



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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 18, 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

Trumpet Tune on "Wachet Auf" — Martha Sobaje

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.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
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

Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn

WOV #633

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 7:10-16

¹⁰The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

AM: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.

²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and | come to help us.

³Restore | us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

⁴O LORD| God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your | people pray?

⁵You have fed them with the | bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.

⁶You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.

⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

¹⁷Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,
the one you have made so strong | for yourself.

¹⁸And so will we never turn a- | way from you;
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.

¹⁹Restore us, O LORD| God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

SECOND READING

Romans 1:1-7

¹Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God
²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel
concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was
declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection
from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostle-
ship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name,
⁶including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,
⁷To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 1:18-25

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

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us."²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

PM: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor John L. Vaswig

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

ELW #251

INSTALLATION OF THE CALL COMMITTEE

Council President: The following persons, having chosen to serve on the Call Committee, are now asked to come forward and stand before Pr. Vaswig as their names are called:

Barbara Fetty-Solders, Phil Griffin, Gary Hanson, Marilyn Jewell, John McDowell, LaRue Nelson, Jen Winslow

PM: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ freed you from the power of sin and death and made you members of his church. Through Word and Sacrament, you have been nurtured in the faith. With your sisters and brothers here, I ask you to declare your faith with them using the words of the 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.**

Congregation is seated.

PM: ¹If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ⁴Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2:1-4

⁴There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. ⁷Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Council President: Sisters and brothers in Christ, you are selected to a position of trust in this congregation as members of the Call Committee. You will be working to nominate a pastor for congregational vote who will lead us in our ministry as we follow God's call to make disciples of all nations. We ask you to pledge your commitment and faithfulness in carrying out your responsibilities.

PM: Will you see to it that your words and your work reflect the One in whose name we gather?

Call Committee: Yes, with the help of God.

PM: Will you be diligent in your work together, sharing your reflections and listening to others?

Call Committee: Yes, with the help of God.

PM: Will you be faithful in your attendance and support of this congregation?

Call Committee: Yes, with the help of God.

PM: People of God, I ask you to stand and accept the leadership of these people whom you have elected, supporting them with prayer and words of encouragement. Will you honor their call to serve as members of the Call Committee?

C: Yes, with the help of God.

PM: I declare that you are now installed as members of the Call Committee of Our Savior Lutheran Church. May God bless you and strengthen you in this important task. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes. There are some musical markings such as a fermata over the first 'ly' and a triplet of eighth notes in the second line.

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.

The musical score is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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

Savior of the Nations, Come ELW #263
All Earth Is Hopeful ELW #266
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming ELW #272

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Angels from the Realms of Glory

ELW #275

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Sleepers, Wake" — Miles F.A. Martin

Jiyoung Lee

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
7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day: Festival of the Nativity of Our Lord
Sunday, December 25
10:00 a.m.



Christmas Giving 2022

Sunday, December 18 is the final day for Community Outreach to collect 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.

Please put your gift cards in the box next to the Christmas tree in the Narthex.

The Community Outreach Committee thanks you in advance!

OSLC Announcements

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

Serving in Worship Today

Leader:	Pastor John L. Vaswig
Assisting Minister:	Joan Friel
Psalm Cantor:	Jeff Jewell
Organist/Pianist:	Jiyoung Lee
Usher:	Ken Konigsmark
Altar Guild:	Stacy Smith
Sound / Videography:	Jonathan Smith/ David Hersey



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, post-surgery 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)
Hye-Tong Robinson, for recovery

Mourning the death of loved ones:

Carol Harbolt (wife of Ray Harbolt)
Please keep Ray and their family in your prayers.

Stephen Gacek (husband of Emily Gacek)
Please keep Emily and his family in your prayers.

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

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)

MONDAY

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

DECEMBER 19

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

TUESDAY

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

DECEMBER 20

Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank (Christian Ed. Room)
Church Council (Narthex)
AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 21

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m.

DECEMBER 22

Al-Anon (Christian Ed. Room)

FRIDAY

12:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 23

Companions Bible Study group (online)
Contact Jen Winslow (jenwinmv@outlook.com) for Zoom info.

SATURDAY

7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)

NEXT SUNDAY

DECEMBER 25 — CHRISTMAS DAY: FESTIVAL OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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

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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