

SVLC HELPERS: MAR 19 @ 9:00AM

Reader Mitch Larsen
 Acolytes..... Carston & Lincoln Mellem
 Communion Helper Zoey
 Live Stream..... Janet Munkvold
 Music..... Annet Kropuenske

OSLC HELPERS: MAR 19 @ 10:30AM

Reader.....Sharon Wirth
 Acolyte/Communion Helper Jazmyne
 Live Stream..... Maxx
 Organist/PianistMelanie Parsons

LOOKING AHEAD: MAR 26 @ 9:00AM

Reader Faydra Christensen
 Acolytes..... Kaleb Huber & Emily Ludens
 Live Stream..... Janet Munkvold
 Music..... Praise Band

LOOKING AHEAD: MAR 26 @ 10:30AM

Reader.....Laura Stevens
 Acolyte..... Piper
 Live Stream..... Maxx
 Organist/Pianist Kayla Mehlhaf

MARCH USHERS

- † Randy and Charlene Overgard
- † Tim and Tammy Sorensen
- † Troy and Kayla Larsen

CHURCH CLEANERS: MAR 11 - 25

- † Kaye Lee, Faydra Christensen, Tena Johansen

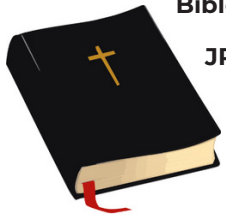
MARCH COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH

- † Derrick & Kayla Mehlhaf
- † Mike & Laura Stevens
- † Ellie Whitehead
- † Derek & Jena Hight
- † Josh & Kristie Huth

Mar 26, 2023 Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45

Wednesdays of Lent

Bible Study 8:30AM @ Parsons Ins.



JR. VCIS 3:45 - 5:00PM

No Confirmation but
 Confirmands are expected to
 attend the Lenten services.

VCIS 8:00PM

OSLC Special Meeting

March 26, 2023 at 11:30 AM

This meeting is to vote on a pastoral housing stipend and to re-side the Parish Hall.

Food Pantry Needs... Please help if you can

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| ✦ Facial Tissue | ✦ Cereal Bars | ✦ Mayo |
| ✦ Toilet Paper | ✦ Granola Bars | ✦ Salad Dressings |
| ✦ Shampoo | ✦ Cooking Oil | ✦ Spices |
| ✦ Toothpaste & Toothbrushes | ✦ Sauces - | ✦ Peanut Butter |
| ✦ Lotion | ✦ Soy | ✦ Jelly |
| ✦ Body Wash | ✦ Worcestershire | ✦ Pastas |
| ✦ Canned Goods | ✦ BBQ. | ✦ Rice (not instant) |
| ✦ Toaster Pastries | ✦ Ketchup | ✦ Ramen noodles |



Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Location: United Methodist Church
 Preacher: Rev. Max
 Matthew 24:29-30

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Location: Spring Valley Lutheran Church
 Preacher: Rev. Ron
 Ephesians 2:14-18

No confirmation but confirmands are expected to attend Weds. Lenten Services.

To Our Visitors

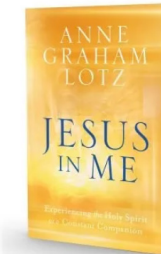
We're so glad you're here!

If you'd like to become a new member, please talk to Pastor Max by calling 507.227.4787 (or scan the QR Code below) to talk about what it takes to become a member and to discuss potential dates.



We sincerely hope to see you again very soon!

"Jesus In Me" Book Study
 Sunday's, March 12 - April 2, 2023
 10:00AM-ish (after worship (SVLC))



Come and enjoy a time of fellowship and book study! You do not have to have the book to join! This is only a 4-week study, so please join us as we grow in faith!

Palm Sunday Brunch

Join Us for a Palm Sunday Brunch before Worship.
April 2, 2023 at 9:30AM



Please Lift in Prayer

- ✦ Art Wirth
- ✦ Beverly Andersen
- ✦ Marin Bultena
- ✦ Pastor Carol Marohl
- ✦ Family & Friends of Ralph Johansen
- ✦ Family & Friends of Jordan Mogck (Lisa M's niece)

³⁰ The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴ They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

that I may believe in him?" ³⁷ Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸ He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

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

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶ He answered, "And who is he, sir,

Sermon Pastor Colleen Kokenge

Hymn "Go to Dark Gethsemane" LBW #109

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

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Communion

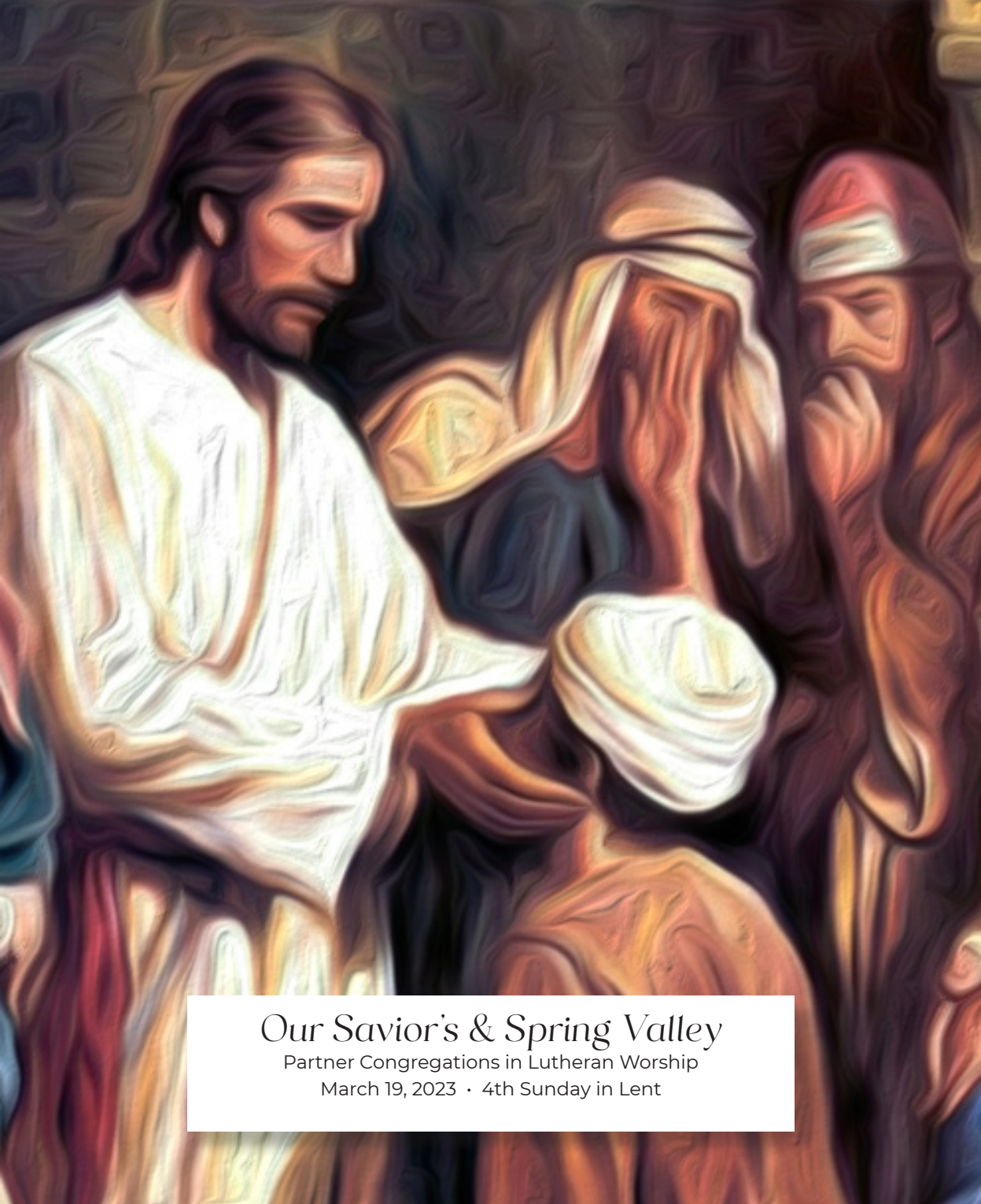
Lamb of God..... pg. 92

Hymn "O Master, Let Me Walk with You" LBW #492

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 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" LBW #107



Our Savior's & Spring Valley
Partner Congregations in Lutheran Worship
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Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness ... pg. 56

Hymn "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" ... LBW #104

Apostolic Greeting ... pg. 57

Kyrie ... pg. 57

Hymn of Praise "This Is the Feast" ... pg. 60

Prayer of the Day:

God of all mercy, by your powers to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

First Reading ... 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ² And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' ³ And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you." ⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵ And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before him." ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man

Psalms 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

³ He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ¹⁰ And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." ¹¹ Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." ¹² And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Second Reading ... Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for

Gospel ... John 9:1-41

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ² And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him." ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷ and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰ So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹ He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." ¹² They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said,

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.

anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

"How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰ His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹ But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²² (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) ²³ Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵ He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶ They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷ He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸ And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from."