



New Beginnings Sunday

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, and we practice handshake-free greeting. **Please mask up, vaccinated or not.** These measures are 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.

New Beginnings Sunday  
Sunday, September 12, 2021  
10:00 am



**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

*Be Thou My Vision* — Gordon Young

Jiyoung Lee

#### 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**

*We Praise You, Lord* — Scott Hafso

Refrain

We praise you, Lord, for new be - gin - nings, For  
morn - ing light that finds us in the shad - ow of the hills.  
We thank you now for all things liv - ing. We  
wor - ship you; our spir its are re - newed.

1. We gath - er to cel - e - brate. Know - ing that we are loved,  
2. For fra - grance of sea - sons' change, sal - mon that swim in the stream,

To refrain

Saved by for - giv - ing grace, we lift our hymn of praise.  
For - ests that grow in rain, we lift our hymn of praise.

3. For pastors, our teachers and staff,  
shepherds who lead in God's way,  
called now to ministry  
we lift our hymn of praise: (*refrain*)

**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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Glory to God*

Glo - ry to God in the high -  
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.  
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and  
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the  
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.  
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,  
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.  
 Glo - ry to God in the high -  
 est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

**PSALM 116:1-9** (*Sung responsively*)

L: <sup>1</sup>I love the Lord, who has | heard my voice,

C: **and listened to my | supplication,**

L: <sup>2</sup>for the Lord has given | ear to me

C: **whenev- | er I called.**

L: <sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;

C: **I came to | grief and sorrow.**

L: <sup>4</sup>Then I called upon the name | of the Lord:

C: **“O Lord, I pray you, | save my life.”**

L: <sup>5</sup>Gracious is the | Lord and righteous;

**C:** our God is full | of compassion.  
**L:** <sup>6</sup>The Lord watches o- | ver the innocent;  
**C:** I was brought low, | and God saved me.  
**L:** <sup>7</sup>Turn again to your rest, | O my soul.  
**C:** for the Lord has dealt | well with you.  
**L:** <sup>8</sup>For you have rescued my | life from death,  
**C:** my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling;  
**L:** <sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence | of the Lord  
**C:** in the land | of the living.

**SECOND READING**

James 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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

**THE GOSPEL**

Mark 8:27-38

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

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he

asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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

**SERMON**

Pastor John L. Vaswig

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

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**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.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PM: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...  
 ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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.

Musical Offering

*Living Waters* — Keith Getty

Lori Downey, Jonathan Shue, Scott Hafso

Post-Communion Canticle

Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the  
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions  
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Wherever God Leads* – Scott Hafso



1.Sing we of God the Cre - a - tor, wor - ship the Ho - ly One's  
2.Sing we of Je - sus, our Sav - ior, Shep - herd, Re - deem - er and  
3.Sing of the gift of the Spir - it, Com - fort - er, Coun - sel - or,



name; High - est of heav - en and our faith's found - a - tion,  
King; Cru - ci - fied, ris - en and meet - ing us dai - ly,  
Friend; There in the pro - mise of each new be - gin - ning,



Ev - er and al - ways the same; Auth - or of life nev - er  
Love mak - ing new ev - 'ry thing; Call - ing us all to be  
There in the hope in the end; Guid - ing us now to the



end - ing, mer - ci - ful An - cient of Days, Grac - ing the sto - ry of  
fam - 'ly, teach - ing us how to for - give, Walk - ing a - mong us as  
fu - ture; What are the won - ders we'll see? Liv - ing for - giv - en, and



each gen - er - a - tion, worth - y of hon - or and praise.  
Heal - er and Broth - er, show - ing us the way to live.  
liv - ing for oth - ers, con - fi - dent, joy - ous and free.



Sing of where we have jour - neyed, and sing of days yet to be,



Know - ing that God goes be - fore — us, Go - ing where - ev - er God leads.

**DISMISSAL**

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*March Triumphant Into Jerusalem* — Robert W. Thygerson

Jiyoung Lee

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## **Serving in Worship:**

Leader: Pastor John L. Vaswig  
Assisting Minister: Sue Johnson  
Cantor: Lori Downey  
Mandolin/Percussion: Jonathan Shue  
Organist: Jiyoung Lee  
Pianist: Scott Hafso  
Usher: Delaney Cash, Jean Pass  
Video & Sound Assistants: David Hersey, Leslie Waltzer

**Readings for next week:** Jeremiah 11:18-20; James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

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## **Our Savior Lutheran Church Staff**

Rev. John L. Vaswig, *Transition Pastor*  
Shari Lundberg, *Parish Administrator*  
Dr. Jiyoung Lee, *Parish Organist*

Scott Hafso, *Director of Worship & Music*  
Kate Gagnon, *Lay Visitation Minister*

# This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

## TODAY

10:00 am

## **SEPTEMBER 12TH — NEW BEGINNINGS SUNDAY**

Worship Service

## MONDAY

7:00 pm

## **SEPTEMBER 13TH**

*Boy Scout Troop 676 (Fellowship Hall)*

## TUESDAY

8:00 pm

5:30 pm

7:00 pm

## **SEPTEMBER 14TH**

*AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)*

**Issaquah Meals Program (OSLC Kitchen & Issaquah Fire House)**

**Endowment Committee (Narthex)**

## LIFE TOGETHER WEDNESDAY **SEPTEMBER 15TH**

12:00 pm

**Life Together Wednesday Noon:** Meal, Fellowship & Study  
Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary

5:45 pm

**Life Together Wednesday Evening:** Meal, Fellowship, Study & Song  
Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary

## THURSDAY

8:00 am

9:30 am

10:00 am

5:30 pm

## **SEPTEMBER 16TH**

*TOPS — Take Off Pounds Sensibly (Christian Education Room)*

**Mission Quilters (Fellowship Hall)**

*Al Anon (Christian Education Room)*

**Issaquah Meals Program (OSLC Kitchen & Issaquah Fire House)**

## FRIDAY

## **SEPTEMBER 17TH**

## NEXT SUNDAY

10:00 am

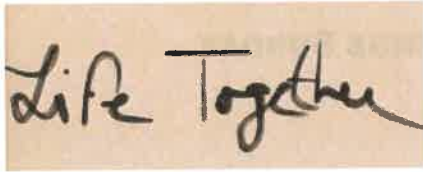
## **SEPTEMBER 19TH — SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Worship Service

### **Emergency Pastoral Care**

For emergency pastoral care, please contact  
OSLC Transition Pastor John L. Vaswig at  
253-677-4515 (mobile) or [JLVaswig@gmail.com](mailto:JLVaswig@gmail.com).

# OSLC Announcements



**STARTING THIS WEEK!**  
**LIFE TOGETHER WEDNESDAYS**  
FOOD, STUDY & SONG  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH  
12 NOON AND 5:45 PM

Join us on Wednesdays starting September 15th, at 12 noon or at 5:45 pm. **Masks are required for everyone**, except when eating or drinking.

Each gathering will begin with a meal & fellowship, followed by a study of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Life Together* led by Pastor John. The 5:45 pm gathering will conclude with Singing the Song. Copies of *Life Together* are available for purchase through the church office.



**TODAY**  
**MARINERS GAME**  
**FUN & FELLOWSHIP**

We'll be cheering on the Mariners as they play the Arizona Diamondbacks in inter-league play at 1:10pm! Questions about tickets you have purchased? Contact Joan at [frielj4@comcast.net](mailto:frielj4@comcast.net) or 425-941-2925.

## ++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](mailto: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.*

**Marylou Moore** former member, diagnosed with a brain tumor. (Lorna Robertson)

**Kris, Bobby and family** healing from Covid19. Bobby is in intensive care, while Kris is recovering at home in North Carolina. (Daughter and son-in-law to Phil & Evie Griffin)

**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)

