



Christmas Eve

OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are honored you have chosen to worship with us this evening. 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.

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.

Christmas Eve
Friday, December 24, 2021
7:00 pm



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
745 Front Street S., Issaquah, WA 98027
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HOLY COMMUNION WITH CAROLS AND CANDLELIGHT

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

PRELUDE *Pastorale 'Jesu Bambino' — Pietro A. Yon* Jiyoung Lee

WELCOME Pastor John L. Vaswig

LITANY

PM: On this night we come to celebrate God in the flesh, we come to bend our knees before the One who stretched out his arms.

C: We come in reverence and awe, we come as the redeemed of the Babe of Bethlehem.

PM: We come to pay homage to the Divine cry heard from a manger

C: We come to praise God with the voices of the angels long ago "Glory to God in the Highest Heaven."

PM: We come to hear again what the angel of the Lord proclaimed:

C: "Do not be afraid: for see I am bringing you Good News of great joy for all the people."

PM: "To you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior who is the Messiah of God."

C: And with Mary, the church on earth and all God's beloved we say again "Glory to God in the Highest and Peace to God's people on earth."

OPENING HYMN *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ELW #283

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* ELW #270

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when di-

viding plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

ALLELUIA

Go Tell It on the Mountain

ELW #290 v. 1 & 3

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

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

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorify-

ing and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

SERMON

Pastor John L. Vaswig

HYMN OF THE DAY

The First Noel

ELW #300

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.

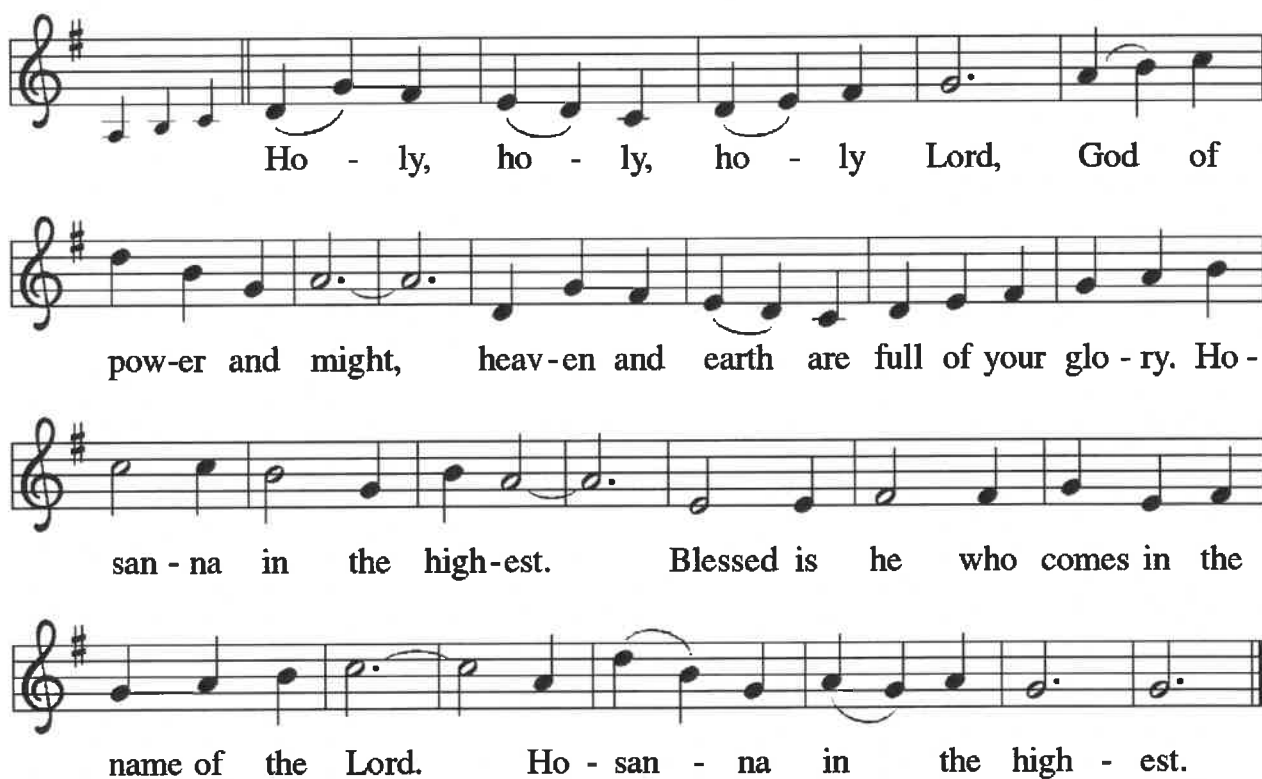
Lift up your hearts. **We lift** them to the Lord.

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:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

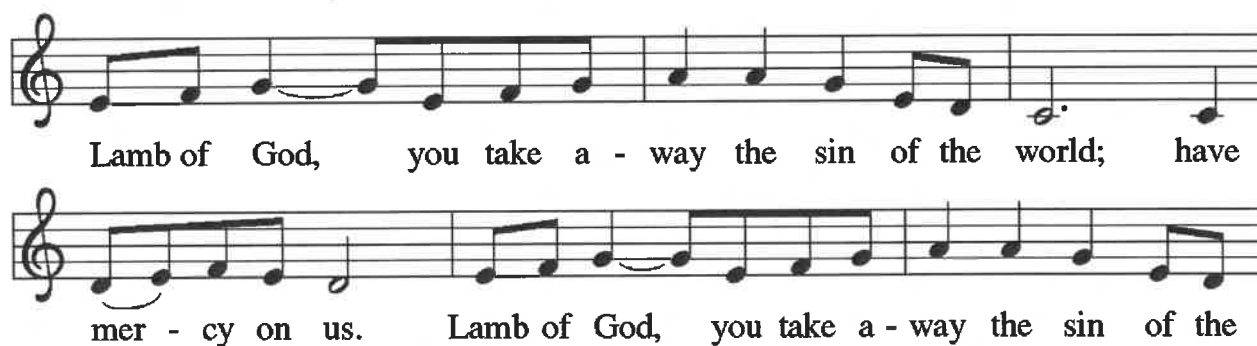
PM: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

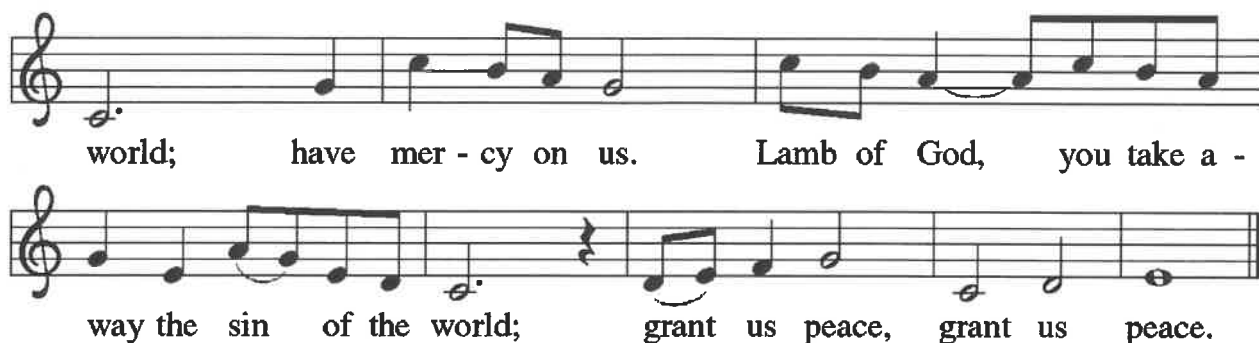
C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are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

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Offerings may be left in the basket at this time.

Lamb of God





Distribution Hymns

I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve ELW #271

O Little Town of Bethlehem ELW #279

Away in a Manger ELW #277

POST COMMUNION HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

ELW #289

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN / SHARING OF CANDLELIGHT

Silent Night, Holy Night ELW #281

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Christ is born for you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Overture From 'Unto A Child is Born' Cantata 147 — JS Bach, arr. F. Ritter

Jiyoung Lee

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Pastor John L. Vaswig

Assisting Minister:

Mary Ann Hult

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Jonathan Smith

Memorial Bells Director:

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Readings for Sunday: Isaiah 62:6-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

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