

Advent

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.

First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 28, 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 *Veni Emmanuel* — Peter Pindar Sterns Jiyoung Lee
ENTRANCE HYMN *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* ELW #244
WELCOME Pr. John L. Vaswig

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PM: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with food things.

C: Amen.

PM: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.
Silence is kept for reflection.

PM: God for whom we wait,

C: in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen

PM: God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, + your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

C: Amen.

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.

KYRIE

A In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **A** For the
G Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a-bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the
 Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - being of the
C Lord, have mer - cy.
 Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
 Lord. **A** For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their
C Lord, have mer - cy.
 wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mer - cy.
A Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
C A - men

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Sing before and after the prayer.

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah — Yiddish folk tune



Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

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

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

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

Jesus said: ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint

from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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

SERMON

Pastor John L. Vaswig

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

ELW #257

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two phrases: "The Lord be with you." and "And al - so with you." The second staff has two phrases: "Lift up your hearts." and "We lift them to the Lord." The third staff has one phrase: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff has one phrase: "It is right to give our thanks and praise." The lyrics are in German and English.

Ⓟ 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:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed, bless - ed 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PM: Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.

Lamb of God

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer-cy on us, havemer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

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

Distribution Hymns

Here Is Bread ELW #483

My Lord, What a Morning ELW #438

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PM: Most High God,

C: you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Fling Wide the Door

ELW #259

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata on O Come Emmanuel — John Barr

Jiyoung Lee

Serving in Worship:

Leader: Pastor John L. Vaswig
Assisting Minister: Sue Johnson
Advent Wreath Lighter: Lori Downey
Organist/Pianist: Jiyoung Lee
Usher: Don Robertson
Altar Guild: Jane Wuest
Video & Sound Assistants: David Hersey, Leslie Waltzer

Readings for next week: Malachi 3:1-4; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

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Our Savior Lutheran Church Staff

Rev. John L. Vaswig, *Transition Pastor*
Kate Gagnon, *Lay Visitation Minister*

Shari Lundberg, *Parish Administrator*
Dr. Jiyoung Lee, *Parish Organist*

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY
10:00 am

NOVEMBER 28TH — FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Worship Service
Community Outreach—Christmas Giving Tree

MONDAY
7:00 pm
7:00 pm

NOVEMBER 29TH
Boy Scout Troop 676 (Fellowship Hall)
Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)

TUESDAY
7:00 pm
8:00 pm

NOVEMBER 30TH
Joint Our Savior / Shepherd of the Hills Executive Committee Meeting (Narthex)
AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY
7:00 pm

DECEMBER 1ST—MIDWEEK HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER
Midweek Holden Evening Prayer During Advent (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY
8:00 am
9:30 am
10:00 am
7:00 pm

DECEMBER 2ND
TOPS — Take Off Pounds Sensibly (Christian Education Room)
Mission Quilters (Fellowship Hall)
Al Anon (Christian Education Room)
Stewardship Committee (Narthex)

FRIDAY

DECEMBER 3RD

NEXT SUNDAY
10:00 am

DECEMBER 5TH — SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Worship Service
Community Outreach—Christmas Giving Tree

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



**MIDWEEK HOLDEN
EVENING PRAYER
DURING ADVENT**
DEC. 1ST — 15TH
7:00 PM

Join us during Advent
on Wednesdays at

7:00 pm for an evening of contemplative
prayer in this busy time of year. **Masks are
required.**



COMMUNITY OUTREACH "GIVING" CHRISTMAS

TREE Starting today, our
Christmas "Giving" Tree
will be collecting gift cards

for the teens at Vine Maple
Place, an organization in Renton that helps
homeless families.

- Take an ornament and purchase a gift
card(s) for Starbucks or McDonalds in
\$10.00 dollar amounts.
- Drop the purchased gift cards in the box
next to the tree by **Sunday, Dec. 12**, so
that teens will have an opportunity to
spend time with their friends at these
places.

Questions? Contact Cheryl Leiter at lei-terc55@aol.com.



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the link and follow the prompts.

++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@oslccissaquah.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.*

Leslie & Mike Waltzer and family (Scott
Hafso)

Marlene Pickering strength and healing.

Connie Fletcher rest, healing and recovery.

Becky Dodel peace and healing with stage 4
cancer. (Ray Harbolt)

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)

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

peace as they plan for the next phase in their
lives together.

Mourning the death of loved ones: For
peace and comfort during this time of grieving
for the family and friends of: **Jill Regal**
(mother to Leslie Waltzer); **Pr. Ron Marshall**
(Pr. Larry Thomas); **Polly Wendt** (Wife of Pr.
Dick Wendt)

Thanksgiving: **Connie Fletcher** for full re-
covery from Covid.