



Christmas

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.

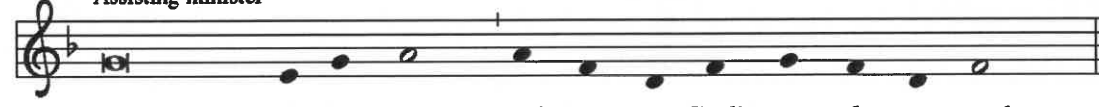
Individual servings of bread & wine (red) or juice (white) await you; gluten free bread is available. Communion will be distributed at the center aisle in front of the altar. *Please be sensitive to physical distancing.* After consuming the elements, place the cup in the trays provided. To indicate that 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.


HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister




Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.


All




Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,




we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.




Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,




you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;




you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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 52:7-10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." ⁸Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. ⁹Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? ⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." ⁷Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire."

⁸But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. ⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." ¹⁰And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; ¹¹they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; ¹²like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

ELW #288 v. 1-2

THE GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

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

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a

witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

PM: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor John L. Vaswig

HYMN OF THE DAY

Of the Father's Love Begotten

ELW #295

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.

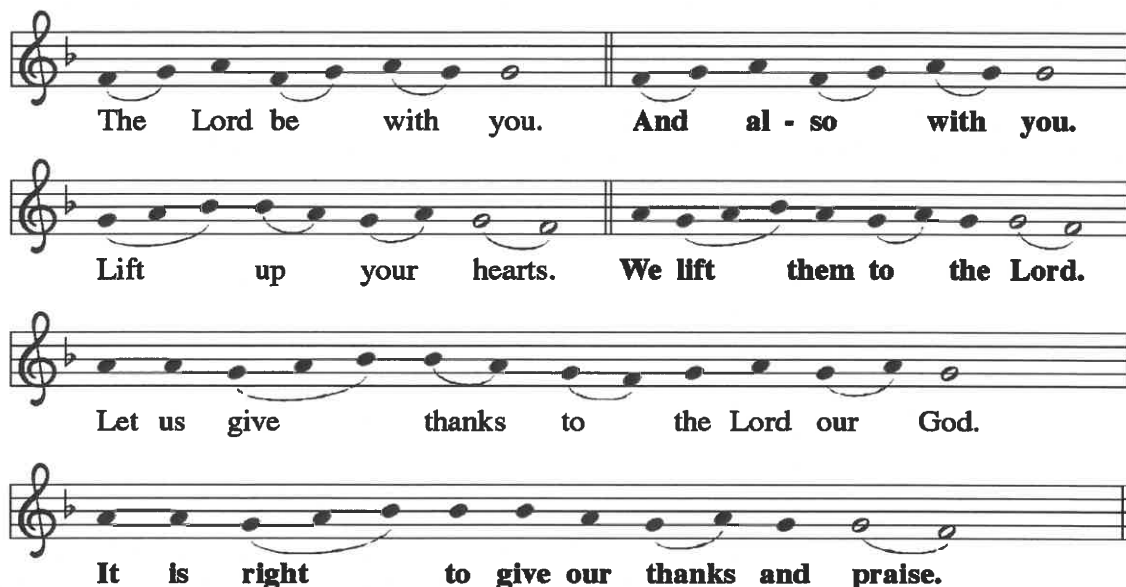
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**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

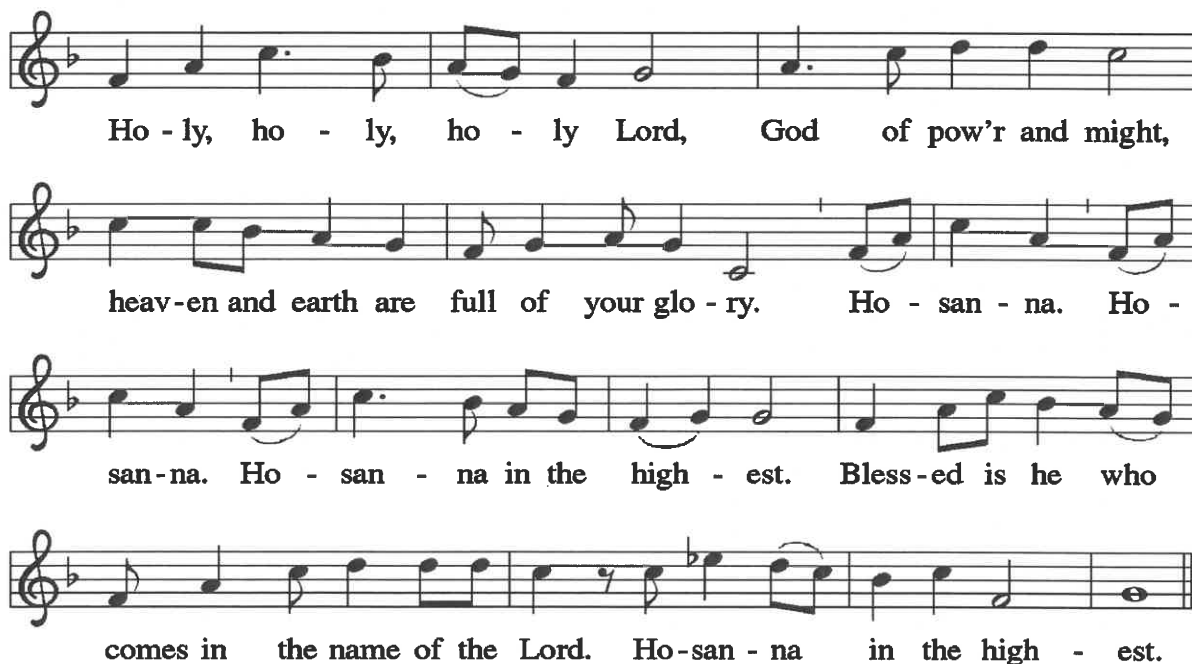


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

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. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. 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

Angels, from the Realms of Glory ELW #275
Your Little Ones, Dear Lord ELW #286

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Love Has Come ELW #292 v. 1 & 3

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Go Tell It on the Mountain

ELW #290

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Toccata on Joy to the World — Martin Setchell

Youngjin Joo



⁵The light shines in the darkness, and
the darkness did not overcome it.

John 1:5

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:	Youngjin Joo
Usher:	Bill Suttmeier
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@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.

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 **DECEMBER 25 — CHRISTMAS DAY: FESTIVAL OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**
10:00 a.m. **Worship Service (Sanctuary)**
11:00 a.m. **Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)**

MONDAY **DECEMBER 26**
THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED THIS WEEK.

TUESDAY **DECEMBER 27**
7:45 p.m. *AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)*

THURSDAY **DECEMBER 29**
10:00 a.m. *Al-Anon (Christian Ed. Room)*

NEXT SUNDAY **JANUARY 1 — NAME OF JESUS**
9:30 a.m. *Spirit of Peace UCC (online only)*
10:00 a.m. **Worship Service (Sanctuary)**
11:00 a.m. **Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)**

Emergency Pastoral Care

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

