



Christmas

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 Christmas
Sunday, December 26, 2021
10:00 am



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
745 Front Street S., Issaquah, WA 98027
425-392-4169

HOLY COMMUNION

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

PRELUDE *Prelude on 'Green Sleeves' — Richard Purvis* 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 *Angels, From the Realms of Glory* ELW #275

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 *Love Has Come* ELW #292

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

FIRST READING Isaiah 62:6-12

⁶Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, ⁷and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your ene-

mies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; ⁹but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts.

¹⁰Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. ¹¹The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." ¹²They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

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

SECOND READING

Titus 3:4-7

⁴When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. ⁶This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

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, glorifying 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

Of the Father's Love Begotten

ELW #295

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.

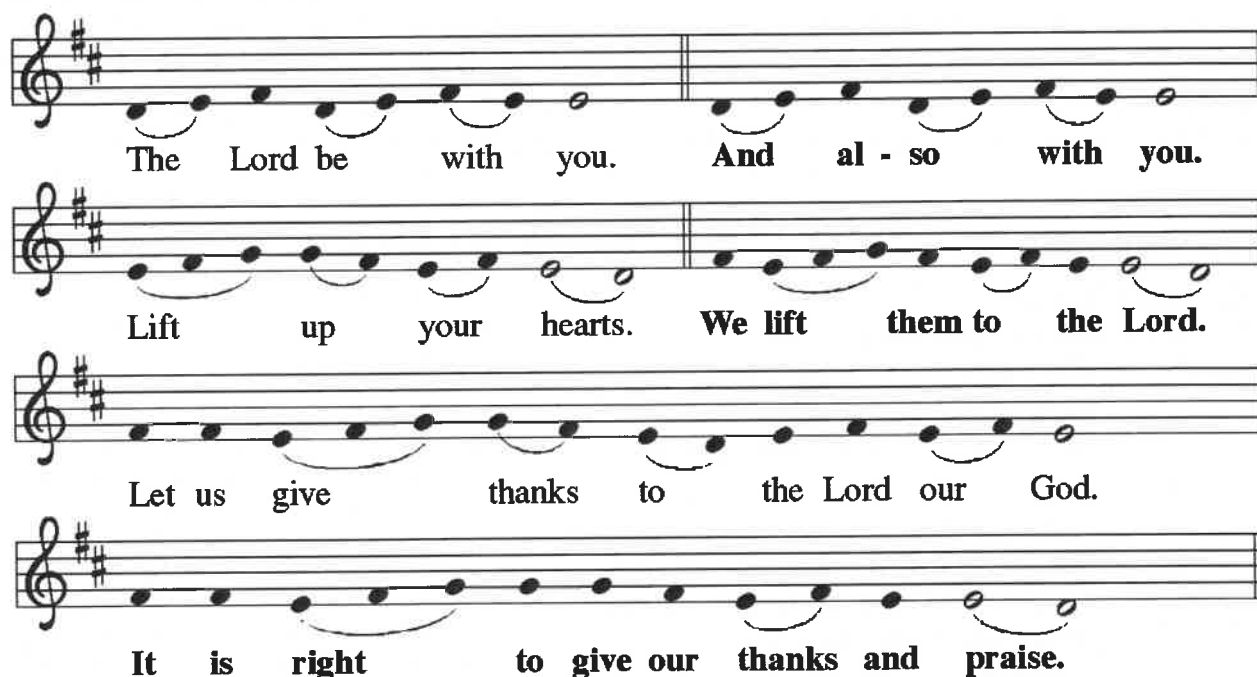
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

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



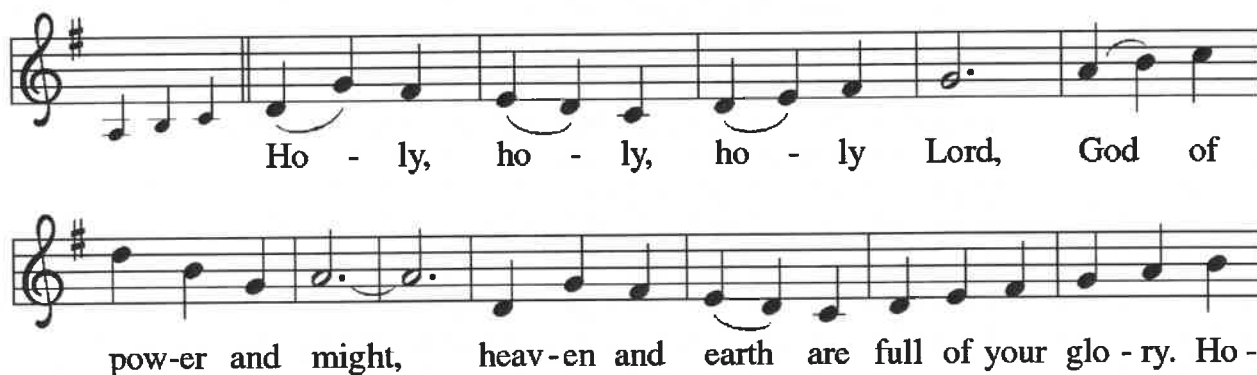
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

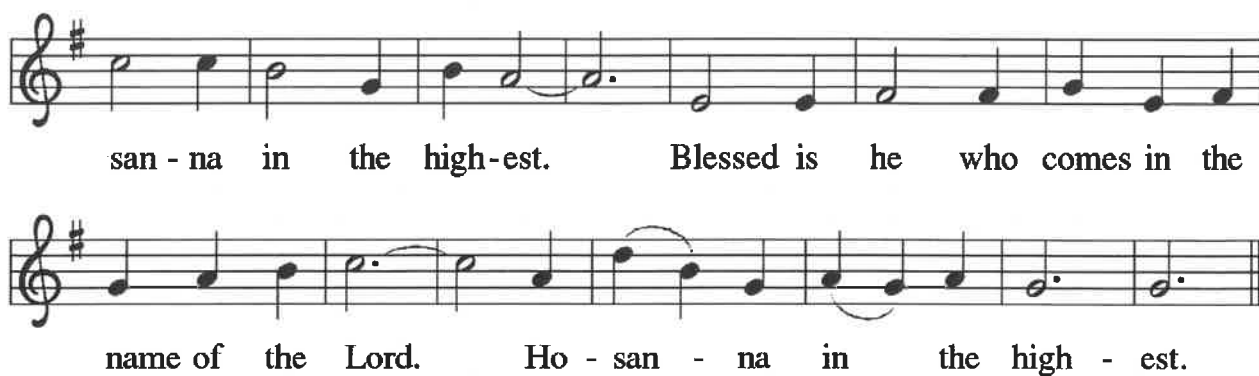
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PM: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
 ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

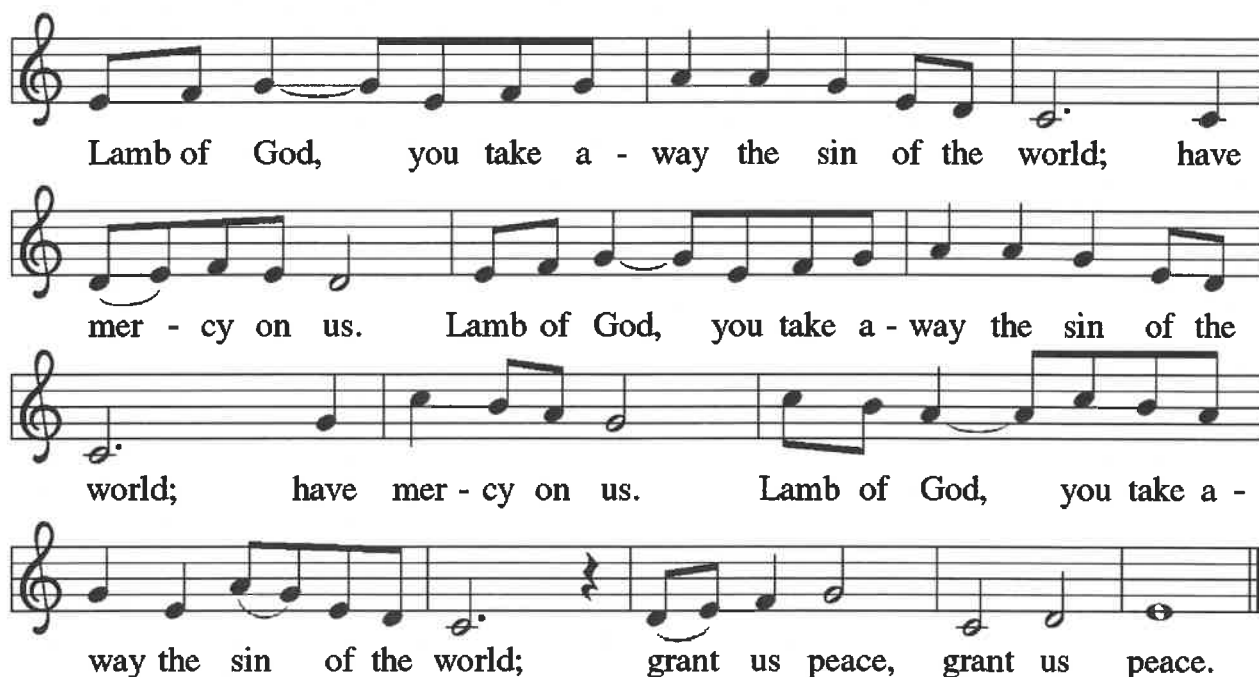
PM: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

What Child Is This ELW #296

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly ELW #276

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Go Tell It On the Mountain

ELW #290

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on 'O Come, All Ye Faithful' — arr. Don Michael Dicie

Jiyoung Lee

Serving in Worship:

Leader:	Pastor John L. Vaswig
Assisting Minister:	Lynne O'Shea
Organist/Pianist:	Jiyoung Lee
Usher:	Don Robertson
Altar Guild:	Jane Wuest
Video & Sound Assistants:	David Hersey, Jon Smith

Readings for next week: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:15-21

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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 26TH — FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Worship Service

MONDAY

7:00 pm

7:00 pm

DECEMBER 27TH

Office Closed

Boy Scout Troop 676 (Fellowship Hall)

Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)

TUESDAY

8:00 pm

DECEMBER 28TH

Office Closed

AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 29TH

Office Closed

THURSDAY

10:00 am

10:00 am

DECEMBER 30TH

Office Closed

Mission Quilters (Fellowship Hall)

Al Anon (Christian Education Room)

FRIDAY

DECEMBER 31ST — NEW YEAR'S EVE

SATURDAY

JANUARY 1ST — NEW YEAR'S DAY

NEXT SUNDAY

10:00 am

JANUARY 2ND — NAME OF JESUS

Worship Service — Guest Preacher, Pr. Larry Thomas

Emergency Pastoral Care

Monday, December 27th Through Sunday, January 2nd

Pr. Vaswig will be out of the office Monday, December 27th through Sunday, January 2. If you are in need of emergency pastoral care during that time please contact:

Pastor Larry Thomas at 425-802-1212.

OSLC Announcements

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE

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OFFICE HOURS DURING THE HOLIDAY

The church office will be closed Monday, December 27, through Friday, December 31st.



FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

GENERAL OPERATING FUND, NOV. 2021

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

The results so far this year:

We have received YTD: \$117,263

We have spent YTD: \$134,912

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SATURDAY, JAN. 8TH 9AM-12 NOON WHAT WENT UP MUST COME DOWN!

Saturday January 8th, 9am-12pm, join the Altar Guild in taking down the Christmas Decorations.

SUNDAY, JAN. 16TH AT 11:00 AM OUR SAVIOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The agenda includes Council member elections—Doug Friddell and Connie Fletcher, President and Pastor reports.

++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.

Ken Konigsmark rest and healing following injury of his heel and achilles tendon. (Jane Shen)

Les Carlson strength and healing follow diagnosis with Covid. (father of Dave Carlson)

Lynnette Brillard cancer diagnosis. (daughter to Cheryl Neeb)

Miyako Griffin peace and comfort at end of life. (Cheryl Neeb)

Carmen Saavedra peace and comfort at end of life. (Cheryl Neeb)

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).