



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.

Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 11, 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

In Dulci Jubilo — J. S. Bach

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW #807

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

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 35:1-10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. ³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall

break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

CANTICLE OF THE TURNING

ELW #723

SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

⁷Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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 11:2-11

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

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ⁴Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." ⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a

prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' ¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

PM: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor John L. Vaswig

HYMN OF THE DAY

Prepare the Royal Highway

ELW #264

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 score for 'Great Thanksgiving' consists of four staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 7/8 time signature. The lyrics are: **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

The musical score for 'Holy, Holy' consists of five staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: **C** 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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Offerings may be left in the basket at this time.

Distribution Hymns

The King Shall Come ELW #260
Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal ELW #464
Holy, Holy, Holy ELW #473 (sing three times)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Hark, the Glad Sound!

ELW #239

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Deck the Hall — Jean Pasquet

Jiyoung Lee

OSLC Announcements

Christmas Giving 2022

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

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.

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 Today!



Today Ruth Gilmore (daughter of Marlice) will be performing the puppet show.

While Ruth is in town (thru December 26), she is excited to hold a class for anyone who's interested in learning puppetry techniques and ventriloquism. If you're interested in taking a puppetry class with Ruth, please contact Marlice Gilmore at 425-391-6614.

Please join us during Coffee & Fellowship Hour for the puppet show!

OSLC Announcements

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services

Please mark your calendars to worship with us
as we celebrate the birth of Jesus:

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day: Festival of the Nativity of Our Lord

Sunday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m.



OSLC Announcements

✦ Share & Prayer ✦

Mourning the death of loved ones:

Carol Harbolt (wife of Ray Harbolt)
Carol died on November 25; her memorial service was held here on December 9. Please keep Ray and their family in your prayers.

Stephen Gacek (husband of Emily Gacek)
Stephen died on November 30; his memorial service will be held here on January 21. From Connie Fletcher: "He and his wife Emily were members of our church for several years. Steve was baptized at OSLC, and he and Emily were married here as well. Steve was born with a disability, but that did not stop him from making significant contributions to our church and community. Steve was on the call committee for Pastor Ryan, and he tutored children at a summer reading program. Steve was a close friend of my daughter Sarah. Please keep Emily and his family in your prayers."



Serving in Worship Today

Leader:	Pastor John L. Vaswig
Assisting Minister:	Jen Winslow
Organist/Pianist:	Jiyoung Lee
Usher:	Sang-Beom Shim
Altar Guild:	Barbara Fetty-Solders
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)
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 recovering after 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)
Connie Hogue, full recovery following a stroke (Marilyn Carlson)
Camille Adair-Hatch, recovery from illness (Marilyn Carlson)
Shelley Howe, as she recovers from labral hip tears (The Howes)
Sara Reid, as she recovers from tibia and fibula fractures (The Howes)
Marge Armos, who is struggling with COPD and dementia, **and her husband Joe**, who is caring for her (Helen Nychay)

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

9:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 11 — THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

MONDAY

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

DECEMBER 12

Congregational Care Ministry (Library)
Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)
Eastside Master Chorus (Sanctuary)

TUESDAY

10:00 a.m.
3:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 13

Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank (Christian Ed. Room)
Community Meal Prep (Kitchen)
Executive Committee (online)
Contact Chuck Bachman (bachmancj@aol.com) for Zoom info.
Endowment Committee (Narthex)
AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)

WEDNESDAY

1:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 14

Issaquah Garden Club (Anderson Hall & Kitchen)

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
2:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 15

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)
Al-Anon (Christian Ed. Room)
Community Meal Prep (Kitchen)
Finance Committee (online)
Contact Wendy Winslow (oslc_treasurer@hotmail.com) for Zoom info.
Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

FRIDAY

12:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 16

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 18 — FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Emergency Pastoral Care

For emergency pastoral care, please contact
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