook, Debra Trowbridge, Bill Waltke, Ross Wardenburg, and Jeff & Linda Wittmaier.

KFUO: Village's Sunday 10:45 service will be broadcast on KFUO December through February. You can sponsor a service in honor of a loved one or anonymously for $150. Contact the church office to reserve your date.

Katie Luther League: TODAY is the day! Consider helping with the special project. Many hands will make for lighter work. Questions? See Karen Bogad or Marilyn Daughhtee. What a fun way to serve the Lord with gladness!

Untrimming the Church: Trees, wreaths, the outdoor creche and other holiday adornments will come down on Saturday, January 9 beginning at 9 a.m. Sadly, what goes up must come down. Happily, with a good crew, the work goes very quickly, about an hour.

Seminary Food Bank: As always, “all seminarians are very thankful for the support we receive through the Food Bank,” as Chad Bolosan, a fourth-year Master of Divinity student from Schaumburg, Ill., who is married with three children says. Village’s generosity is appreciated. HIGH NEED ITEMS: cereal, canned chicken, canned tuna, paper towels, toilet paper and diapers (all sizes).

This week on KFUO AM850 & kfuo.org, tune in to midweek Advent service on 12/16 at 12:00 p.m. from Village Lutheran Ladue, study “Advent with the Prophets” on Sharper Iron with Pastor Timothy Appel (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), and hear Holiday Wrappings with Ron Klemm sharing classical music of the season (weekdays at 10:30 a.m.).

1 Thessalonians 5:18 – “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” Christians express their thanks to God in many ways: in prayer, in giving to the Lord’s work, in acts of service to others, and in faithful living in their daily callings. Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord’s many gifts to us.
Sunday, December 13:
8:15 AM Divine Service
9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class
10:45 AM Divine Service
2:00 PM Voters’ Meeting
2:00PM Children’s Christmas Program Practice

Tuesday, December 15:
7:00 PM Quarterlife

Wednesday, December 15:
12:00 PM Noon Advent Service
4:00 PM Children’s Choir
7:00 PM Children’s Christmas Program
7:45 PM Adult Choir

Friday, December 18:
6:30 AM Men’s Bible Study

Saturday, December 19:
5:00 PM Divine Service

Sunday, December 20:
8:15 AM Divine Service
9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class
10:45 AM Divine Service

Listening to Village---You can listen to Village’s 8:15 service with these easy steps:
1) Call 1-800-457-9860
2) When prompted, enter passcode, 8109865#

Or, listen on online by clicking on Livestream during worship services on villagelutheranchurch.org