

Reformation

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.

Reformation Sunday
Sunday, October 31, 2021
10:00 am



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
745 Front Street S., Issaquah, WA 98027
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HOLY COMMUNION

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

PRELUDE

Ein Feste Burg — Martin Luther

Jiyoung Lee

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(Based on a prayer of Martin Luther.)

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 is kept for reflection.) Behold Lord,

C: I am an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen

PM: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

GATHERING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God — Martin Luther

ELW #504

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

Presiding Minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

PSALM 46 (*Sung responsively*)

L: ¹God is our ref-¹uge and strength,

C: **a very present¹ help in trouble.**

L: ²Therefore we will not fear, though the¹ earth be moved,

C: **and though the mountains shake in the depths¹ of the sea;**

L: ³though its waters¹ rage and foam,

C: **and though the mountains tremble¹ with its tumult.**

L: ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-¹y of God,

C: **the holy habitation of¹ the Most High.**

L: ⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall¹ not be shaken;

C: **God shall help it at the¹ break of day.**

L: ⁶The nations rage, and the¹ kingdoms shake;

C: **God speaks, and the earth¹ melts away.**

L: ⁷The Lord of¹ hosts is with us;

C: **the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.**

L: ⁸Come now, regard the works¹ of the Lord,

C: **what desolations God has brought up-¹ on the earth;**

L: ⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in¹ all the world;

C: **who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the¹ shields with fire.**

L: ¹⁰“Be still, then, and know that¹ I am God;

C: **I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted¹ in the earth.”**

L: ¹¹The Lord of¹ hosts is with us;

C: **the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.**

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ

Jesus,²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed;²⁶ it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage – music by Martin Luther ELW#509
God's word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;
to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay.
Lord, grant while time shall last your church may hold it fast
throughout all generations.

THE GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

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

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

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

SERMON

Pastor John L. Vaswig

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

ELW #729

APOSTLES' CREED

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

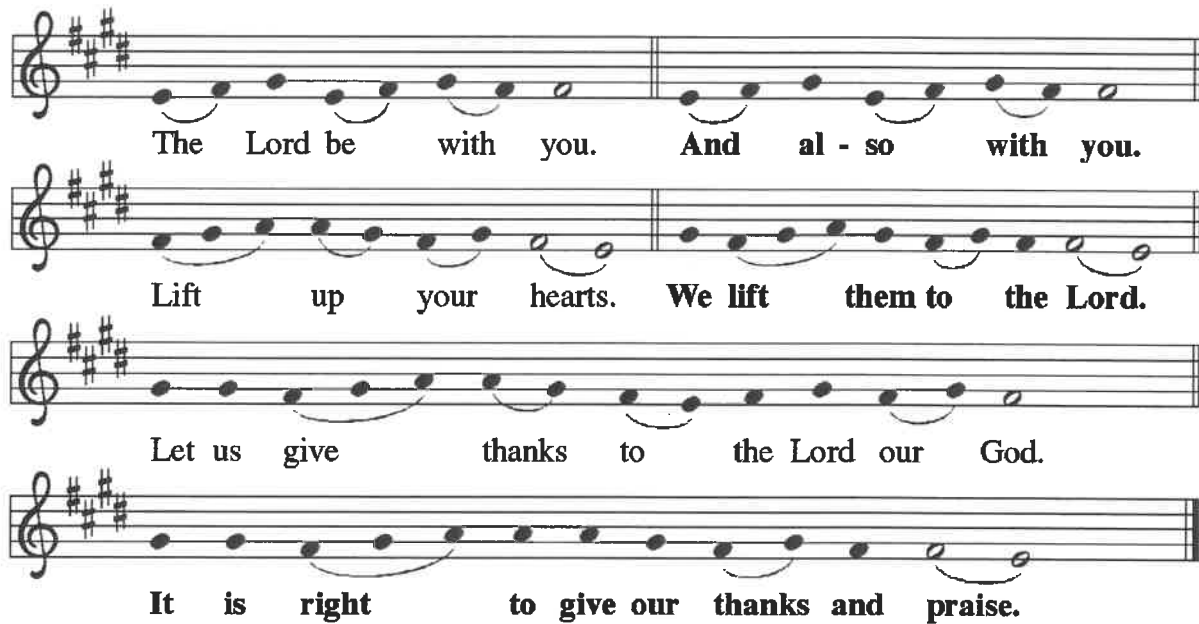
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of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

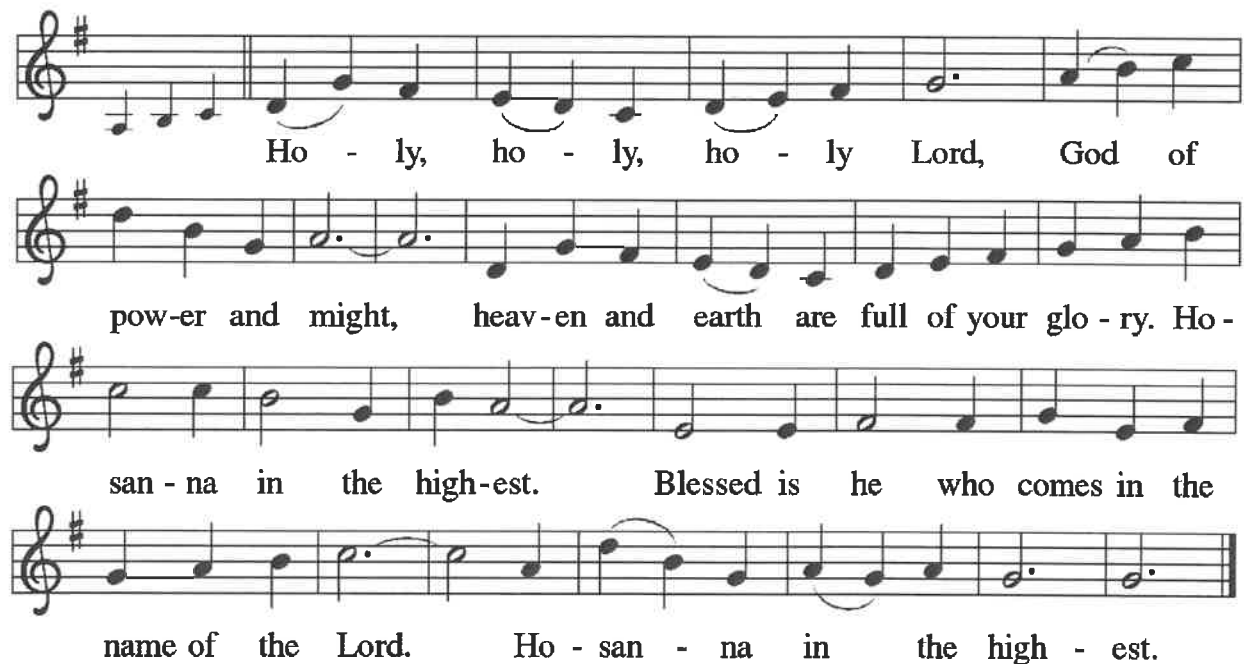
MEAL: GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.

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

O Word of God

Life Together Vocal Ensemble

Words & Music: Edwin M. Willmington

Distribution Hymn

ELW #654 *The Church's One Foundation*

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Lift High the Cross

ELW #660

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on "Ein Feste Burg" — James Pethel

Jiyoung Lee

Serving in Worship:

Leader: Pastor John L. Vaswig
Assisting Minister: Joan Friel
Cantor: Scott Hafso
Life Together Vocal Ensemble Leader: Jan Hazelton
Organist: Jiyoung Lee
Usher: Ken Konigsmark
Altar Guild: Jane Wuest
Video & Sound Assistants: Jonathan Smith

Readings for next week: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

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Our Savior Lutheran Church Staff

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This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

10:00 am

OCTOBER 31ST — REFORMATION SUNDAY

Worship Service

MONDAY

7:00 pm

7:00 pm

NOVEMBER 1ST

Boy Scout Troop 676 (Fellowship Hall)

Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)

TUESDAY

8:00 pm

NOVEMBER 2ND

AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

LIFE TOGETHER WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 3RD

12:00 pm

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

2:00 pm

Mission Quilters: packing up the quilts (Fellowship Hall)

5:45 pm

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

THURSDAY

8:00 am

9:30 am

10:00 am

7:00 pm

NOVEMBER 4TH

TOPS — Take Off Pounds Sensibly (Christian Education Room)

Mission Quilters (Fellowship Hall)

Al Anon (Christian Education Room)

Stewardship Committee (Narthex)

NEXT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7TH — ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

10:00 am

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.

OSLC Announcements



LIFE TOGETHER WEDNESDAYS

**FOOD, STUDY & SONG
12 NOON AND 5:45 PM**

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

Each gathering begins with a meal & fellowship, followed by a study of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Life Together* led by Pastor John. The 5:45 pm gathering concludes with Singing the Song.

Mourning the death of loved ones: For peace and comfort during this time of grieving for the family and friends of: **Douglass Mandt** (brother to Mary Ann Hult & Lorna Robertson); **Jerry Lange** (brother-in-law to Connie Fletcher)

++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.

Ryan Steffen recovery following surgery to have both his kidneys removed in preparation for a transplant. Peace for his wife Kristina, and children Lily and Garrett. (Stacy Smith)
Scott Hafso peace, love and heartfelt god-speed on your next adventure.

The people of Our Savior Lutheran Church peace, comfort and community during this time of transition.

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church peace as they plan for the next phase in their lives together.

Marlene Pickering recovery and healing following back surgery. (Mary Fricke)

Kelsey diagnosis and healing for internal bleeding. (daughter of Marlene Pickering)

