

Summer

OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today. Our Savior is a community that aspires to follow Jesus so that all may know of the love of God in Christ.

FAMILY RESOURCES At the sanctuary entrance there are books and clipboards with paper & crayons. Children are welcome to take these items into worship. Additionally, the family area just outside the sanctuary has full audio and a view of the service. There you will find toys, books, seating and room to roam.

COVID REMINDERS We are privileged to be in worship with one another; a privilege we hope to maintain. **Masks are required indoors in all public spaces** per state guidelines. **Please mask up, vaccinated or not.** This measure is especially important for vulnerable individuals who are not eligible to be vaccinated, young children and their caregivers.

For now there will be no coffee hour following the service. We invite you to continue conversations outside the church building. All services are streamed live on our YouTube channel.

Pastor Vaswig and Our Savior staff members have been fully vaccinated.

HOLY COMMUNION Communion is the central gathering meal of the church. In this meal Christ promises to be fully present, offering forgiveness, a renewed faith, and a regenerative life. Everyone is invited to come forward. You are welcome to remain seated if you prefer.

Individual servings of bread & wine (red) or juice (white) await you. Communion will be distributed at the center aisle in front of the altar. *Please be sensitive to physical distancing.* After consuming the elements, place the cup in the trays provided. To indicate that you would like to receive words of blessing instead of bread & wine, simply cross your arms over your chest.

Offerings may be left in the basket on the table at this time.

WE'D LOVE TO CONNECT If you find yourself in a time of spiritual need or you're searching for more, we would love to walk with you. Simply fill out a Connections Card and we will contact you.

ABOUT THE LITURGICAL ARTS INSTALLATION: *40 + 1 Drops*
40 days of rain. 40 days in the wilderness. 40 years of wandering.
1 drop that changed everything.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 5, 2021



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
745 Front Street S., Issaquah, WA 98027
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TIME AFTER PENTECOST—HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING: THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

PRELUDE

Variations on "Duke Street" — Krapf

Karla Stalwick

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PM: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

PM: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and
worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PM: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

PM: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned
against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we
have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not
loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have
mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your
will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

PM: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you
with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

ELW #843

GREETING

PM: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy
Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING AND SONG.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

AM: Word of God, word of life. C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146

¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! ²I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help. ⁴When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God; ⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever; ⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The Lord sets the captive free.

⁸The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. ⁹The Lord cares for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [¹¹For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one

of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

AM: Word of God, word of life. C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-37

PM: The holy gospel according to John. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

PM: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor John L. Vaswig

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MEAL: GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.

TABLE SONG

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all;
 one cup of bless - ing which we bless, and
 we, though man - y through-out the earth,
 we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PM: Lord, remember us in your love as you teach us to pray:

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Offerings may be left in the basket at this time.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution Hymn

ELW #779 *Amazing Grace*

Post-Communion Prayer

Post-Communion Canticle

The gifts are man - y, the Bod - y one, and in - to
 one are all bap - tized. Be - lov - ed, share one heart, one
 mind, one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW #679

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune — Wagner

Karla Stalwick

Serving in Worship:

Leader: Pastor John L. Vaswig
Assisting Minister: Jen Winslow
Organist: Karla Stalwick
Flautist: Jan Hazelton
Usher: Jon Smith
Altar Guild: Jane Wuest
Video & Sound Assistants: David Hersey, Leslie Waltzer

Readings for next week: Isaiah 50:4-9a; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

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Our Savior Lutheran Church Staff

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This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

<u>TODAY</u> 10:00 am	SEPTEMBER 5TH — FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Worship Service
<u>MONDAY</u>	SEPTEMBER 6TH — LABOR DAY Office Closed
<u>TUESDAY</u> 8:00 pm	SEPTEMBER 7TH <i>AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)</i>
<u>WEDNESDAY</u> 9:30 am	SEPTEMBER 8TH <i>Issaquah Garden Club (Fellowship Hall & Kitchen)</i>
<u>THURSDAY</u> 8:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	SEPTEMBER 9TH <i>TOPS — Take Off Pounds Sensibly (Christian Education Room)</i> Mission Quilters (Fellowship Hall) <i>Al Anon (Christian Education Room)</i> Finance Committee (Narthex) <i>Boy Scouts Alpine District (Fellowship Hall & Library)</i>
<u>FRIDAY</u>	SEPTEMBER 10TH
<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u> 10:00 am	SEPTEMBER 12TH — NEW BEGINNINGS SUNDAY Worship Service

Emergency Pastoral Care

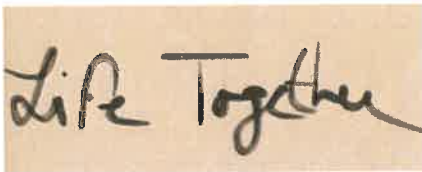
For emergency pastoral care, please contact
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OSLC Announcements



MARINERS GAME FUN & FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

The Mariners play the Arizona Diamondbacks next Sunday, September 12th, at 1:10pm, and you are invited to join us in cheering on the M's! Tickets are \$41 for 100/main level seats. To sign up, contact Joan Friel (frielj4@comcast.net or 425-941-2925) and give her your name, and how many tickets you wish to purchase. Then write a check made out to "OSLC" for the cost of the tickets, with "Fellowship—Mariners' Game" on the subject line, and put the check in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office. Deadline to order tickets: 12 noon on Monday, September 6th. Go Mariners!



LIFE TOGETHER WEDNESDAYS FOOD, STUDY & SONG STARTING SEPTEMBER 15TH 12 NOON AND 5:45 PM

Join us on Wednesdays starting September 15th, at 12 noon and again at 5:45 pm. Each gathering will begin with a meal & fellowship, followed by a study of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Life Together* led by Pastor John, and conclude with Congregational song. Copies of *Life Together* will be available for purchase through the church office.

++Share & Prayer++

Prayer is putting our faith into action. We invite you to include these people in your daily prayers. You can make prayer requests via email at office@oslcissaquah.org. All written requests will remain on this list for 4 weeks. A complete list of prayers can be found in the Focus newsletter each month.

Marlene Pickering healing for pain and discomfort. (Nancy Cumming)

Margot Inman healing and recovery from a stroke. (Mike Inman)

Steve Gacek hospitalized for severe infection. (Connie Fletcher)

Douglas Mandt healing and peace of mind. (brother of Mary Ann Hult)

ASJ Class of 1980 and their families, health, unity, faith and strength. (Margot Inman)

Mike successful job search. (Margot Inman)

Ryan Steffen on the wait list for a kidney donation. (husband to Kristina Steffen)

Guests of the Community Meals Program safety, health and peace of mind. (Connie Fletcher)

Nicole DeCamp healing and strength. (Ken DeCamp and Cheryl Leiter)

Expectant Mothers: Hannah Ham

(daughter to Chuck & Wendy Bachman);

Elsa Walker (daughter to Chuck & Wendy Bachman).

Mourning the death of loved ones: For peace and comfort during this time of grieving for the family and friends of: **Don Miller** (husband to Bonnie Brice); **Dale Holte** (Uncle of Shelley Howe); **Mike & JD Golick** (brother-in-law to Patty Gerde).