

Please Lift in Prayer

- † Family & Friends of Collin Hlavac
- † Family & Friends of Greg Larsen
- † Family & Friends of Don Tengquist
- † Eileen Olsen
- † Gordon Sorensen
- † Barb Larsen
- † Larry Larsen
- † Ron Fystro
- † Karen Voog Johnson
- † Art Wirth
- † Kobee Sherman
- † Gayle & Rita Westergaard

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 24

Reader..... Kellie Zimmerman
 Acolytes Nora Rudd & Lincoln Mellem
 Communion Asst Volunteer
 Live Stream..... Janet Munkvold
 Music..... Brenda Whitehead

LOOKING AHEAD: DEC 31 @ 9:00AM

Reader..... Faydra Christensen
 Acolytes Christmas Break
 Communion Asst Christmas break
 Live Stream..... Janet Munkvold
 Music..... Annet Kropuenske

READINGS FOR DEC 31: Isaiah 61:10-62:3, Psalm 148, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:22-40

SVLC DECEMBER USHERS

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

SVLC CHURCH CLEANING: DEC24 - JAN 6

✿ Linda Larsen, Ashley Larsen, & Kayla Larsen

OSLC WORSHIP HELPERS: DEC 25

Reader..... Kirsten Ahlschlager
 Acolyte/Communion Asst Anna Jo K.
 Live Stream..... Maxx
 Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

LOOKING AHEAD: DEC 31 @ 10:30AM

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

DECEMBER COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH

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

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.

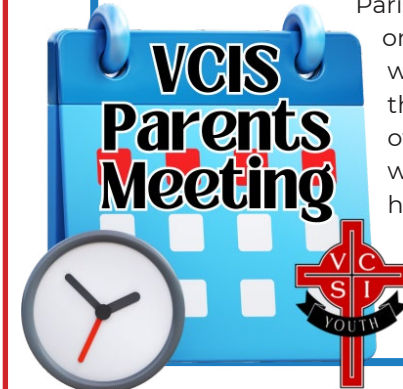


Give Online
to SVLC



Give Online
to OSLC

All parents and students involved in the VCIS Youth Group, please gather at the Parish Hall at 7:15 PM



on January 10, so we can discuss the future plans of this group! We will discuss weekly happenings, Summer 2024 plans, and Summer 2025 plans.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

There will be no Confirmation, JR. VCIS, or VCIS on December 27th and January 3rd. Activities will resume on January 10th.

ALL IS CALM ALL IS BRIGHT



There is no Sunday School December 31, 2023. Sunday School will resume January 7, 2024 at 9:15 AM (SVLC) and 10:15 AM (OSLC)

Sunday School

Socks & Mitten Tree



There is just one Sunday left during December to donate new socks and mittens to the Sunday School Socks & Mitten tree for those in need.

If possible, please consider donating to this cause. Let's work together to make a difference and bring much-needed comfort and joy to those in need this year. (OSLC)

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

Distribution of Communion

Lamb of God..... pg. 92

Communion 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.

Lighting of the Candles (please beware of dripping wax) . Special Music

Benediction pg 74

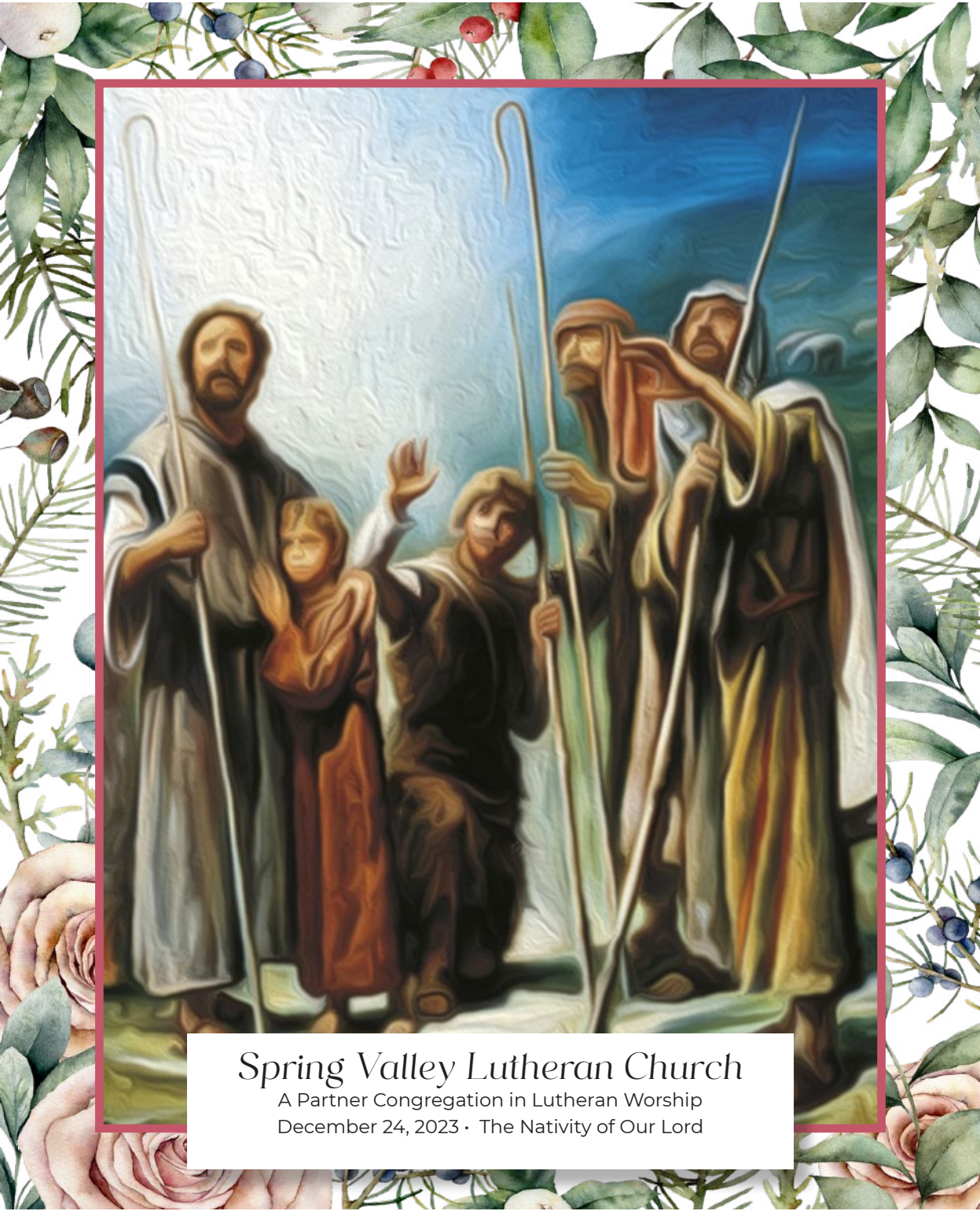
Hymn “Silent Night, Holy Night” LBW #37 vv1 - 3



Beginning January 7, 2024

OSLC worship service will be at 9:00 AM & Sunday School will move to 10:15 AM.

SVLC Sunday School will move to 9:15 AM and Worship Service will be at 10:30 AM.



Spring Valley Lutheran Church
A Partner Congregation in Lutheran Worship
December 24, 2023 • The Nativity of Our Lord

Hymn “It Came Upon A Midnight Clear” LBW #54 w1 - 4

Welcome/Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.
The light shines in the darkness
and the darkness has not overcome it.
The Word became flesh and lived among us.
and we have beheld Christ’s glory.
To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.
In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness ...pg 56

Hymn “I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve” LBW #69w1-3

Apostolic Greeting ... pg 57

Kyrie ... pg 57

Hymn of Praise “Glory to God” ... pg 58

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus’ presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” LBW #34 w1 - 2

First Reading ... Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

³⁵ And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸ And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Special Music The Whiteheads

Psalmody ... Luke 1:46-55

Mary’s Song of Praise: The Magnificat

⁴⁶ And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ **and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,**
⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹ **for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.**
⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

⁵¹ **He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;**

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.

Hymn “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” LBW #44

Gospel... Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.
⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”
The Gospel of our Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn “The First Noel” ... LBW #56 w1 - 3

Sermon ... Pastor Max Whitehead

Special Music “My Little Country Church at Christmas Time” Troy Larsen & Ellie Whitehead

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering