

Epiphany

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



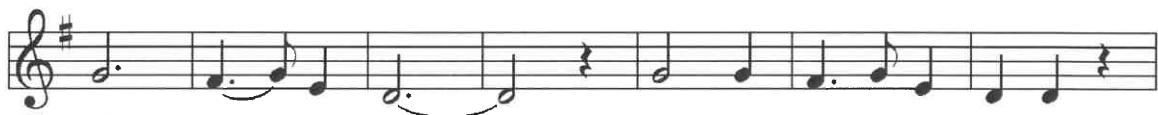
Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 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. **Refrain**



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



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



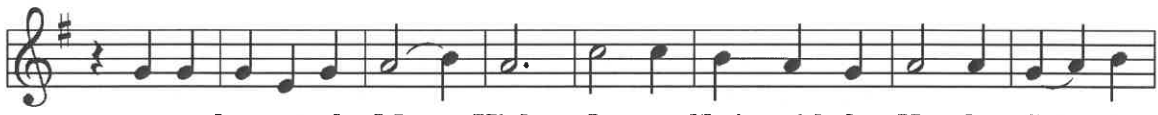
world: have mer - cy, have mer-cy on us; you are seat - ed



at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. **Refrain**



3 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. **Refrain**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

PSALM 29

- ¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.
- ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
- ⁴The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.
- ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- ⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.
- ⁷The voice | of the LORD
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.
- ⁸The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.
- ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.
- ¹¹O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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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 3:13-17

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

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

PM: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pr. Larry Thomas

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

ELW #304

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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.

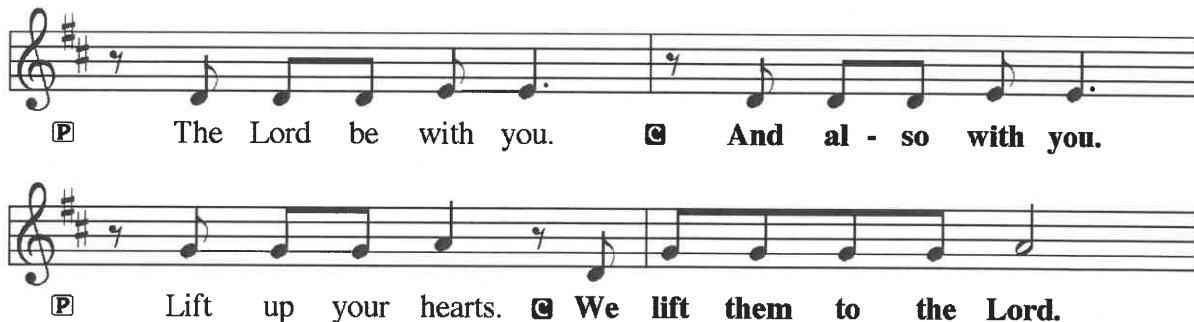
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

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 two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (eighth notes), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (eighth notes), G4 (quarter). The second staff continues: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (eighth notes), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (eighth notes), G4 (quarter). The lyrics are: [P] The Lord be with you. [C] And al - so with you.



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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

Holy, holy, 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 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.
 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

Remember and Rejoice ELW #454
Baptized in Water ELW #456
Songs of Thankfulness and Praise ELW #310

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

ELW #445

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

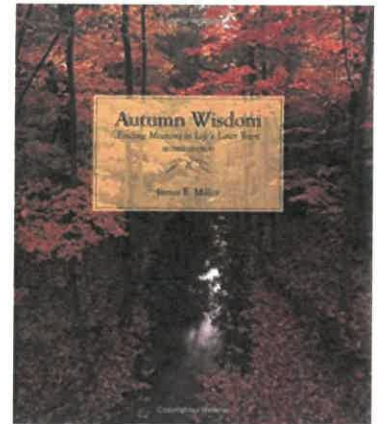
Beach Spring — arr. Kosche

Karla Stalwick

OSLC Announcements

“Who Am I Now?” Group Sign-ups Start Today

A Study for Older Adults Using the Book
Autumn Wisdom: Finding Meaning in Life's Later Years



Do you ever wonder:

- What is my purpose now?
- What have I learned, and what am I meant to learn?
- What brought me to this place in my spiritual journey, and what's next?

Take this opportunity to join other adults in exploring the experiences, questions, hopes, and meaning in life's later years. Leaders will host groups in a variety of settings: in homes, at church, and on Zoom. Each group will set its own time and frequency of meeting.

If you'd like more information, talk with a Congregational Care Ministry (CCM) team member: Sandy Aldworth, Bonnie Brice, Jo Hess, Jean Pickering, Ann Thomas, or Jen Winslow, or email Ann @ annlthomas@gmail.com.

There will be sign-up sheets available after worship on Sunday, January 8 (and January 15 & 22). You can sign up on the sheet that lists the group setting that will work best for you.

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New Member Class

Are you a regular visitor to OSLC?
Are you interested in learning more about
OSLC or becoming a member?

You're invited to participate in a new member class that will be facilitated by Pr. Vaswig and start on Sunday, January 15 at 9:00 a.m. The class will be held immediately before 10 a.m. worship to enable you to go right from class into worship.

It will run for four weeks (January 15 thru February 5) and be an overview of what Lutherans believe, in addition to highlighting the vision and mission of OSLC.

To sign up, please call the church office at 425-392-4169 or Ann Thomas at 425-281-8155.

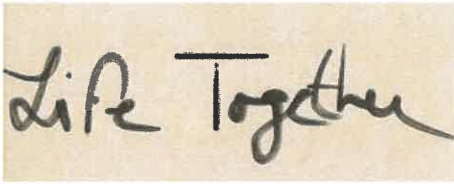
Altar Guild Seeking New Members

**Altar Guild needs more
members and bread bakers!**

If you're interested in joining Altar Guild and/or baking bread, please contact Jane Wuest at 425-641-4252 or jane_wuest@hotmail.com.



OSLC Announcements



New Life Together Class Starts on Wednesday, January 11

Please join us on Wednesday, January 11 at 12 p.m. in Anderson Hall as we start a new Life Together series. Bring your own lunch. Everyone is welcome.

As a group, each Wednesday at noon we'll explore Jesus' teaching contrasted to a white, male-dominated agenda which perverts the Gospel of Jesus' love and proclamation of justice. We will take the time to define what Christian nationalism is, how Christian is Christian nationalism, what a healthy patriotism looks like, and how the church should and must respond to this perversion of the Gospel.



PUPPET SHOW TODAY!

Come join the coffee & fellowship hour and see this month's puppet show!

Serving in Worship Today

Leader:	Pastor Larry Thomas
Assisting Minister:	Mary Ann Hult
Psalm Cantor:	Nora Thomason
Organist/Pianist:	Karla Stalwick
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@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.***

OSLC Call Committee, for wisdom and discernment

Bob Beck, for healing (Debby Beck)

Dave Carlson, for healing (Marilyn Carlson)

Hye-Tong Robinson, for recovery

My daughter Karen and granddaughter Tasha, for recovery from RSV (Patty Gerde)

Justin Canler, a young man struggling with Multiple Sclerosis (Mike Anderson)

My brother Roger, who has been re-diagnosed with increasing cancers; he now has spots in both lungs and colon (Alice Lewis)



Mourning the death of loved ones:

Please keep their family and friends in your prayers.

Traci Lange (niece of Connie Fletcher)

Howard Lewis (cousin of Lyle Lewis)

Pauline Montague

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

JANUARY 8 — BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Spirit of Peace UCC

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee & Fellowship Hour with Puppet Show (Anderson Hall)

MONDAY

10:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

JANUARY 9

Congregational Care Ministry (Library)

Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)

Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

TUESDAY

10:00 a.m.

3:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

JANUARY 10

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)

7:00 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

12:00 p.m.

JANUARY 11

Our Life Together Study (Anderson Hall)

THURSDAY

9:30 am

10:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

JANUARY 12

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)

Al-Anon (Christian Ed. Room)

Finance Committee (online)

Contact Wendy Winslow (oslc_treasurer@hotmail.com) for Zoom info.

FRIDAY

12:30 pm

JANUARY 13

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 15 — SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Spirit of Peace UCC

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

Emergency Pastoral Care

For emergency pastoral care thru January 9, please contact Pr. Larry Thomas, retired OSLC pastor, at 425-802-1212 (cell) or ledgarthomas@gmail.com.

After January 10 (once Pr. Vaswig returns from vacation), please contact OSLC Transition Pastor John L. Vaswig at 253-677-4515 (cell) or jlvaswig@gmail.com.

