

Please Lift in Prayer

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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!



SVLC WORSHIP HELPERS: DEC 10

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

LOOKING AHEAD: DEC 17 @ 9:00AM

Reader..... Janet Munkvold
Acolytes Kaleb Huber & Ryker Larsen
Communion AsstZoey Christensen
Live Stream.....Janet Munkvold
Music.....Annet Kropuenske

READINGS FOR DEC 17: 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

OSLC WORSHIP HELPERS: DEC 10

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

LOOKING AHEAD: DEC 17 @ 10:30AM

Reader.....Lisa McIlvenna
Acolyte/Communion Asst Grace L
Live Stream.....Maxx
Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

DECEMBER COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH

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



Kayla's Christmas Concert

to enjoy the holiday music!

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 today at 7:00 PM



Parade of Homes

Join the community TODAY 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.

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

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!

2024 Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting (SVLC) is January 21 @ 11:30AM 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.

The Annual Meeting (OSLC) is January 28 @ 11:30AM 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.

January 28, 2024 Time Switch!

SVLC Sunday School will be at 10:15AM & Worship Service at 9:00AM to accommodate OSLC Annual Meeting.

OSLC Sunday School will be 9:15AM & Worship Service at 10:30AM.

Sermon Pastor Max Whitehead

Hymn “Lo How A Rose” Red Book 38

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offering Hymn “Create in Me a Clean Heart”pg 75

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 Lord’s Prayer

Benediction pg 74

Hymn “Joy to the World” Red Book 15



Socks & Mitten Tree

As we approach Christmas, let’s come together to help those in need in our community. The Sunday School is 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)



Time 2 Change

Starting January 7, 2024 the SVLC Worship Service will be at 10:30AM, and the OSLC Worship Service will be at 9:00AM.



Our Savior’s & Spring Valley

Partner Congregations in Lutheran Worship
December 10, 2023 • 2nd Sunday of Advent

Lighting of the Advent Candles

God our shepherd, gather us as lambs in your arms. Forgive our sins so that we may rejoice in your coming. Amen

Sunday School Sing OSLC

Brief Order for Confession and Forgivenesspg 56

Hymn “Prepare the Royal Highway” Red Book 9

Apostolic Greeting pg 57

Kyrie pg 57

Hymn of Praise “Glory to God” pg 58

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Hymn “Lift Up Your Heads” Red Book 8

First Reading Isaiah 40:1-11

40 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵ And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

The Word of God Stands Forever ⁶ A voice says, “Cry!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The

grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

The Greatness of God ⁹ Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!” ¹⁰ Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

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.**

Second Reading 2 Peter 3:8-15a

⁸ But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because Gospel Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, ³ the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’”

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and

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.

of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³ But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. ¹⁵ And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him...

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

... .. Mark 1:1-8

were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Gospel of our Lord
Praise to you, O Christ