

OSLC WORSHIP HELPERS: DEC 11

Reader.....Laura Stevens
Acolyte Godwin
Live Stream..... Maxx
Organist/PianistMelanie Parsons

LOOKING AHEAD: DEC 18 @ 9:00AM

Reader.....Lisa McIlvenna
Acolyte/Communion HelperJazmyne
Live Stream..... Maxx
Organist/PianistMelanie Parsons

DECEMBER COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH

- ❄ Mike and Laura Stevens
- ❄ Mike and Lisa McIlvenna
- ❄ Josh and Jenae Duus
- ❄ Evan Stevens

Please sign up for 2023 Committee of the Month on the sign-up sheet which is located on the bulletin board. Thank you in advance!

SVLC WORSHIP HELPERS: DEC 11

Reader Janet Munkvold
Acolytes..... Carston & Lincoln Mellem
Live Stream.....Janet Munkvold
Organist/Pianist Annet Kropuenske

LOOKING AHEAD: DEC 18 @ 10:30AM

Reader Charlene Overgard
Acolytes..... Kaleb Huber & Emily Ludens
Communion HelperParker Christensen
Live Stream.....Janet Munkvold
Organist/Pianist Annet Kropuenske

DECEMBER USHERS

- ❄ Wayne & Wanda Kost
- ❄ Wayne & Linda Larsen
- ❄ Scott & Ashley Larsen

CHURCH CLEANERS: DECEMBER 4 - 17

Sandra Swensen, Gail Anderson, Dawn Kludt, Audrey Kost

December 11th Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:5-10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

WEDNESDAYS OF ADVENT

Spread the Cheer of
Christmas



LIMITED TIME ONLY! Spread Christmas Cheer through the VCIS Youth this year! Donate \$30 and we will go caroling to the house of your choice complete with a plate of goodies for them! **We will go caroling on Wednesday evenings only.** Please contact Pastor Max to schedule your caroling visit.

Annual Meeting (SVLC) January 15 @ 11:30AM

(NOTE THE TIME SWITCH) According to the by-laws, to be an active, voting member, one must have communed with the congregation and given a contribution of note (check or other statement) within the last year. If one does not fit this criteria, one is not considered a voting member.

Annual Meeting (OSLC) January 22 @ 11:30AM

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The Food Pantry is in need of perishable, non-perishable, and personal hygiene items this holiday season. Please prayerfully consider sharing your blessings to help other families in need if you can. We also have a freezer for cold storage items.

Thank you so much in advance for any support you can give. May the joy, peace and countless blessings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ continue to be always with you.

'Tis The Season of Christmas Events

Christmas with the Symphony Today at 2:30PM

Washington Pavilion, Sioux Falls, SD
Listen and sing along with Orchestra and South Dakota Symphonic Chorus.

SVLC Sunday School Christmas Program December 18 at 10:30AM

Spring Valley Lutheran Church

OSLC Sunday School Christmas Program December 18 @ 6:30PM

Our Saviors Lutheran Church

Please see the newsletter or visit www.oslcvi.org or www.svlcvib.org to sign up for the newsletter (or view it) and to view the calendar online.

Weekly Announcements

Welcome Visitors

We're so glad you're here!

If you're interested in becoming a new member, please talk to Pastor Max by calling 507.227.4787 (or scan the QR Code below) to discuss what it takes to become a member and to discuss dates.

Thank you for considering membership with us!



kids KORRAL



Date: December 17th

Where: Parish Hall

Time: 7:00PM - 11:00PM



Give yourselves a date night and let us watch your kids! Free Will donation is encouraged to help us get to North Carolina next June.

Kayla Mehlhaf's Annual Christmas Concert

Today - 7PM @ OSLC of Viborg
December 14 - 7PM @ Irene Cavalry Church

Enjoy an evening of music from Kayla Mehlhaf! All donations go to Toys for Tots and the Angel Tree.

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

Benediction pg 74

Hymn “Joy to the World” LBW #39



Please Lift in Prayer

- † Family & Friends of Jean Olsen (Linda Holmberg’s mother)
- † Bob Christensen
- † Family & friends of Pastor Charles Lindgren, former Pastor of Our Savior’s
- † David White Sr.
- † Marin Bultena (Melanie P’s grand-niece)
- † Jordan Mogck (Lisa M’s niece)
- † Karen & Don Engleke
- † Family & Friends of Pastor Val Rush
- † Pastor Carol Marohl
- † Family & Friends of Sue Rothschadl (Sam Bjerke’s grandmother)
- † Family & Friends of Don Lenef
- † Family & Friends of Ray Jensen
- † Family & Friends of Philip Johnson (Mark Johnson’s father)



Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Service (SVLC) December 24, 2022 @ 7:00PM

Christmas Day Service with Communion (OSLC) December 25, 2022 @ 10:30AM



Our Savior’s & Spring Valley
Partner Congregations in Lutheran Worship
December 11, 2022 • 3rd Sunday of Advent

Welcome/Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candles
Lord Jesus, you continue to do great things for us. Give us your gift of peace as we await your coming. Amen.

Special Music (OSLC Choir & Sunday School Singers

Brief Order for Confession and Forgivenesspg 56

Hymn “O Little Town of Bethlehem” LBW #41

Apostolic Greeting pg 57

Kyrie pg 57

Hymn of Praise “Glory to God” pg 58

Prayer of the Day
Almighty God, you once called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Grant us, your people, the wisdom to see your purpose today and the openness to hear your will, that we may witness to Christ’s coming and so prepare his way; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,now and forever. Amen.

Hymn “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” LBW #50

First Reading Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the
desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;
² it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

³ Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart,
“Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you.”

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸ And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.
It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.
⁹ No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
¹⁰ And the ransomed of the Lord shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Psalm 146:5-10

⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord his God,
⁶ **who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;**
⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets the prisoners free;
⁸ **the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.**

Second Reading James 5:7-10

⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged;

GospelMatthew 11:2-11

² Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ⁴ And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft

Sermon Pastor Max Whitehead

Hymn “The First Noel” LBW #56 vv 1-4

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

⁹ The Lord watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ **The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations.
Praise the Lord!**

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.

behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

clothing are in kings’ houses. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is he of whom it is written,

“‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

The Gospel of our Lord
Praise to you, O Christ