

1st Reading Isaiah 62:6-12

⁶ I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest, ⁷ and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth. ⁸The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: "Never again will I give your grain as food for your enemies, and never again will foreigners drink the new wine for which you have toiled; ⁹but those who harvest it will eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather the grapes will drink it in the courts of my sanctuary."

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 3:4-8

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. ⁸This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

Gospel Luke 2:1-21

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.

²¹ On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.



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Hymn “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” LBW 60

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.

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Special Music Kayla, Teddy, Jenae, and Ambre

Apostolic Greeting pg. 57

Kyrie pg. 57

Hymn of Praise “This Is the Feast” pg. 60

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, you have made yourself known in your Son, Jesus, redeemer of the world. We pray that his birth as a human child will set us free from the old slavery of our sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading Isaiah 62:6-12

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalms 99

¹The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

²**Great is the Lord in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.**

³Let them praise your great and awesome name- he is holy.

⁴**The King is mighty, he loves justice- you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right.**

⁵Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.

⁶**Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who called on his name; they called on the Lord and he answered them.**

⁷He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud; they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.

⁸**Lord our God, you answered them; you were to Israel a forgiving God, though you punished their misdeeds.**

⁹Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy.

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.

Second Reading Titus 3:4-8

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Luke 2: 1-21

Special Music Choir

Sermon Pastor Max Whitehead

Hymn “O Come, All Ye Faithful” LBW 45

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering with Special Music “A Birthday of a King”Vernon

Offering Hymn “Create in Me a Clean Heart” LBW 186

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.**

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Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Distribution of Communion

Lamb of God..... pg. 92

Communion Hymns:

Hymn “Angels We Have Heard on High”LBW 71

Hymn “The First Noel”LBW 56

Hymn “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”LBW 55

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.

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Hymn “Joy to the World” LBW 39

Schedule & Announcements

Christmas Day Worship Helpers

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

Looking Ahead

Worship Helpers January 2, 2022 (SVLC)

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

Worship Helpers January 2, 2022 (OSLC)

Reader.....Lisa McIlvanna
 Acolyte: Beebs & Westin
 Communion Helpers..... Beebs & Westin
 Live-Stream Operators Maxx & Godwin
 Organist/PianistMelanie 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
- ✚ Photos from around the church
- ✚ Information for ministry needs/opportunities

Visit <https://oslcvb.org>

Important Dates

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 5, 2022 - Confirmation & VCIS resumes normal schedule

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

