

Blessed
be

THE POOR
IN
SPIRIT

the
meek

THEY
WHO
MOURN

THOSE WHO HUNGER & THIRST
for
RIGHTeousness

The
merciful

the
clean
of heart

THE
Peacemakers

THOSE PERSECUTED
FOR
RIGHTeousness



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 after Epiphany
Sunday, January 29, 2023
10:00 a.m.



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
745 Front Street S, Issaquah, WA 98027
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HOLY COMMUNION

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

PRELUDE *"Kyrie" from Mass of the Angels* — Lani Smith Karla Stalwick

WELCOME

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

Gather Us In

ELW #532

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



☑ 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.



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.



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.

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

Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

³“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

PSALM 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

²Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,

who speak the truth | from their heart;

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends;

they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who | fear the LORD.

They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- | gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who

are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.
²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

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

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

SERMON

Pr. John L. Vaswig

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Justice Flow like Streams

ELW #717

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**

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

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.

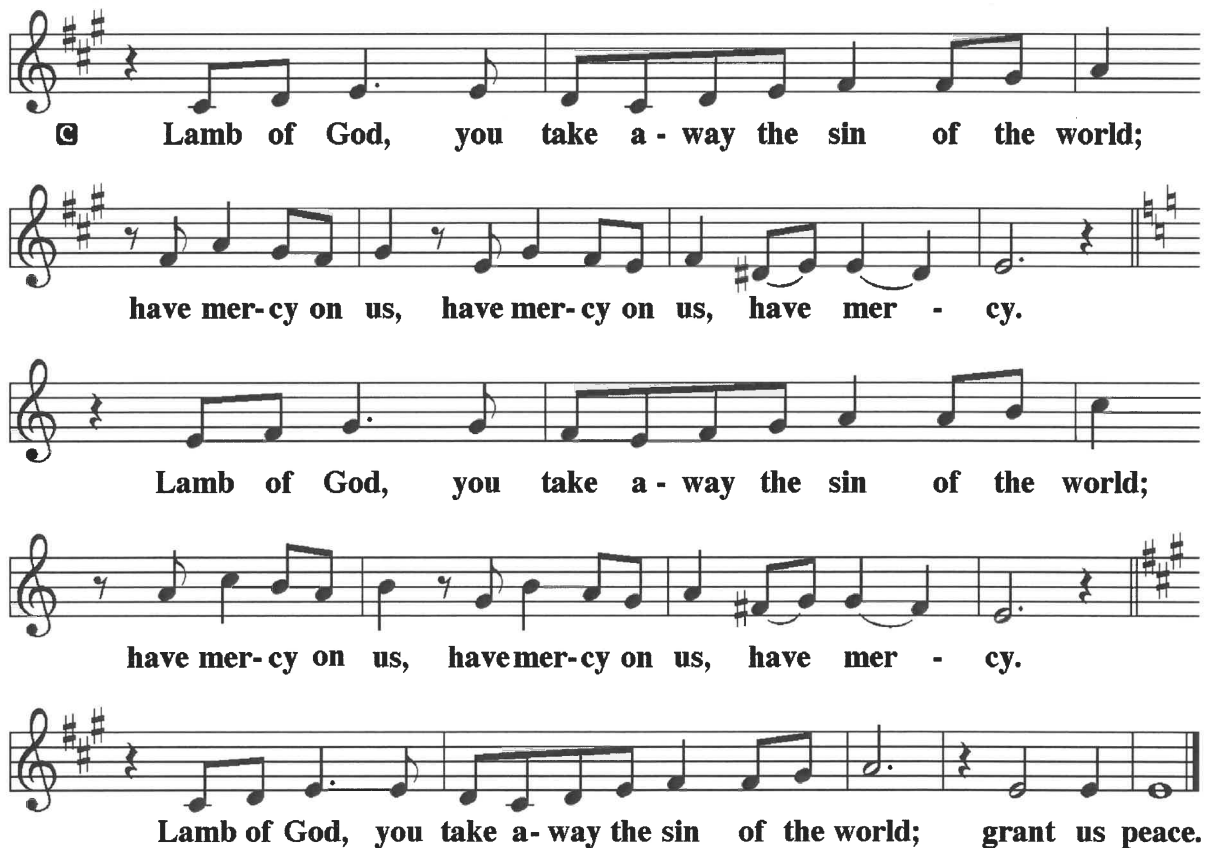
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PM: Lord, remember us in your 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

In the Singing ELW #466
Healer of Our Every Ill ELW #612
In a Lowly Manger Born ELW#718

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

ELW #763

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Dix" — Wayne Wold

Karla Stalwick

OSLC Announcements

Women's Retreat Rescheduled

The annual Women's Retreat, normally held in March, has been rescheduled for the weekend of November 10-12, 2023.

Mark your calendars!
More to come later in the year.



Life Together Gathering Wednesdays at Noon

Please join us each Wednesday at 12 p.m. in Anderson Hall as we continue the new Life Together series (that started on January 11). Everyone is welcome to join, even if you missed the first three sessions.

As a group, each Wednesday we'll explore Jesus' teaching contrasted to a white, male-dominated agenda (Christian nationalism) which perverts the Gospel of Jesus' love and proclamation of justice.



Serving in Worship Today

Leader:	Pr. John L. Vaswig
Assisting Minister:	Jen Winslow
Psalm Cantor:	David Carlson
Organist/Pianist:	Karla Stalwick
Usher:	Ken Konigsmark
Altar Guild:	Stacy Smith
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.

OSLC Call Committee, for wisdom and discernment

Bob Beck, for healing (Debby Beck)

Dave Carlson, for healing (Marilyn Carlson)

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)

Jim Jewell (father of Jeff Jewell)

Anita Calhoun

John & Rita Hansen, for John's successful surgery for back pain, along with wholeness and healing

Jim Fricke, who was recently diagnosed with cancer and is starting to receive treatment (son of Mary Fricke)



Mourning the death of loved ones:

Please keep their family and friends in your prayers.

Arlene Miletich

Claire Howe (mother/mother-in-law of Mark & Shelley Howe)

Traci Lange (niece of Connie Fletcher)

Howard Lewis (cousin of Lyle Lewis)

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

9:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

JANUARY 29 — FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

New Member Class (Anderson Hall)

Spirit of Peace UCC

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

MONDAY

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

JANUARY 30

Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)

Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

TUESDAY

10:00 a.m.

7:45 p.m.

JANUARY 31

Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank (Christian Ed. Room)

AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)

WEDNESDAY

12:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 1

Life Together Study (Anderson Hall)

THURSDAY

9:30 am

10:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY 2

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)

Al-Anon (Christian Ed. Room)

FRIDAY

12:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 3

Companions Bible Study group in-person (Library)

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY 5 — FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

New Member Class (Anderson Hall)

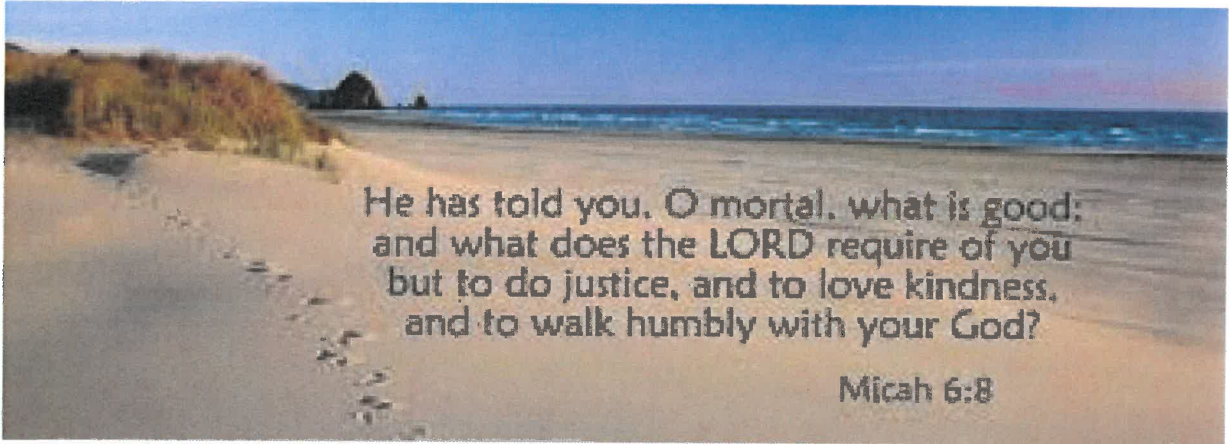
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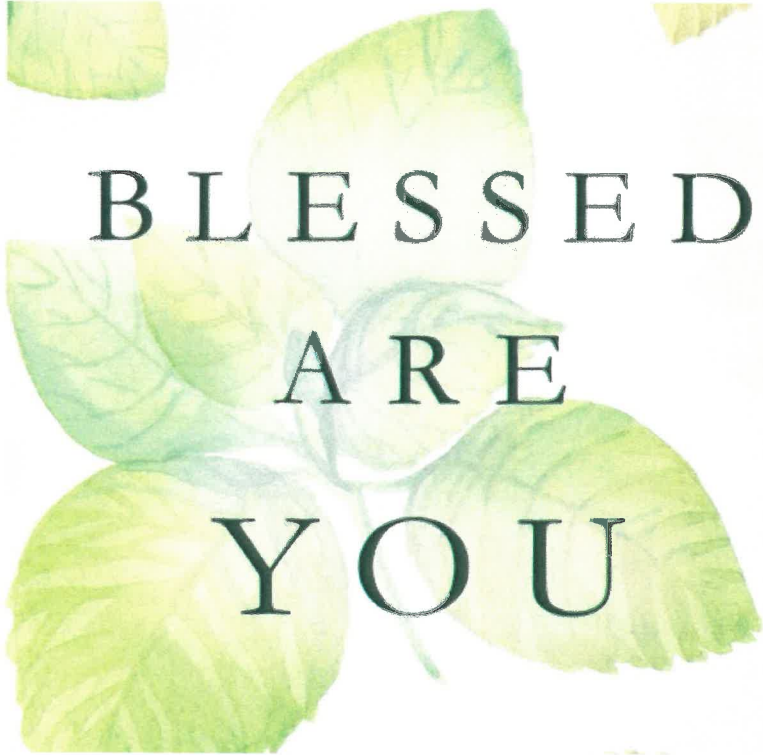
Emergency Pastoral Care

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



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and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8



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