



Lent

OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are honored you have chosen to worship with us. 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 REMINDER: Our Savior's Executive Committee strongly suggests attendees continue to wear masks in worship, principally because of singing. This is in keeping with the Synod suggestion to continue masking when singing, around others at high risk, in crowded spaces, or with children under five.

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 in Lent
Sunday, March 27, 2022
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

Jiyoung Lee

WELCOME

Pastor John L. Vaswig

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PM: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PM: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

PM: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.)

PM: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

PM: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

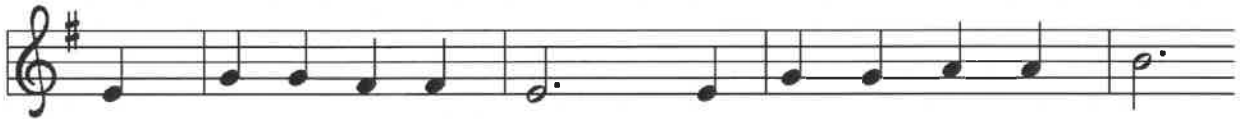
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GREETING

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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

FIRST READING

Joshua 5:9-12

⁹The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

PSALM 32 (sung responsively)

AM: ¹Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,

C: **and whose sin is | put away!**

AM: ²Happy are they to whom the Lord im- | putes no guilt,

C: **and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**

AM: ³While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,

C: **because of my groaning | all day long.**

AM: ⁴For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;

C: **my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**

AM: ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.

C: **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you for-
gave me the guilt | of my sin.**

AM: ⁶Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;

C: **when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.**

AM: ⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;

C: **you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.**

AM: ⁸“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;

C: I will guide you | with my eye.

AM: ⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;

C: who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near you.”

AM: ¹⁰Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;

C: but mercy embraces those who trust | in the Lord.

AM: ¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the Lord;

C: shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sing twice



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ^{11b}“There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of

that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

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

SERMON

Pastor John L. Vaswig

HYMN OF THE DAY

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

ELW #609

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MEAL: GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

PM: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PM: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

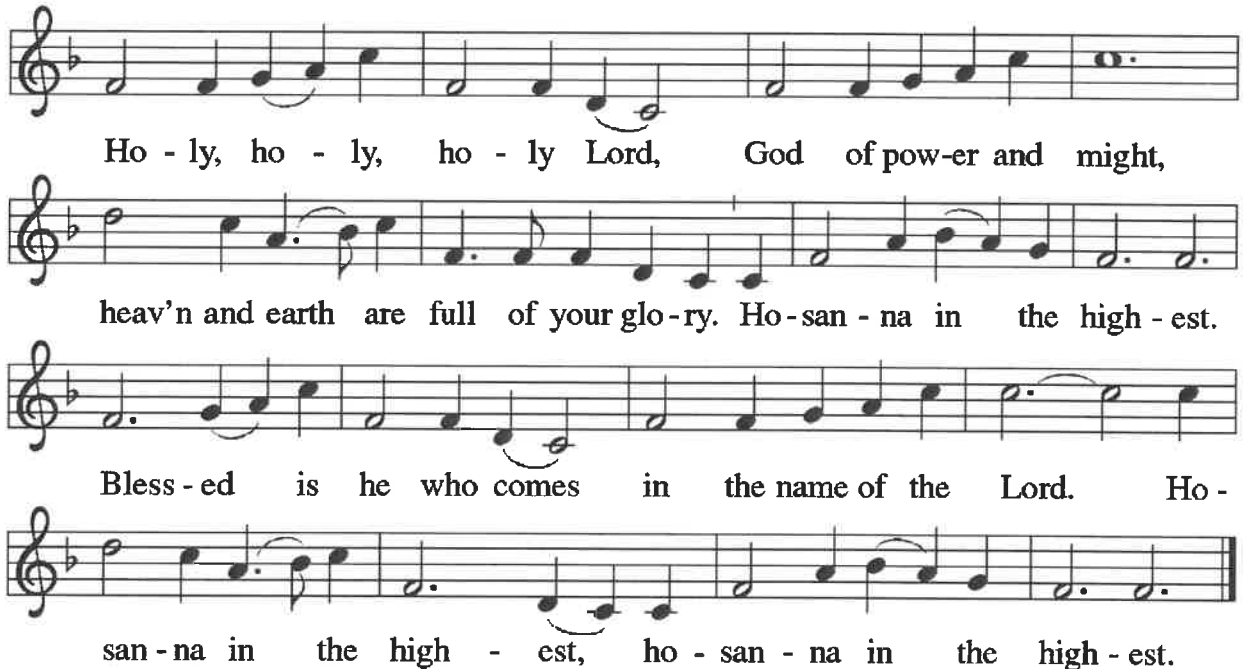
PM: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, 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



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Distribution Hymns

Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling ELW #608

Holy God, We Praise Your Name ELW #414

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW #773

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Jiyoung Lee

Serving in Worship:

Leader: Pastor John L. Vaswig
Assisting Minister: Jen Winslow
Organist/Pianist: Jiyoung Lee
Usher: Don Robertson
Altar Guild: Stacy Smith
Video & Sound Assistants: Jonathan Smith

Readings for next week: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

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Our Savior Lutheran Church Staff

Rev. John L. Vaswig, *Transition Pastor*

Shari Lundberg, *Parish Administrator*

Dr. Jiyoung Lee, *Parish Organist*

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

10:00 am
11:00 am

MARCH 27TH — FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Fellowship Hall)

MONDAY

7:00 pm
7:00 pm

MARCH 28TH

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

TUESDAY

8:00 pm

MARCH 29TH

AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY

1:00 pm
7:00 pm

MARCH 30TH — MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank (Christian Ed. Room)
Worship Service (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY

10:00 am
10:00 am

MARCH 31ST

Mission Quilters (Fellowship Hall)
Al Anon (Christian Education Room)

FRIDAY

APRIL 1ST

SATURDAY

9:00 am

APRIL 2ND

Spring Clean-Up 2! (church grounds)

NEXT SUNDAY

10:00 am
11:00 am
11:30 am

APRIL 3RD — FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Fellowship Hall)
Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)

Emergency Pastoral Care

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

OSLC Announcements

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING APRIL 3RD AT 11:30 AM Please join us on April 3rd at 11:30 am to discuss and vote on merging with Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. An email notice with more information was sent out to the congregation earlier this week.



WEDNESDAY— LENTEN EVENING WORSHIP AT 7:00 PM Journey with us through Lent on Wednesday evenings with a contemplative

service during your busy week. Now through April 6th.



COFFEE HOUR RETURNS Gather with us for coffee hour each Sunday following worship. Coffee hour hosts are needed. Please sign up in the fellowship hall.



FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE The month of December was a great month financially with the receipt of

\$95,223 in contributions which included unexpected gifts. This resulted in a positive cash flow (income exceeding expenses) of \$68,188 for the six months ending December 2021. For the months of January and February we had a combined negative cash flow (expenses exceeded income) of - \$5,672.



SPRING GROUNDS CLEAN-UP

#2 SATURDAY, APRIL 2 No April Fools - join us for Spring Grounds Clean-up! All experience levels welcome - we have tools & gloves. Socially distanced. Questions?

Contact Anne Ellett at 206.225.9592 or Anne.Ellett@Outlook.com.

++Share & Prayer++

*We invite you to include these people in your daily prayers. You can make prayer requests via email at office@oslccissaquah.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.***

Nicole Marsh recovery from lung surgery. (Cheryl Neeb)

Bjorn Lundberg peace in hospice. (Father-in-law to Shari Lundberg)

Shelley Howe recovery from serious arm infection.

Stephanie under going cancer treatment. (Shelley Howe)

Marge Anderson recovery and peace on the road ahead. (Mike Anderson)

Mourning the death of loved ones: For peace and comfort during this time of grieving for the family and friends of: **Bjorn Lundberg** (Shari Lundberg); **Margit Welch** (wife to Jerry Welch); **Dorothy Jackson** (mother-in-law to the daughter of Lyle and Alice Lewis); **JoAnn Anderson** (Aunt of Shelley Howe); **Mike Hazelton** (father-in-law to Jan Hazelton)

