

OSLC WORSHIP HELPERS: DEC 18

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

LOOKING AHEAD: DEC 25 @ 10:30AM

Reader.....Kirsten Ahlschlager
Acolyte/Communion HelperPiper
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!

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

LOOKING AHEAD: DEC 24 @ 7:00PM

Reader VCIS Youth
Acolytes.....???
Live Stream.....Janet Munkvold
Organist/PianistAnnet Kropuenske

DECEMBER USHERS

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

CHURCH CLEANERS: DECEMBER 18 - 31

Linda Larsen, Haylee Sherard, Tammy Sorensen

Weekly Announcements



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.

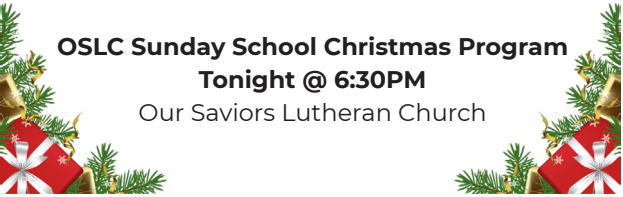
Thank you so much in advance for any support you can give. May the joy, peace and countless blessings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ continue to be always with you.



Sunday School Christmas Program

SVLC Sunday School Christmas Program
Today at 10:30AM

Spring Valley Lutheran Church
They'll also be serving soup, bread, and desserts after church. Come hungry!!



OSLC Sunday School Christmas Program
Tonight @ 6:30PM

Our Saviors Lutheran Church

December 24/25th Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Service (SVLC) December 24, 2022 @ 7:00PM
Christmas Day Service with Communion (OSLC)..... December 25, 2022 @ 10:30AM



Time For A Change!
Beginning January 1, 2023

SVLC Worship Service 9:00
SVLC Sunday School 10:15
OSLC Sunday School 9:15AM
OSLC Worship Service 10:30AM

REMINDER: THE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 26.
PLEASE SEND IN YOUR INFORMATION! THANK YOU!

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!



Jan 15 OSLC Service will be at 9:00AM,
SVLC service will be at 10:30AM.

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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What Child Is This? A Children's Christmas Service for All Ages

William C. Dix wrote "What Child Is This" about 150 years ago, one of his several Christmas poems. These three stanzas include many important persons in the nativity account: Mary, angels, shepherds, Wise Men, and even you and me. But the main focus is on the most mysterious person of all: the Child sleeping on Mary's lap.

As Mary, the shepherds, and the Wise Men all learn of this promised Child, they are confronted with an essential question: "What Child is this?" As we approach Christmas, we must consider the same question: "Who is this Jesus? Why do we celebrate His birth?" Enjoy listening to the children today as they point to the Bible for the answer. As the hymn text proclaims, "This, this is Christ the king, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing." Let us all haste to bring Him laud, "the babe, the Son of Mary!"

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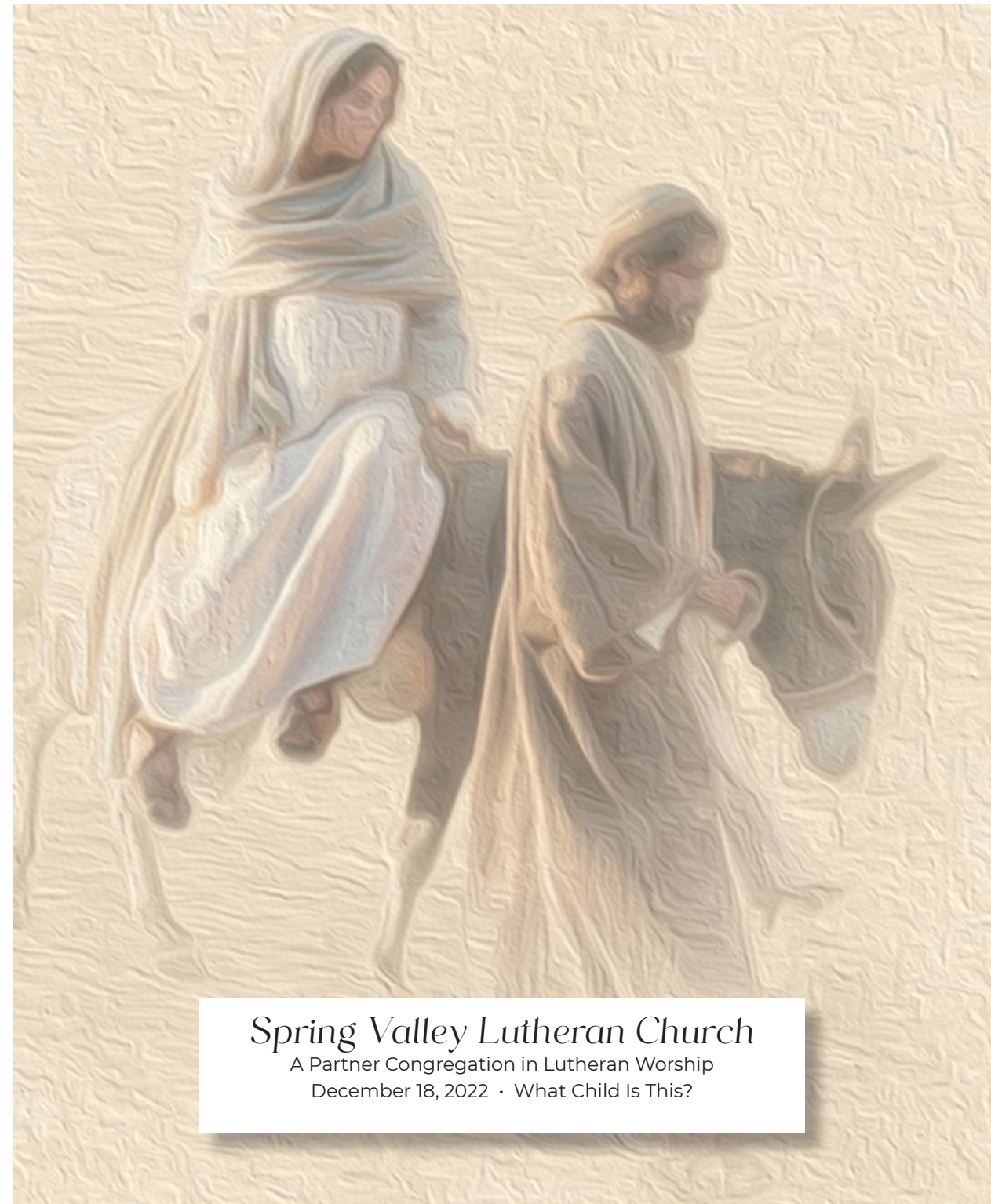
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Spring Valley Lutheran Church

A Partner Congregation in Lutheran Worship

December 18, 2022 • What Child Is This?

Welcome & Announcements

The Processional Hymn: O Come, All Ye FaithfulLBW 45 V 1-3

Congregation:
**O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him
Born the king of angels** (Refrain)

Children:
Highest, most holy,
Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! *(Refrain)*

Refrain *(sung by all)*:
**O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!**

Congregation:
**Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest** *(Refrain)*

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Responsive Reading
What Child is this? A babe is born.
An infant in a stall forlorn.
Who can this Son of promise be?
We marvel at the mystery.

Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High LBW 71
Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav’nly song? *(Refrain)*

Refrain:
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *(Refrain)*

The Christmas Meditation

Offering

The Message Presented by the Children

A Bible Reading Luke 1:26–33

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,
²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!”

²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive

Responsive Reading
What Child is this? A babe is born.
An infant in a stall forlorn.
Who can this Son of promise be?
We marvel at the mystery.
What Child is this? He came as King.
The nations shout; His praises ring.

Prayer
All: Father in heaven, You sent Your Son—a special Child. As our King, may He rule in our heart. As our Redeemer, may the Word made flesh ever guide us. As our loving Savior, may He bring us to You on the Last Day. What Child is this? He is Your Son. In His name we pray. Amen.

Benediction

Recessional Hymn: Joy to the World LBW 39

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room
And heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.



Please Lift in Prayer

- ✝ Kaye Lee
- ✝ Bob Christensen
- ✝ Marin Bultena (Melanie P’s grand-niece)
- ✝ Jordan Mogck (Lisa M’s niece)
- ✝ Pastor Carol Marohl
- ✝ Family & Friends of Philip Johnson (Mark Johnson’s father)
- ✝ Family & Friends of David White Sr.
- ✝ Family & Friends of Jean Olsen (Linda Holmberg’s mother)
- ✝ Family & Friends of Don Lenef
- ✝ Family & Friends of Ray Jensen
- ✝ Family & Friends of Betty Jensen



³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David,³³ and he will reign over

Hymn: “My Soul Rejoices”

My soul rejoices, My spirit voices—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
For God my Savior Has shown me favor—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
With praise and blessing, Join in confessing
God, who is solely Mighty and holy—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
His mercy surely Shall rest securely
On all who fear Him, Love and revere Him—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

The Message Presented by the Children Grades K–1

Hymn: What Child Is This? LBW 40 v 1

Congregation:
**What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?**

A Bible Reading: Luke 2:8–15

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel

Hymn: ”O Little Town of Bethlehem” LBW 41

Congregation:
**O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.**

the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

His arm now baring, His strength declaring—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
The proud He scatters, Their rule He shatters—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
Oppression halted; The meek exalted.
Full are the hungry; Empty, the wealthy—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
Here is the token All that was spoken
To Abr’ham’s offspring God is fulfilling—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
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Children:
This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!

a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,
¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”

**For Christ is born of Mary,
And, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond’ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king
And peace to all the earth!**

The Message Presented by the Children Grades 2–3

Hymn: What Child Is This? LBW 40 v 2

Congregation:
**Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.**

Children:
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary!

A Bible Reading: Matthew 2:1–2, 9–12

² Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men[a] from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.

Hymn: “Angels from the Realms of Glory”LBW 50 v:1–3

Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o’er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation’s story,
Now proclaim Messiah’s birth.

Shepherds in the field abiding,
Watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines the Infant Light. *(Refrain)*

Refrain
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations,
Ye have seen His natal star. *(Refrain)*

Hymn: What Child Is This? LBW 40 v 3

Congregation:
**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.**

Children:
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary!

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