

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.

Second Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, December 5, 2021  
10:00 am



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## HOLY COMMUNION

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

**PRELUDE**      *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* — M. Burkhardt      Karla Stalwick

**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.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**      *Prepare the Royal Highway*      ELW #264

### 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

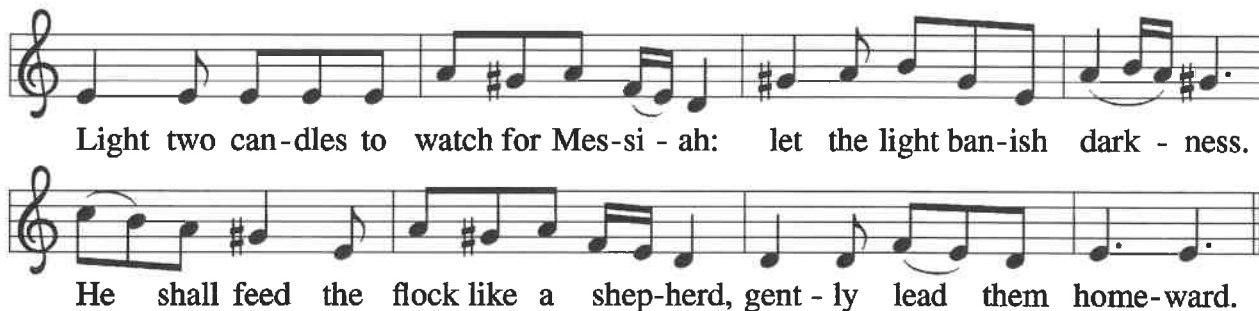
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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 - be - ing 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 Two Candles to Watch for Messiah* — Yiddish folk tune



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

### FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup>See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

### SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-11

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

**Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le-lu - ia.**

## Luke 3:1-6

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; <sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

## SERMON

Pastor John L. Vaswig

### *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

ELW #249

**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**

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** 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,  
 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.

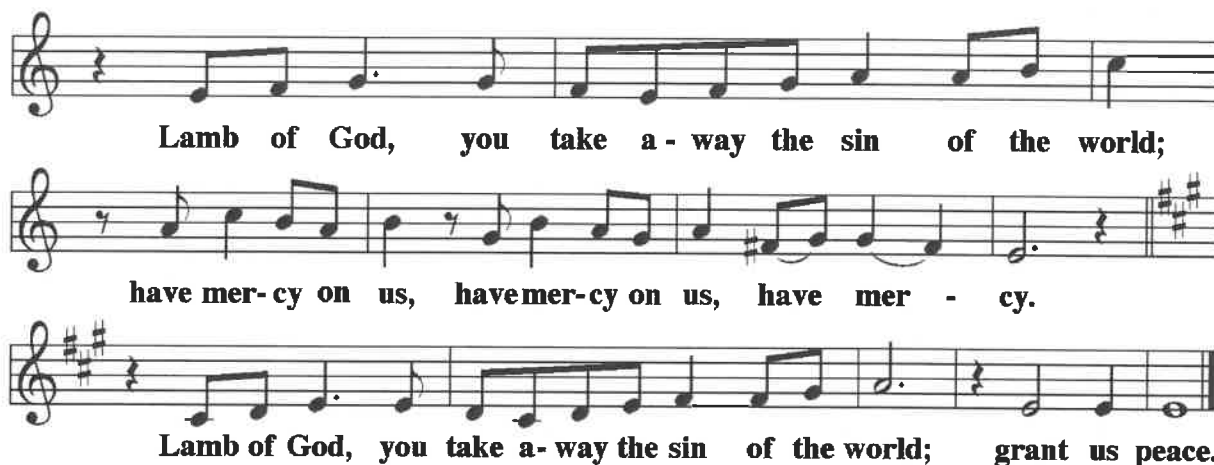
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Lamb of God

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.





Distribution Hymns

*Let Us Break Bread Together* ELW #471

*We Come to the Hungry Feast* ELW #479

# **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**

*Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!*

ELW #246

# **DISMISSAL**

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

# **POSTLUDE**

*People, Look East* — D. Wood

Karla Stalwick

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### **Serving in Worship:**

Leader:	Pastor John L. Vaswig
Assisting Minister:	Jen Winslow
Advent Wreath Lighter:	Barbara Fetty-Solders & Tom Knollmann
Organist/Pianist:	Karla Stalwick
Usher:	Jonathan Smith
Altar Guild:	Jane Shen
Video & Sound Assistants:	Jonathan Smith

**Readings for next week:** Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

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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**

## **DECEMBER 5TH — SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Worship Service**

Community Outreach—Christmas Giving Tree

## **MONDAY**

*7:00 pm*

*7:00 pm*

## **DECEMBER 6TH**

*Boy Scout Troop 676 (Fellowship Hall)*

*Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)*

## **TUESDAY**

*5:00 pm*

*8:00 pm*

## **DECEMBER 7TH**

*Encompass NW (Encompass Rm & Youth Room)*

*AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)*

## **WEDNESDAY**

*2:00 pm*

*7:00 pm*

## **DECEMBER 8TH—MIDWEEK HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER**

*Issaquah Garden Club (Fellowship Hall)*

**Midweek Holden Evening Prayer During Advent (Sanctuary)**

## **THURSDAY**

*8:00 am*

**9:30 am**

*10:00 am*

**7:00 pm**

*7:00 pm*

## **DECEMBER 9TH**

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

**Mission Quilters (Fellowship Hall)**

*Al Anon (Christian Education Room)*

**Finance Committee (Narthex)**

*Boy Scouts Alpine District Meeting (Fellowship Hall, Library, Christian Ed. Room)*

## **FRIDAY**

## **DECEMBER 10TH**

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

**10:00 am**

## **DECEMBER 12TH — THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Worship Service**

Community Outreach—Christmas Giving Tree **Cards Due**

### **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



## MIDWEEK HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER DURING ADVENT

WEDNESDAYS AT 7PM  
THROUGH DEC. 15TH

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** Our Giving Tree will collect gift cards for teens at Vine Maple Place, an organization in Maple Valley that

helps homeless families.

- Take an ornament and purchase gift cards for Starbucks or McDonalds in \$10 amts.
- Drop the purchased gift cards in the box next to the tree by **next Sunday, Dec. 12**, so that teens will have an opportunity to spend time with friends at these places.

Questions? Contact Cheryl Leiter at [leiterc55@aol.com](mailto:leiterc55@aol.com).



## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

GENERAL OPERATING FUND,  
OCT. 2021

We have completed four months of the 2021/22 fiscal year.

### The results so far this year:

We have received YTD: \$ 95,090

We have spent YTD: \$112,897

Deficit.....(\$ 17,807)

## ++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.*

**Leslie & Mike Waltzer and family** (Scott Hafso)

**Marlene Pickering** strength and healing.

**Connie Fletcher** rest, healing and recovery.

**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)