



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.

Third Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, December 12, 2021  
10:00 am



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## HOLY COMMUNION

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

**PRELUDE**      *Ave Maria* — JS Bach / Gounod, arr. Christopher Morris      Jiyoung Lee

**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**      *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People*      ELW #519

### 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

**B** 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 Three Candles to Watch for Messiah* — Yiddish folk tune



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



Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.

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

### FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3:14-20

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! <sup>15</sup>The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. <sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. <sup>17</sup>The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing <sup>18</sup>as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. <sup>19</sup>I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. <sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

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

### SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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 3:7-18

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

<sup>7</sup>John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." <sup>12</sup>Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" <sup>13</sup>He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>18</sup>So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

## SERMON

Pastor John L. Vaswig

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

ELW #242

## 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.

**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:

**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 kingdom and 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

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

Distribution Hymns

*By Your Hand You Feed Your People* ELW #469

*Now We Join in Celebration* ELW #462

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN**

*People, Look East*

ELW #248

**DISMISSAL**

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*Postlude on "Sleepers, Wake"* — Miles I'A. Martin

Jiyoung Lee

**Serving in Worship:**

Leader: Pastor John L. Vaswig  
 Assisting Minister: Debby Beck  
 Advent Wreath Lighter: Sue Johnson and Lynne O'Shea  
 Organist/Pianist: Jiyoung Lee  
 Usher: Sang-Beom Shim  
 Altar Guild: Jane Shen  
 Video & Sound Assistants: Jonathan Smith

**Readings for next week:** Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

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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  
2:00 pm

## DECEMBER 12TH — THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Worship Service  
*Master Chorus Eastside Holiday Concert (Sanctuary)*

## MONDAY

7:00 pm  
7:00 pm

## DECEMBER 13TH

*Boy Scout Troop 676 (Fellowship Hall)*  
*Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)*

## TUESDAY

4:00 pm  
7:00 pm  
8:00 pm

## DECEMBER 14TH

Issaquah Meal Program (Kitchen & Issaquah Fire House)  
Endowment Committee (Narthex)  
*AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)*

## WEDNESDAY

7:00 pm

DECEMBER 15TH—MIDWEEK HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER  
Midweek Holden Evening Prayer During Advent (Sanctuary)

## THURSDAY

8:00 am  
9:30 am  
10:00 am  
4:00 pm

## DECEMBER 16TH

*TOPS — Take Off Pounds Sensibly (Christian Education Room)*  
Mission Quilters (Fellowship Hall)  
*Al Anon (Christian Education Room)*  
Issaquah Meal Program (Kitchen & Issaquah Fire House)

## FRIDAY

## DECEMBER 17TH

## NEXT SUNDAY

10:00 am

DECEMBER 19TH — FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
Worship Service



## Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Friday, December 24th

Join us for Christmas Eve worship on Friday, December 24th, with carols, candlelight, holy communion and a joyful experience as we celebrate together.

# 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" TREE CARDS, COATS & TOYS DUE TODAY

We are collecting gift cards for teens at Vine Maple Place in Maple Valley to help home-

less families.

- Drop gift cards for Starbucks & McDonalds in the narthex **today Sunday, Dec. 12**, so that teens will have an opportunity to spend time with friends at these places.
- Drop **Winter Coats** and **Toys** in the narthex today. Issaquah Clothing Bank needs new warm coats in all sizes kids to adults. Eastside Baby Corner is looking for toys small enough to put in a backpack. They suggest: puzzles, books, baby dolls, building blocks, stacking toys and small cars.
- 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.*

**Wayne Price** peace and comfort at end of life. Prayers for his wife, Bev. (Tia Town, daughter of Wayne & Bev)

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

**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)

## Emergency Pastoral Care

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

