

Advent

OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Encouraged Hearts United in Love

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 strongly recommended in worship**, especially because of singing. This measure is especially important for vulnerable individuals among us.

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; gluten free bread is available. 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.

Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 4, 2022
10:00 a.m.



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
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HOLY COMMUNION

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

PRELUDE

Veni Emmanuel — Peter Pindar Stearns

Jiyoung Lee

WELCOME

Pr. John L. Vaswig

CALL TO WORSHIP *Kyrie*

1.3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.

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Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PM: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

C: Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.

PM: Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

PM: God of new beginnings,

C: we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

PM: People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign.

By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on † Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

ELW #244

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

C 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.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

MUSICAL OFFERING

In the Bleak Mid-Winter — arr. Matthew Prins

Memorial Bells

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Wait for the Lord — Taizé Sing two times before and two times after the prayer.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong take heart!

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around

his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19 (sung responsively)

¹Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
 and your righteousness to | the king's son;
²that he may rule your | people righteously
 and the | poor with justice;
³that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,
 and the | hills, in righteousness.
⁴Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,
 rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor.
⁵May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,
 from one generation | to another.
⁶Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,
 like showers that wa- | ter the earth.
⁷In his time may the | righteous flourish;
 and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.
¹⁸Blessed are you, LORD God, the | God of Israel;
 you alone do | wondrous deeds!
¹⁹And blessed be your glorious | name forever,
 and may all the earth be filled with your glory. A- | men. Amen.

SECOND READING

Romans 15:4-13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; ¹⁰and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; ¹¹and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; ¹²and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

Matthew 3:1-12

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

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming
²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume 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. ¹⁰Even 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.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

PM: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor John L. Vaswig

HYMN OF THE DAY

On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry

ELW #249

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 of music in G major (one sharp) and 7/8 time. Each staff begins with a piano (P) dynamic marking. The lyrics are: "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."

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.

PROPER PREFACE

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

HOLY, HOLY

© 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 love as you 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.

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.

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

O Come, O Come Emmanuel — arr. Matthew Prins

Memorial Bells

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Offerings may be left in the basket at this time.

Distribution Hymns

Comfort, Comfort Now My People ELW #256
For the Bread Which You Have Broken ELW #494
My Lord, What a Morning ELW #438

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Let Our Gladness Have No End

ELW #291

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata on Veni Emmanuel — John Barr

Jiyoung Lee

OSLC Announcements

Christmas Giving 2022

On Sunday, December 4, 11, and 18, Community Outreach will be collecting gift cards for two purposes:

1. **Vine Maple Place**, an organization that breaks the generational cycle of homelessness by working with single parents and their children, **is asking for \$10 or \$15 gift cards from McDonald's, Subway, or Taco Time** for parents to gift their teens to use to go out and visit with friends.
2. Secondly, **OSLC is collecting \$25 Target, Safeway, and Fred Meyer gift cards** to use when we get requests from our church members and the community for a little extra help. They can help purchase food, gas, medications, etc.

We'll have a Christmas tree in the Narthex. Please take an ornament with the gift card request on it, purchase the gift card(s), and put your gift cards in the box next to the tree. The Community Outreach Committee thanks you in advance!



Puppet Show Next Week!

There will be a puppet show in Anderson Hall during coffee/fellowship hour, following worship.

Serving in Worship Today:

Leader:	Pastor John L. Vaswig
Assisting Minister:	Joan Friel
Psalm Cantor:	Lori Downey
Organist/Pianist:	Jiyoun Lee
Usher:	Peter Shen
Altar Guild:	Delaney Cash Jean Pass
Sound / Videography:	Jonathan Smith/ David Hersey

++Share & Prayer++

*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 four weeks. **A complete list of prayers can be found in the Focus newsletter each month.***

Bob Beck, healing (Debby Beck)

Ken Schaper, heart surgery (brother of Lena Schaper)

Murray Grant, full recovery from COVID (Dave & Marilyn Carlson)

John Snyder, the loss of both mother and father (Connie Fletcher)

My sister Judy & her daughter Traci, for peace and comfort (Connie Fletcher)

Bonnie Olin, healing from cancer surgery (Connie Fletcher)

The Moscow, Idaho community (Lena Schaper)

Alan, for successful heart surgery and recovery (brother of Don Robertson)

Kirsten Olshausen, who is hospitalized during a stem cell transplant, which is part of her cancer treatment (Kirsten Olshausen)

OSLC Call Committee, for wisdom and discernment

Dave Carlson, successful surgery and healing of tibial plateau fracture (Marilyn Carlson)

Ruben Nieto, successful surgery and good recovery (Connie Fletcher)

Ray Harbolt and family, as they grieve

Mourning the death of loved ones:
Carol Harbolt
(wife of Ray Harbolt)



This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

9:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.

DECEMBER 4 — SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Spirit of Peace UCC (downstairs)
Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)
Debra Zadinsky Violin Workshop (Sanctuary)

MONDAY

10:30 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 5

Congregational Care Ministry (Narthex)
Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

TUESDAY

10:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 6

Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank (Christian Ed. Room)
Site Planning Committee (online)
Contact Rick West (rickjanbecca@comcast.net) for Zoom info.
AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 7

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

DECEMBER 8

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)
Al-Anon (Christian Ed. Room)

FRIDAY

11:00 a.m.
12:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 9

Carol Harbolt Memorial (Sanctuary and Anderson Hall)
Companions Bible Study group (online)
Contact Jen Winslow (jenwinmv@outlook.com) for Zoom info.

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

DECEMBER 11 — THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Spirit of Peace UCC (downstairs)
Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Coffee & Fellowship Hour with Puppet Show (Anderson Hall)

Emergency Pastoral Care

For emergency pastoral care, please contact
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