



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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 19, 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

Reverie — Improvisation by Robert Leech Bedell
Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus — arr. Cathy Mokelbust

Jiyoung Lee
Memorial Bells

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

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

ELW #254

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 - 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 Four Candles to Watch for Messiah — Yiddish folk tune

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

He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

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

FIRST READING

Micah 5:2-5a

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ^{5a}and he shall be the one of peace.

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

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; ⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." ⁸When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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 1:39-45 [46-55]

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

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

⁴⁶And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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

SERMON

Pastor John L. Vaswig

HYMN OF THE DAY

Canticle of the Turning

ELW #723

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

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 kingdom and teach us to pray:

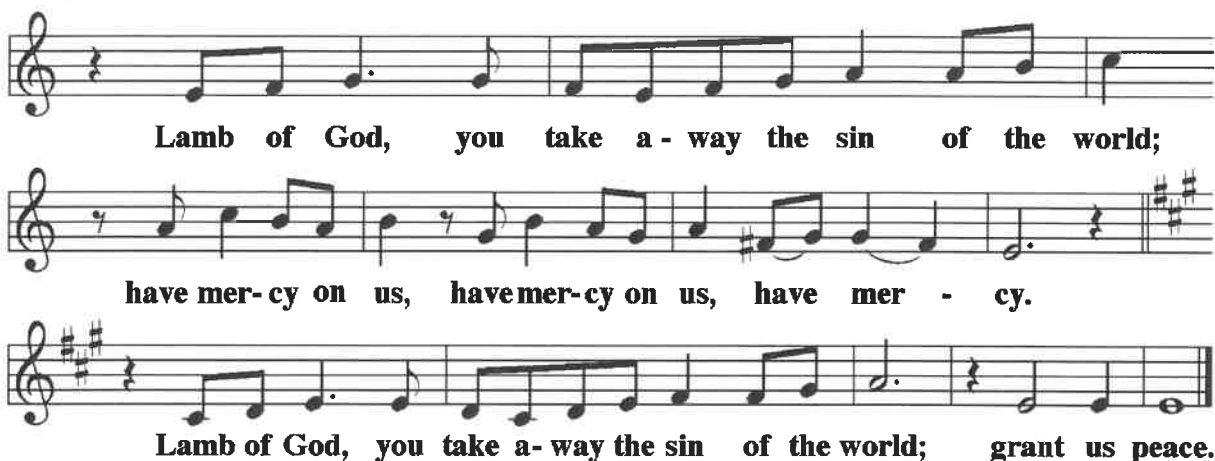
C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Offerings may be left in the basket at this time.

Lamb of God

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

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came ELW #265

Anthem

A Pastoral Christmas — Bach, arr. Douglas E Wagner

Memorial Bells

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Joy to the World

ELW #267

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Finale on 'Hyfrydol' — Henry Coleman

Jiyoung Lee

Serving in Worship:

Leader:	Pastor John L. Vaswig
Assisting Minister:	Joan Friel
Advent Wreath Lighter:	Jeff & Marilyn Jewell
Organist/Pianist:	Jiyoung Lee
Usher:	Peter Shen
Altar Guild:	Stacy Smith
Video & Sound Assistants:	Jonathan Smith

Readings for next week: Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

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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 19TH — FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Worship Service
Master Chorus Eastside Holiday Concert (Sanctuary)

MONDAY

7:00 pm
7:00 pm

DECEMBER 20TH

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

TUESDAY

7:00 pm
8:00 pm

DECEMBER 21ST

Church Council (Narthex)
AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 22ND

THURSDAY

10:00 am

DECEMBER 23RD

Office Closed
Al Anon (Christian Education Room)

FRIDAY

7:00 pm

DECEMBER 24TH — CHRISTMAS EVE

Office Closed
Candlelight Worship

SATURDAY

DECEMBER 25TH — CHRISTMAS DAY

NEXT SUNDAY

10:00 am

DECEMBER 26TH — FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Worship Service



Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Friday, December 24th

Invite your friends and neighbors for a time of song, sacrament and sermon as we gather for worship on Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm.

OSLC Announcements



COMMUNITY OUTREACH THANK YOU!

Thank you to all for your generous giving this Christmas Season. Our Savior and Shepard of the Hills collected the following for each organization.

- Gift cards for Vine Maple Place totaled **\$1,385.00!** Homeless teens will be able to use the gift cards to spend time with their friends.
- The Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank received 27 new coats and numerous new socks, hats, shoes and shirts. Also some cash donations.
- Eastside Baby Corner received many new toys and cash donations.

Thank you for being a blessing to our community! Sincerely, Our Savior Community Outreach Committee



AMAZONSMILE Your holiday and day-to-day purchases can make a difference at Our Savior! AmazonSmile donates to OSLC when you do your shopping at

smile.amazon.com/ch/91-0878553. Just enter 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@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.

Paul & Suzanne D'Errico healing for Paul following surgery, peace for Suzanne. (Marilyn Carlson)

The family of Wayne Price peace and comfort for Bev, Wayne's wife; and Tia, their daughter. Blessed are those who mourn. They will be comforted.

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

Expectant Mothers: Kirsten Weber (daughter to Randy & Joanna Wood)

Mourning the death of loved ones: For peace and comfort during this time of grieving for the family and friends of: **Wayne Price** (husband to Bev Price).

Emergency Pastoral Care

For emergency pastoral care, please contact
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