

Please Lift in Prayer

- ✦ Family and Friends of Paul Johnson
- ✦ Eileen Olsen
- ✦ Gordon Sorensen
- ✦ Barb Larsen
- ✦ Larry Larsen
- ✦ Ron Fystro
- ✦ Karen Voog Johnson
- ✦ 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 \$10 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: DEC 3

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

OSLC WORSHIP HELPERS: DEC 3

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

LOOKING AHEAD: DEC 10 @ 9:00AM

Reader..... Kellie Zimmerman
 AcolytesAndrew Spangler & Braxton Sorensen
 Live Stream.....Janet Munkvold
 Music.....Brenda Whitehead

LOOKING AHEAD: DEC 10 @ 10:30AM

Reader.....Lisa McIlvenna
 Acolyte/Communion Asst Piper J
 Live Stream.....Maxx
 Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

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 9:00 AM worship service on December 17, followed by festive treats and fellowship after the service. The Sunday Schoolers are excited to see you there!

READINGS FOR DEC 10: Isaiah 40:1-11, Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13, 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8

DECEMBER USHERS

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

CHURCH CLEANING: DEC 10 - 23

✦ Julie Hartman, Sheila Wek, Kara Edelman

DECEMBER COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH

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



TOGETHER WE ARE THE CHURCH



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.

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Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Communion

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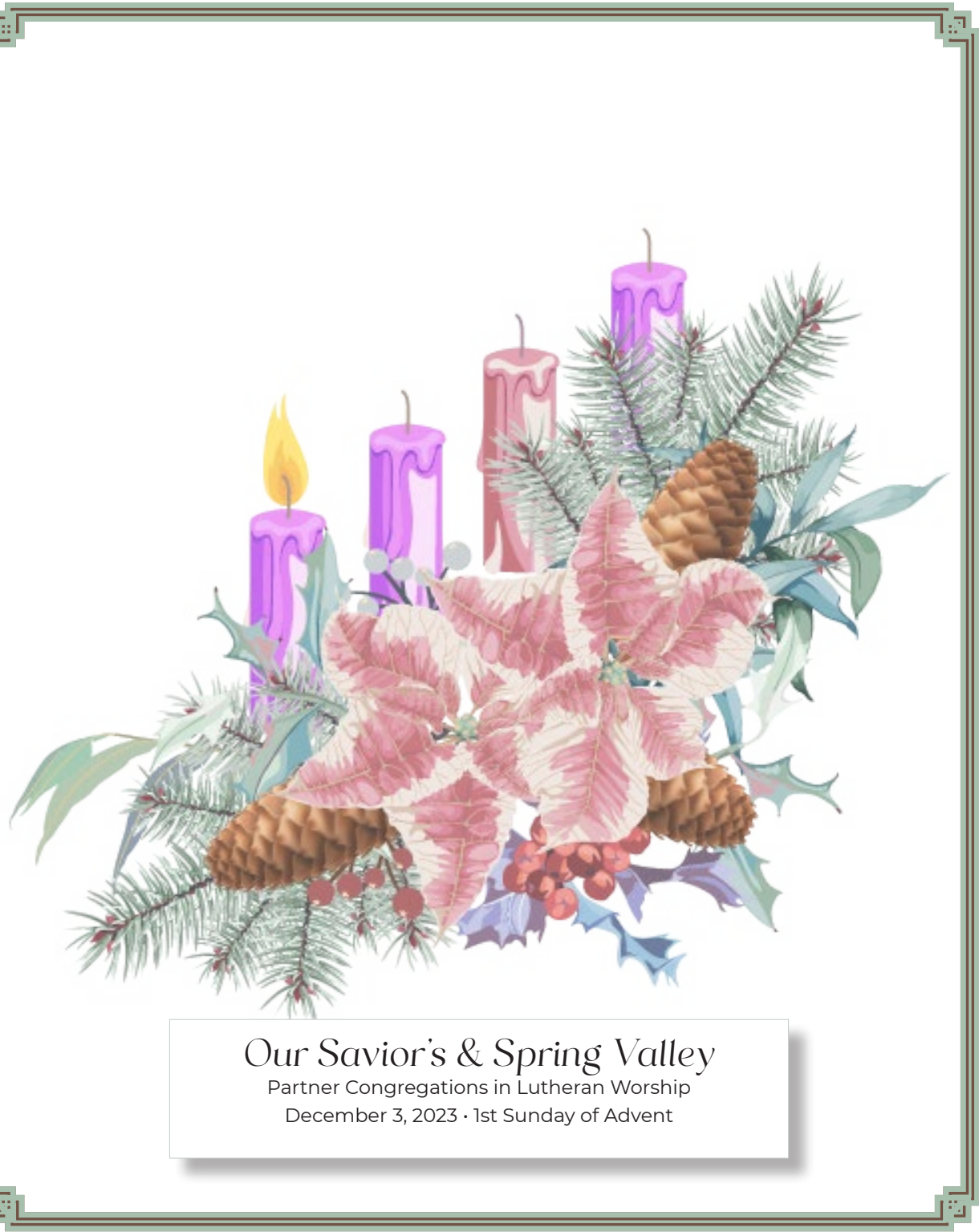
Hymn "Just as I Am, without One Plea" LBW #296

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 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" LBW #60



Our Savior's & Spring Valley
Partner Congregations in Lutheran Worship
December 3, 2023 · 1st Sunday of Advent

Spring Valley Women's Christmas Party

Today after church!

Let's play BINGO!

All are
welcome!



Socks & Mitten Tree



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 comfort and joy this year. (OSLC)

Welcome/Announcements

Lighting of the 1st Advent Candle

Lord Jesus, we do not lack any spiritual gift as we wait for your coming. Keep us awake and help us use our gifts to serve those who look for the dawn of your justice and mercy. Amen

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Hymn “The Advent of Our God” ... LBW #22 vs 1-4

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. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading ... Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence— ² as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³ When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴ From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. ⁵ You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷ There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

⁸ But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹ Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Psalms 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!**

Second Reading ... 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶ even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift, as

Gospel ... Mark 13:24-37

²⁴ “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸ “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Sermon ... Pastor Max Whitehead

Hymn “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel!” ... LBW #34 V.1-4

New Member Induction ... (SVLC) Insert

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering (OSLC Special Music) ... Jaden Robinson, Saxophone Solo

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.

you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
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³² “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵ Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— ³⁶ lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

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

NEW MEMBER INSTALLATION (SVLC)

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

Amie Larsen, Andy, Mindy, Katie, Andrew, & Jonathan Spangler have come to join our congregation!

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Apostles' Creed

To those being welcomed:

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God.

We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

If so, answer:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

To the whole congregation:

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Those being welcomed face the assembly.

Let us welcome Amie, Andy, Mindy, Katie, Andrew, & Jonathan in Christ to this community of faith. We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.



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