

## Please Lift in Prayer

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- † Art Wirth
- † Kobee Sherman
- † Gayle Westergaard
- † Pastor Carol Marohl

## Welcome Visitors

We're so happy you're here with us today! If you're thinking about becoming a new member of our congregation, please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Max at 507.227.4787 or scan the QR Code below. He would love to chat with you about what it takes to become a member and help you pick a date that suits you best! We hope you'll join us and we hope to see you again very soon!



# Announcements



Kayla Mehlhaf has put on a Christmas concert at Our Savior's Lutheran Church for many years, and she is back again this year! **Join Us December 10, 2023 at 7:00 PM to enjoy the music!**

## Wednesdays of Advent Caroling



During Wednesdays of Advent, the VCIS Carolers can bring carols and goodies to the location of your choice for \$30. Spread the holiday cheer and contact Pr. Max to book.



Join the community on December 10 from 4-7 PM for the 2nd Annual Parade of Homes in Viborg. Buy a \$20 wristband and map at the Parish Hall to support the 2024 Mission at Home and 2025 Mission Trip.



Dec. 3 at 6:00 PM, We will discuss the "Traditionalist's Pathway" (Chapter 5.) Our meetings are held at the Whitehead residence until spring. If you're interested in attending for the first time, please speak to Ellie.

### SVLC WORSHIP HELPERS: NOV 26

Reader.....Amie Larsen  
Acolytes .....Kaleb Huber & Ryker Larsen  
Communion Asst. ....Parker Christensen  
Live Stream.....Janet Munkvold  
Music..... Praise Band

### LOOKING AHEAD: DEC 3 @ 9:00AM

Reader..... Kellie Zimmerman  
Acolytes ..... Emily Ludens & Katie Spangler  
Live Stream.....Janet Munkvold  
Music..... Annet Kropuenske

### OSLC WORSHIP HELPERS: NOV 26

Reader.....Melanie Parsons  
Acolyte..... Piper  
Live Stream..... Maxx  
Organist/Pianist ..... Praise Band

### LOOKING AHEAD: DEC 3 @ 10:30AM

Reader.....Mike Stevens  
Acolyte/Communion Asst ..... Quinn J  
Live Stream..... Maxx  
Organist/Pianist ..... Melanie Parsons

READINGS FOR DEC 3: Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37

### DECEMBER USHERS

✿ Wayne & Wanda Kost, Wayne & Linda Larsen, Scott & Ashley Larsen

### CHURCH CLEANING: NOV 26 - DEC 9

✿ Michelle Sorensen, Susan Petersen, Tammy Sorensen, Haylee Sherard

### DECEMBER COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH

✿ Mike & Laura Stevens,  
✿ Evan Stevens,  
✿ Les Sampson

## Christmas Program

Experience the magic of the season with the OSLC Sunday School Christmas Program on December 17th at 6:30 PM.

Please contact Janet Holmberg with any questions you may have.

# JOYFUL & BRIGHT

## Christmas Program

Join us for the SVLC Sunday School Christmas Program at the 10:30 AM worship service on December 17, followed by festive treats and fellowship after the service. The Sunday Schoolers are excited to see you there!



The OSLC Sunday School will be putting in extra rehearsal time after worship through Dec 17. But they need to eat! Please sign up on the back table if you are willing/able to feed the Sunday School children during their rehearsal time. There are about 24 mouths to feed. Thank you so much in advance for any help you can provide.

**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

Blessing  
Closing Song “If We Are The Body” . . . . . Below

Verse 1  
It’s crowded in worship today  
As she slips in trying to fade into the faces  
The girls teasing laughter is carrying  
Farther than they know  
Farther than they know

Chorus  
If we are the body  
Why aren’t His arms reaching  
Why aren’t His hands healing  
Why aren’t His words teaching  
And if we are the body  
Why aren’t His feet going  
Why is His love not showing them there is a way

Verse 2  
A traveler is far away from home  
He sheds his coat and quietly  
Sinks into the back row  
The weight of their judgmental glances  
Tells him that his chances are better  
Out on the road

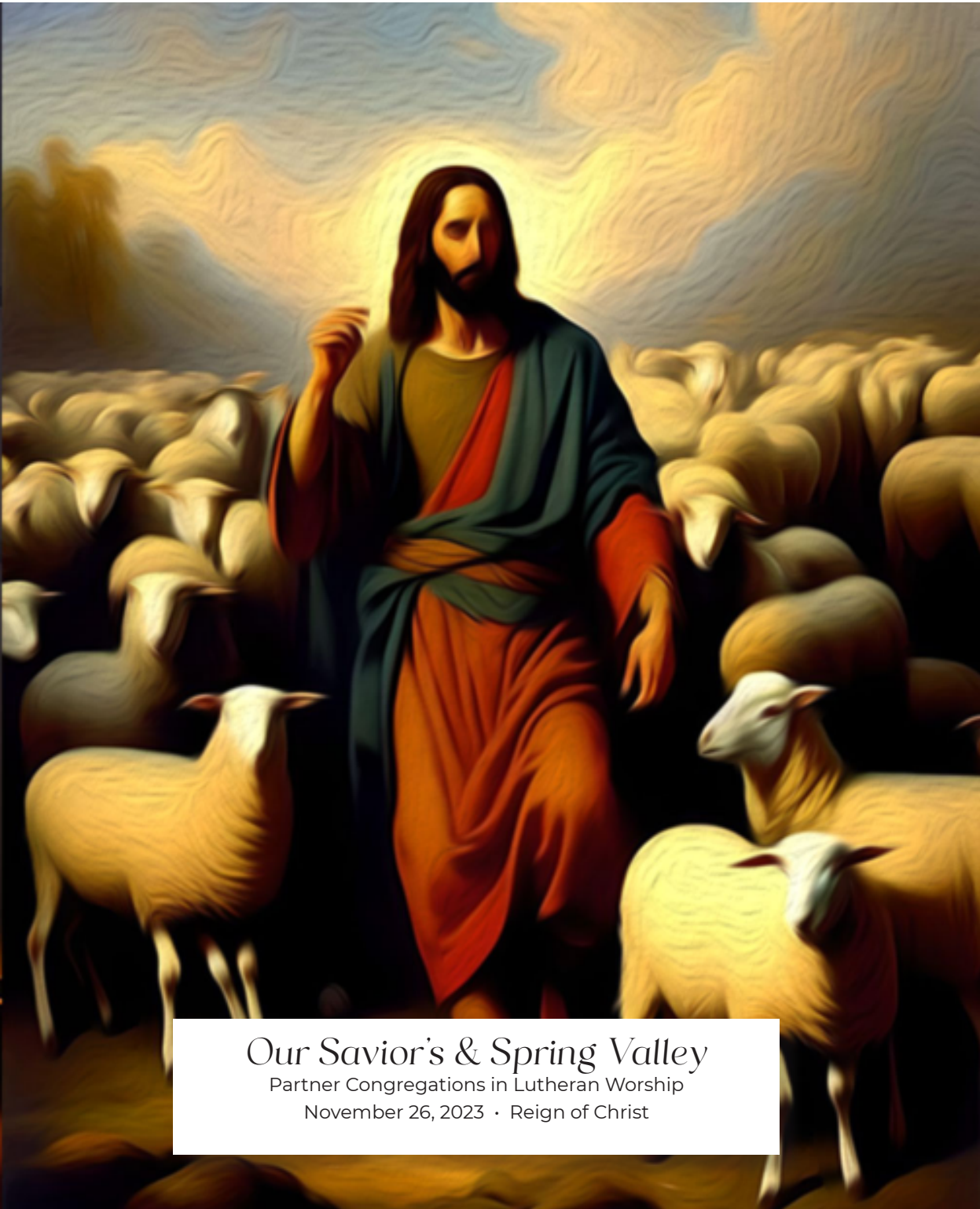
Chorus  
If we are the body  
Why aren’t His arms reaching  
Why aren’t His hands healing  
Why aren’t His words teaching  
And if we are the body  
Why aren’t His feet going  
Why is His love not showing them there is a way

Bridge  
Jesus paid much too high a price  
For us to pick and choose who should come  
And we are the body of Christ

Chorus  
If we are the body  
Why aren’t His arms reaching  
Why aren’t His hands healing  
Why aren’t His words teaching  
And if we are the body  
Why aren’t His feet going  
Why is His love not showing them there is a way



As we approach the holiday season, let’s come together to help those in need in our community. The Sunday School is currently collecting new socks and mittens for individuals who could use some extra warmth during the chilly months. We will be adorning a tree with the generously donated items throughout December. If you are able, please consider bringing your donations to the church on Sundays. Together, we can make a difference and spread some much-needed joy this year. (OSLC)



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Welcome/Announcements

Opening Song “Come Now Is The Time To Worship” .....Insert Song 1.

Invocation/Confession/Kyrie/Absolution.....pg 1-4 Chosen People

Song of the Day “Here I Am, Lord” ..... Insert Song 2.

Prayer of the Day

**Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the world to come,through your Son,Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

First Reading..... Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

<sup>11</sup> “For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup> As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup> And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup> I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their

grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. <sup>16</sup> I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God**

Psalms 95:1-7a

95 Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
**2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

<sup>3</sup> For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.  
**4 In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**

Second Reading ..... Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup> For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you,

<sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.  
**6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**  
<sup>7</sup> For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

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.**

remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the

knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup> having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup> that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all

Gospel Acclamation “Alleluia” .....The Traditional Acclamation

Gospel..... Matthew 25:31-46

<sup>31</sup> “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup> And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer

rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God**

them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

<sup>41</sup> “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

Sermon ..... Pastor Max Whitehead

Sermon Song “Above All” ..... Insert Song 3.

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the People

Passing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Prayer

1. Come Now Is The Time To Worship

Chorus

Come now is the time to worship

Come now is the time to give your heart

Come just as you are to worship

Come just as you are before your God

Come

Will confess You are God

One day every knee will bow

Still the greatest treasure remains

For those who gladly choose You now

Verse

One day every tongue

Repeat

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2. Come Now Is The Time To Worship

[Verse 1]

I, the Lord of sea and sky

I have heard my people cry

All who dwell in dark and sin

My hand will save

[Chorus]

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night

I will go, Lord, if you lead me

I will hold your people in my heart

[Verse 2]

I, who made the stars of night

I will make their darkness bright

Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?

[Chorus]

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night

I will go, Lord, if you lead me

I will hold your people in my heart

[Verse 3]

I, the Lord of snow and rain

I have borne my people’s pain

I have wept for love of them

They turn away

[Chorus]

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night

I will go, Lord, if you lead me

I will hold your people in my heart

[Verse 4]

I will break their hearts of stone

Give them hearts for love alone

I will speak my words to them

Whom shall I send?

[Chorus]

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night

I will go, Lord, if you lead me

I will hold your people in my heart

[Verse 5]

I, the Lord of wind and flame

I will tend the poor and lame

I will set a feast for them

My hand will save

[Chorus]

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night

I will go, Lord, if you lead me

I will hold your people in my heart

3. Above All

Verse 1

Above all powers above all kings

Above all nature and all created things

Above all wisdom and all the ways of man

You were here before the world began

Verse 2

Above all kingdoms above all thrones

Above all wonders the world has ever known

Above all wealth and treasures of the earth

There’s no way to measure

What You’re worth

Chorus

Crucified laid behind the stone

You lived to die rejected and alone

Like a rose trampled on the ground

You took the fall and thought of me

Above all

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# Food Pantry Needs

Please Consider helping if you can. We are in great need of the following items...

🌿 Facial Tissue

🌿 Toilet Paper

🌿 Shampoo

🌿 Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

🌿 Lotion

🌿 Body Wash

🌿 Sauces -

✳ Soy

✳ Worcestershire

✳ BBQ.

✳ Ketchup

🌿 Canned Goods

🌿 Toaster Pastries

🌿 Cereal Bars

🌿 Granola Bars

🌿 Cooking Oil

🌿 Mayo

🌿 Salad Dressings

🌿 Spices

🌿 Peanut Butter

🌿 Jelly

🌿 Pastas

🌿 Rice (not instant)

🌿 Ramen noodles

We have a freezer for cold storage items as well (meats, cheeses, etc).