



Christmas Eve

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.

Christmas Eve
Saturday, December 24, 2022
7:00 p.m.



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
745 Front Street S, Issaquah, WA 98027
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HOLY COMMUNION WITH CAROLS AND CANDLELIGHT

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

PRELUDE

An Advent Meditation — David Lasky

Jiyoung Lee

WELCOME

Pr. John L. Vaswig

LITANY

PM: Do not be afraid; for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people.

C: For unto us is born in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah of God.

PM: And this will be a sign for you; you will find the child all wrapped up in your family gatherings, your love of one another, your care for the stranger in need.

C: Yes indeed, we will find the child, the Savior of the world in bread and wine, in a word heard, in a prayer prayed.

PM: And we will join the angels in heaven come to earth with the song of praise.

C: Glory to God in the Highest, heaven and peace to God's people on earth.

OPENING HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW #283

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

Joy to the World

ELW #267

PM: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

AM: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

AM: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Angels We Have Heard on High

ELW #289

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

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

The First Noel.

ELW #300

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Great Thanksgiving is presented as a four-staff musical score in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. Each staff begins with a 'P' (Piano) 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.'

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 for 'HOLY, HOLY' is written on five staves. It begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: '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.' There are some musical notations like a triplet of eighth notes and a fermata over the final note.

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.

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 for 'LAMB OF GOD' is written on two staves. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: '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.' There are some musical notations like a fermata over the final note.

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

Away in a Manger ELW #277
O Little Town of Bethlehem ELW #279
I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve ELW #271

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

ELW #270

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN / SHARING OF CANDLELIGHT

Silent Night

ELW #281

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

O Come, All Ye Faithful — Jacob B. Weber

Jiyoung Lee

OSLC Announcements

A Message of Gratitude from the Community Outreach Committee

Thank you for your generous support of our November/December gift card collections for the non-profits OSLC supports.

In November, we collected and donated \$1,600.00 in gift cards for the Issaquah Food Bank's Holiday Gift Barn. Here is a quote from the Food Bank's Volunteer Newsletter: "IFB received and provided over \$60,000 worth of gift cards to more than 1,200 children at our Holiday Gift Program." Our donations contributed to their being able to do their mission.

In December, we collected \$545.00 in gift cards for the Parents at Vine Maple Place to give to their teens for Christmas. We collected \$300.00 in gift cards for OSLC to help members of our community with needs that arise.

In addition to our gift card collections, we gave monetary gifts to the Issaquah Food Bank, Issaquah Community Services, Kid Vantage (formerly Eastside Baby Corner), and Vine Maple Place to help with their client needs during this season. These totaled \$3,500.00 from the budgeted Community Outreach Designated Funds.

**Thank you all
for being a blessing
to our community.**



Serving in Worship Today

Leader:	Pastor John L. Vaswig
Assisting Minister:	Connie Fletcher
Organist/Pianist:	Jiyoung Lee
Usher:	Don Robertson
Altar Guild:	Jane Wuest
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.***

Kirsten Olshausen, who is recovering after a stem cell transplant, which is part of her cancer treatment

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



This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 24 — CHRISTMAS EVE

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

TOMORROW

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

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

Spirit of Peace UCC (downstairs)

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

MONDAY

DECEMBER 26

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED THIS WEEK.

TUESDAY

7:45 p.m.

DECEMBER 27

AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m.

DECEMBER 29

Al-Anon (Christian Ed. Room)

FRIDAY

12:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 30

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.

JANUARY 1 — NAME OF JESUS

Spirit of Peace UCC (downstairs)

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

Emergency Pastoral Care

For emergency pastoral care, please contact
OSLC Transition Pastor John L. Vaswig at
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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.”

Luke 2:10-11

