

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
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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.

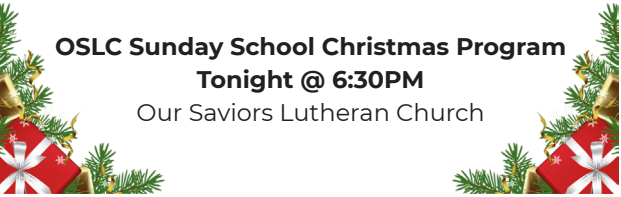
Thank you so much in advance for any support you can give. May the joy, peace and countless blessings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ continue to be always with you.



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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The Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Communion

Lamb of God.. . . . pg. 92

Hymn “Away in a Manger” 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

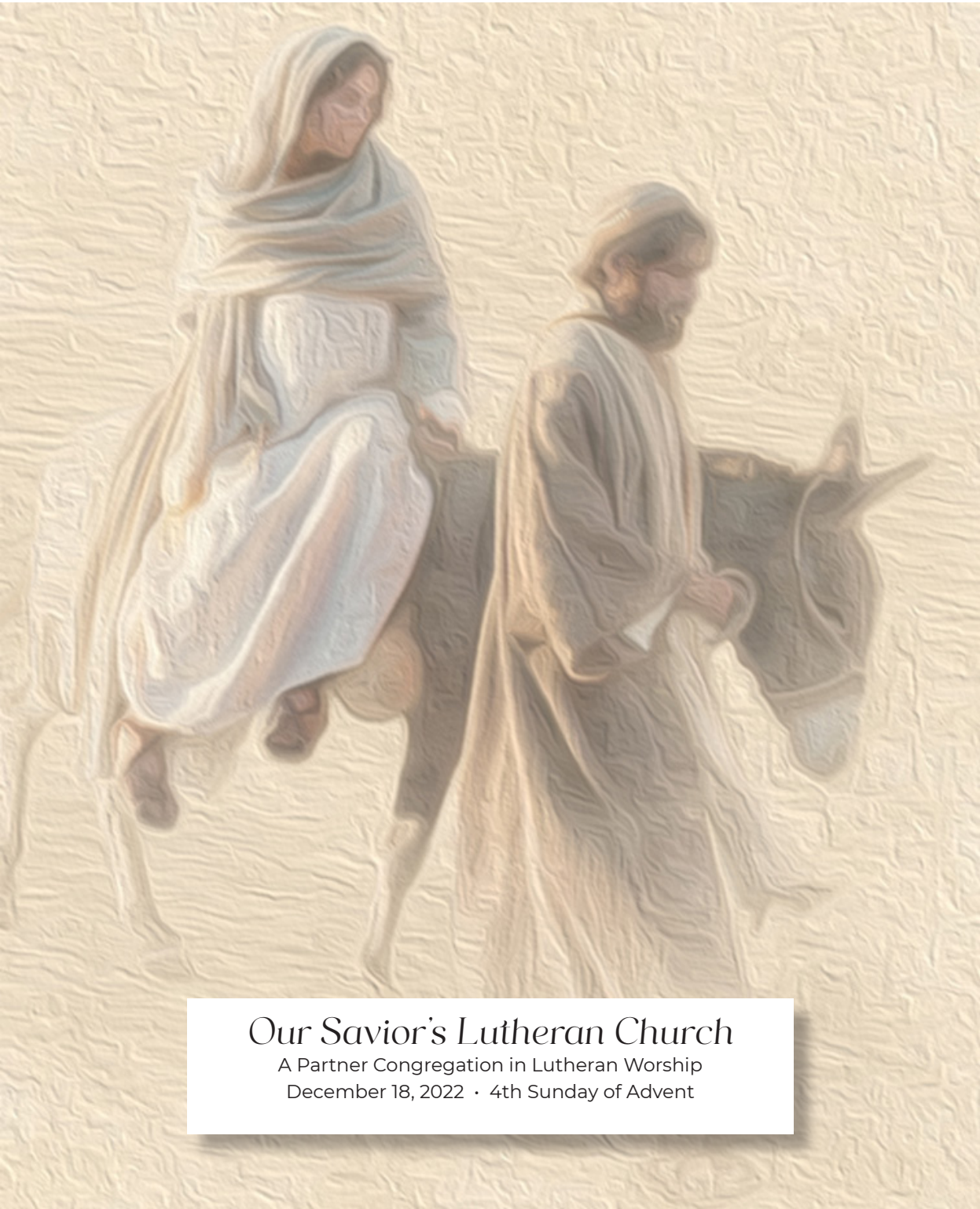
Hymn “Silent Night, Holy Night” LBW #65



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





Our Savior's Lutheran Church
A Partner Congregation in Lutheran Worship
December 18, 2022 • 4th 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 Forgivenesspg. 56

Hymn “It Came Upon A Midnight Clear” LBW #54

Apostolic Greeting pg. 57

Kyrie pg. 57

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

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.

First Reading Isaiah 7:10-16

¹⁰ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: ¹¹ “Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.” ¹³ And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his

name Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
² Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us!

³ Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

⁴ O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people’s prayers?
⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.
⁶ You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

¹⁷ But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!

¹⁸ Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name!

¹⁹ Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

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 Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servan of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³ concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations,

⁶ including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷ To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Gospel Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³ “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon Pastor Max Whitehead

Hymn “What Child Is This” LBW #40

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering
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.

The Great Thanksgiving pg. 68

Words of Institution