

1st Reading Isaiah 62:10-12

¹⁰ Pass through, pass through the gates!
Prepare the way for the people.
Build up, build up the highway!
Remove the stones.
Raise a banner for the nations.

¹¹ The Lord has made proclamation
to the ends of the earth:
“Say to Daughter Zion,
‘See, your Savior comes!
See, his reward is with him,
and his recompense accompanies him.’”

¹² They will be called the Holy People,
the Redeemed of the Lord;
and you will be called Sought After,
the City No Longer Deserted.

2nd Reading Titus 3:4-7

⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Gospel Luke 2:1-20
The Birth of Jesus

² In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while[a] Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house

and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.



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Hymn “It Came Upon A Midnight Clear” .. LBW 54w1-3

Welcome/Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

The light shines in the darkness
and the darkness has not overcome it.

The Word became flesh and lived among us.
and we have beheld Christ's glory.

To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.
In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.

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

Hymn “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” .. LBW 34w1-2

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus’ presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn “I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve” .. LBW 69w1-3

First Reading .. Isaiah 62:10-12

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Hymn “O Little Town of Bethlehem” .. LBW 41w1-3

Psalm 98

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

² **The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

³ He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

⁴ **Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;**

⁵ make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,

⁶ **with trumpets and the blast of the ram’s horn - shout for joy before the Lord, the King.**

⁷ Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

⁸ **Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;**

⁹ let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

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.

Special Music “Lo, How a Rose Ere Blooming” .. Whitehead Quartet

Second Reading .. Titus 3:4-7

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn ““Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” .. LBW 44

Gospel .. Luke 2:1-20

The Gospel of our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn “Away In A Manger” .. LBW 67w1-3

Sermon .. Pastor Max Whitehead

Special Music ““My Little Country Church at Christmas Time” .. Troy & Ellie

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offering Hymn “Create in Me a Clean Heart” .. pg 75

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 Lord’s Prayer

Lighting the Candles.. Special Music

Benediction .. pg. 761

Hymn “Silent Night, Holy Night” .. LBW 37w1-3

Schedule & Announcements

Christmas Eve Worship Helpers

Readers Youth Group
 Acolyte Reagan Rudd
 Live-Stream Operators Acolyte
 Organist/Pianist Annet Kropuenske

Looking Ahead

Readings for Christmas Day

Isaiah 62:6-12, Psalm 99, Titus 3:4-8, Luke 2: 1-21

Worship Helpers

Christmas Day Worship Helpers (OSLC)

Reader..... Evan Stevens
 Acolyte: Beebs & Westin
 Communion Helpers..... Beebs & Westin
 Live-Stream Operators Maxx & Godwin
 Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

Worship Helpers January 2, 2022 (SVLC)

Reader..... Karen Larsen
 Acolyte: No Acolytes
 Communion Helpers..... Ryder Christensen
 Live-Stream Operators Volunteer
 Organist/Pianist Annet Kropuenske

Worship Helpers January 2, 2022 (OSLC)

Reader..... Lisa McIlvenna
 Acolyte: Beebs & Westin
 Communion Helpers..... Beebs & Westin
 Live-Stream Operators Maxx & Godwin
 Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

Readings for January 2, 2022

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

Our Website is now live & we need your help! If you can help - we need information and content! Specific needs which are desperately needed:

- ✝ Church History & photos
- ✝ Church Leader list & photos
- ✝ Information for ministry needs/opportunities

Visit <https://svlcivib.org>

Important Dates

Dec 25 10:30AM Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion (OSLC)

Dec 29 - No Confirmation or VCIS

Jan 1 Service Time Switch -

Service times will be switching!

Our Saviors Service will be at 9:00AM with Sunday School at 10:15 AM

Spring Valley Service will be at 10:30 with Sunday school at 9:15AM

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.

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. A free will offering will be taken for the evening.

Jan 12 3:45PM - 1st-6th Grade Wednesday With God (title pending). We are rolling out Wednesday activities for our elementary age kids! We will spend time together learning more about the Bible, singing songs, playing games, and eating snacks too! Children from both congregations are encouraged to come!

Jan 16 after church - SVLC Annual Meeting

Jan 23 After Church - OSLC Annual Meeting (TIME SWITCH so Our Savior's can have their annual meeting)

The Christ Candle

On Christmas Day, the white candle is lit. This candle is called the "Christ Candle" and represents the life of Christ that has come into the world. The color white represents purity. Christ is the sinless, spotless, pure Savior. Those who receive Christ as Savior are washed of their sins and made whiter than snow:

"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." (Isaiah 1:18, NIV)



BLESSINGS TO YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES



May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child.

Please Keep In Prayers

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

