

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.

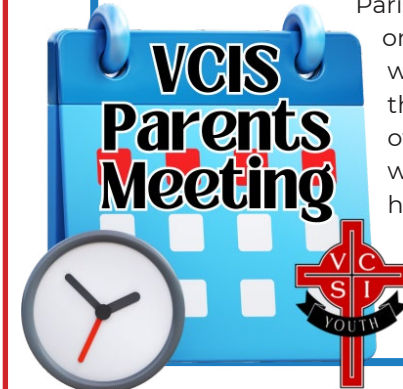


Give Online
to SVLC



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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



Sunday School

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)

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)

Hymn “O Come, All Ye Faithful” ...LBW #45

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Special Music ... Ellie & Kayla

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 Great Thanksgiving ... pg. 68

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Distribution of Communion

Communion Hymns:

Hymn “Angels We Have Heard on High”... LBW #71

Hymn “The First Noel” ...LBW #56

Hymn “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”... LBW #55

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

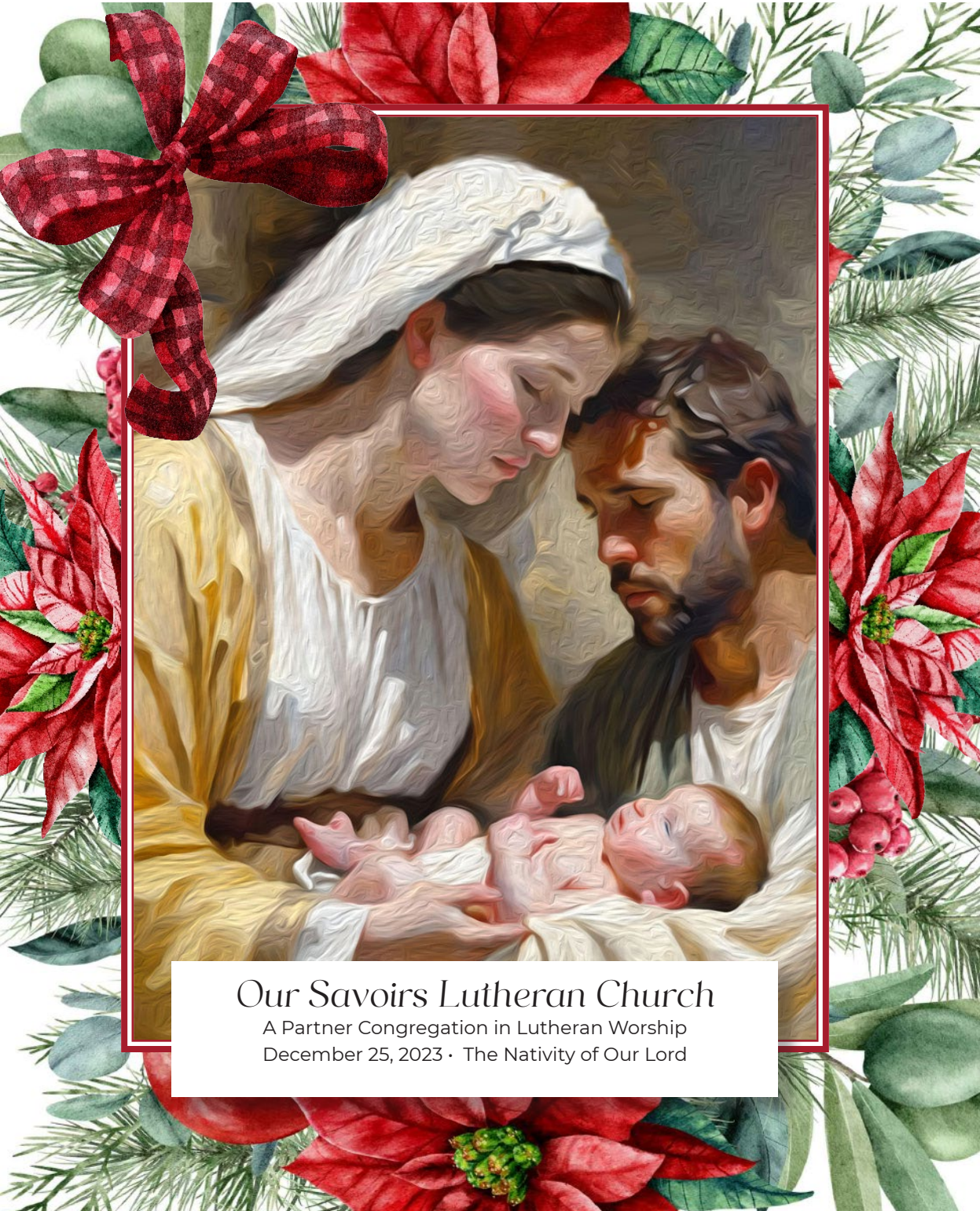
Hymn “Joy to the World” ... LBW #39



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.



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Hymn “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” LBW #60

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 Forgivenesspg 56

Special Music Hayley Holm

Apostolic Greeting pg 57

Kyrie pg 57

Hymn of Praise “Glory to God” pg 58

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have made yourself known in your Son, Jesus, redeemer of the world. We pray that his birth as a human child will set us free from the old slavery of our sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

First Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the

government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Psalms 96

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!
² Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!
⁴ For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.
⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

⁸ Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!
⁹ Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

¹⁰ Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.”

¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

Second Reading Titus 2:11-14

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem

let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
¹² let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
¹³ before the Lord, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.

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.

us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Gospel Luke 2:1-20

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!” ¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of our Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Special MusicSteve Holmberg

Sermon Pastor Max Whitehead