

# Our Savior's & Spring Valley

Partner Congregations in Lutheran Worship

December 19, 2021 · 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

## Welcome/Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

**God our Savior, nothing is impossible for you. Prepare our hearts to rejoice in your glorious advent. Amen.**

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness...pg. 56

Special Program...Sunday School Program

Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High"...LBW 71

Hymn "Silent night, holy night!"...LBW 65

Apostolic Greeting...pg. 57

Prayer of the Day:

**Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the hindrance of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

Psalmody...Luke 1:46b-55

And Mary said:

"My soul glorifies the Lord

<sup>47</sup> **and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,**

<sup>48</sup> for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed,

<sup>49</sup> **for the Mighty One has done great things for me - holy is his name.**

<sup>50</sup> His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup> **He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.**

<sup>52</sup> He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

<sup>53</sup> **He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.**

<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful

<sup>55</sup> **to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors."**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Gospel... Luke 1:39-45

Hymn "It came upon the midnight clear" ... LBW 54 vv1-4

Sermon ... Pastor Max Whitehead

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Hymn "Create in Me a Clean Heart" ... pg. 96

Offertory Prayer

Merciful Father, **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving ... pg. 68

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Communion

Lamb of God ... pg. 92

Hymn "Away in a manger, no crib for his bed" ... LBW 67

Post-Communion Prayer

**We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Benediction ... pg. 74

Hymn "What child is this, who, laid to rest" ... LBW 40

# Spring Valley Calendar

**Dec 24 7:00PM** Christmas Eve service complete with Scripture, singing, and candlelight (SVLC)

**Dec 25 10:30AM** Christmas Day Service (OSLC)

**Dec 26** - No Regular Service

**Jan 1 Service Time Switch -**

Service times will be switching! Spring Valley Service will be at 10:30

**Jan 4 - 6** LCMC's Three Days of Prayer is an opportunity for us to follow the Lord's example and to come together as one across the association with a shared purpose: to pray. Prayer was a holy habit practiced by Jesus Himself (see Mark 1:35; Luke 11:1). The disciples who walked alongside Him witnessed a connection between His public life and ministry, and this habit of prayer. It was a connection so significant, that they asked Jesus to teach them to pray (Luke 11:1). For more details please visit <https://www.lcmc.net/three-days-of-prayer>

**Jan 9 - 6:00PM** Swan Lake Christian Camp is hosting Piano Night at the Lake. Pianists will be Russell Adrian (a SLCC alum), formerly of Mt. Lake, MN and now choral director at Hesston College, KS along with his colleague Ken Rodgers. Duets and individual pieces provided. Mary Anderson will be providing music as well as a great meal. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 605-326-5690 or emailing at [campoffice@myslcc.com](mailto:campoffice@myslcc.com). A free will offering will be taken for the evening.

**Can you Help?**

Our website is now live but we need information! If you can help out with content please let Pr. Max know what you are willing to provide. Some specific needs:

1. Photos - interior, exterior landscape and portrait mode
2. About Us
  - » Our History (description & photos)
  - » Church Leaders (photo(s) & list of names)
3. Get Involved
  - » Service Helpers: ushers, readers, communion helpers, altar guild;
  - » Cleaning groups
  - » Sunday School teachers
  - » technology
  - » property management and
  - » any other volunteer opportunities not mentioned.

Please visit <https://oslcvib.org> to see more and to get an idea of needs. We can't do this without you!

### Please Keep In Prayers

- ✠ The Family and Friends of Gary Kropuenske
- ✠ Marilyn Christensen
- ✠ Family and Friends of Rhea Erickson



# Spring Valley Announcements

**Looking Ahead**

**Next Week 12/24**

Reader: .....Youth Group  
 Acolyte: ..... Reagan Rudd  
 Live-Stream Operators ..... Acolytes  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Annet Kropuenske

**Readings for 12/24 (SVLC)**

Isaiah 62:10-12, Psalm 98, Titus 3:4-7, Luke 2:1-20

**Readings for 12/25 (OSLC)**

Isaiah 62:10-13, Psalm 99, Titus 3:4-8, Luke 2: 1-21

**Jan 2nd Helpers (service at 10:30AM)**

Reader ..... Karen Larsen  
 Communion Helpers ..... Ryder Christensen  
 Live-Stream Operator ..... Acolytes  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Annet Kropuenske

**Readings for Jan 2**

Isaiah 61:10-62:3, Psalm 147:13-21, Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18, John 1:1-18

**Membership** - If you're interested in becoming a new member, please talk to Pastor Max about what it takes to become a member and discuss dates.

**Helping Hands For Haiti** - A local organization run by Dave Hansen is looking to help feed kids in the new schools that have been built. Check out the flyer on the back table.

**Events in the Area:** If you would like the congregation to know of an event, please talk to Pastor Max to get it in the announcements

**Worship Helpers**

Reader: .....Brett Mellem  
 Acolyte: ..... Brooklyn & Emily Ludens  
 Communion Helper .....Parker Christensen  
 Live-Stream Operators ..... Acolytes  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Annet Kropuenske

## The 4th Sunday of Advent The Candle of Love

The fourth candle reminds us of the "LOVE" God has for humanity.

*"7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him." - 1John 4:7-9*

