

YOU ARE THE 

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OF THE EARTH  
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*and the*  
*Light*

OF THE WORLD

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MATTHEW 5:13-16



## 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.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
Sunday, February 5, 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

*Change My Heart, O God* — Eddie Espinosa

Jiyoung Lee

#### 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

*Spirit of Gentleness*

ELW #396

#### 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

*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.

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

### MUSICAL OFFERING

*Allegro Maestoso* — Handel/Patricia Sanders Cota

Memorial Bells

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

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. <sup>3</sup>“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? <sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9a</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

<sup>9b</sup>If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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

### PSALM 112:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD  
**and have great delight in | God’s commandments!**  
<sup>2</sup>Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;  
**the generation of the upright | will be blessed.**  
<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be | in their house,  
**and their righteousness will | last forever.**  
<sup>4</sup>Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;  
**the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending  
**and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.**  
<sup>6</sup>For they will nev- | er be shaken;  
**the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.**  
<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;  
**their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.**  
<sup>8</sup>Their heart is established and | will not shrink,  
**until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**  
<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast forever;  
**they will hold up their | head with honor.**  
<sup>10</sup>The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and | pine away;  
**the desires of the wick- | ed will perish.**

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

<sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches every-thing, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. <sup>13</sup>And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

<sup>14</sup>Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

<sup>16</sup>“For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?”  
But we have the mind of Christ.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation, consisting of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a common time signature (C), and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes and eighth notes, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are: You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

## SERMON

Pr. John L. Vaswig

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Christ, Be Our Light*

ELW #715

## 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

© 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 lyrics are placed below the notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature symbol. The second staff has a triplet of eighth notes marked with a '3'. The piece concludes with a double bar line.


### 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



**C** 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.

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*As the Deer* — Nystrom/Patricia Sanders Cota

Memorial Bells

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Offerings may be left in the basket at this time.

Distribution Hymns

*Now We Join in Celebration* ELW#462  
*Now the Silence* ELW #460 (sing twice)  
*Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal* ELW#464

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

## BENEDICTION

## SENDING HYMN

*This Little Light of Mine*

ELW #677

## DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* — David H. Hegarty

Jiyoung Lee

# 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.

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**WOMEN'S**  
*Retreat*  
GATHER · CONNECT · REVIVE

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### Life Together Gathering Wednesdays at Noon

Please join us this coming 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. The final class of the series will be on February 15.

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### Puppet Show Next Week!

There will be a puppet show in Anderson Hall during coffee/fellowship hour, following worship.

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### Serving in Worship Today

Leader:  
Assisting Minister:  
Psalm Cantor:  
Organist/Pianist:  
Usher:  
Altar Guild:  
Sound / Videography:

Pr. John L. Vaswig  
Lori Downey  
Nora Thomason  
Jiyoung Lee  
Sang-Beom Shim  
Stacy Smith  
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](mailto: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)

**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)

**My mom Elizabeth Bachman**, as she enters hospice (Chuck Bachman)



### Mourning the death of loved ones:

Please keep their family and friends in your prayers.

**Doug McVety** (brother-in-law of Helen Nychay)

**Arlene Miletich**

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

# This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

## TODAY

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)

*Spirit of Peace UCC*

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

## MONDAY

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

## FEBRUARY 6

*Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)*

*Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)*

## TUESDAY

10:00 a.m.

7:45 p.m.

## FEBRUARY 7

*Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank (Christian Ed. Room)*

*AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)*

## WEDNESDAY

12:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

## FEBRUARY 8

Life Together Study (Anderson Hall)

*Issaquah Garden Club (Anderson Hall/Kitchen)*

## THURSDAY

9:30 am

10:00 a.m.

## FEBRUARY 9

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)

*Al-Anon (Christian Ed. Room)*

## FRIDAY

12:30 p.m.

## FEBRUARY 10

Companions Bible Study Group in-person (online)

Contact Jen Winslow (jenwinmv@outlook.com) for Zoom info.

## NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

## FEBRUARY 12 — SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

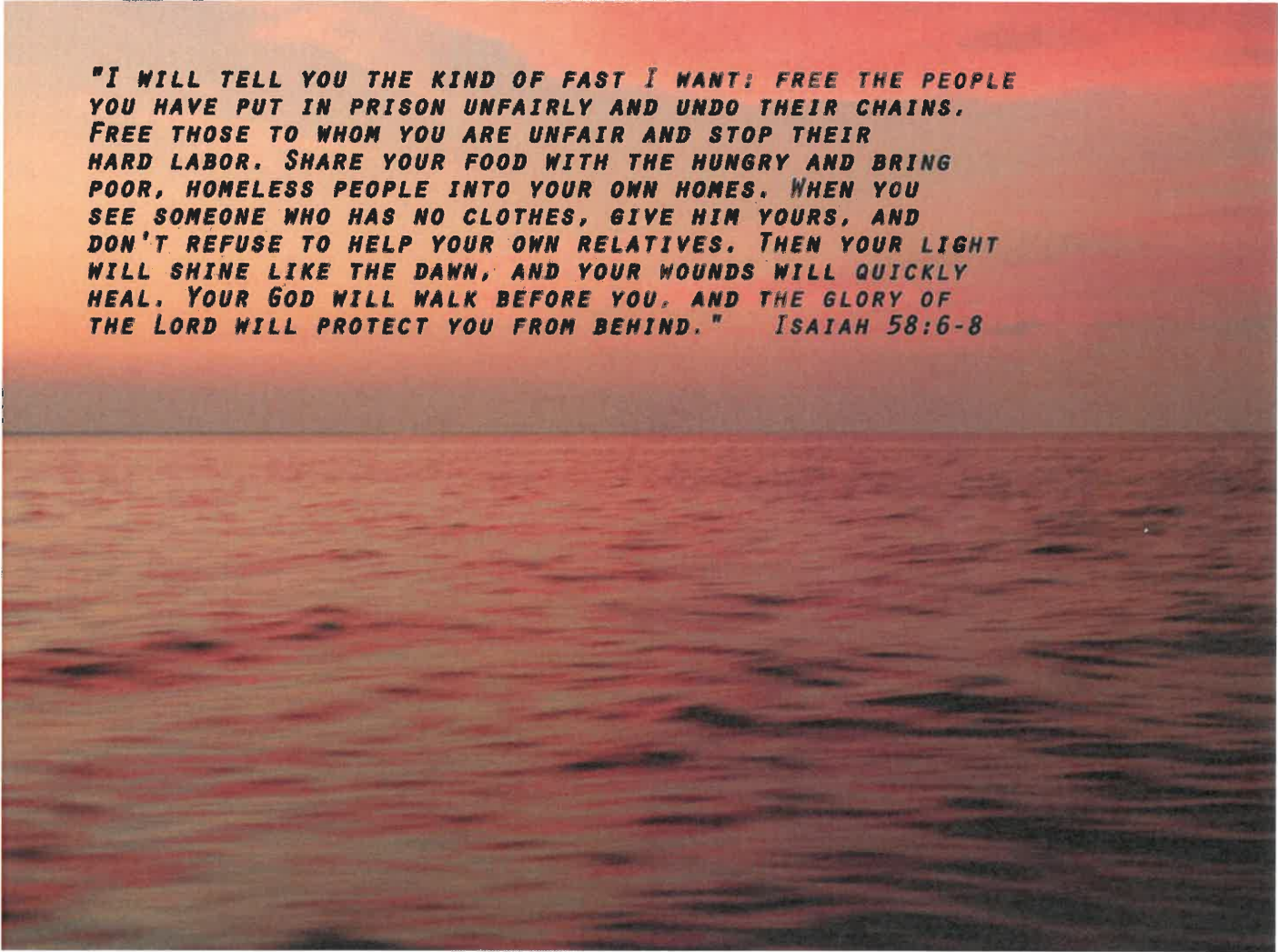
*Spirit of Peace UCC*

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee & Fellowship Hour with Puppet Show (Anderson Hall)

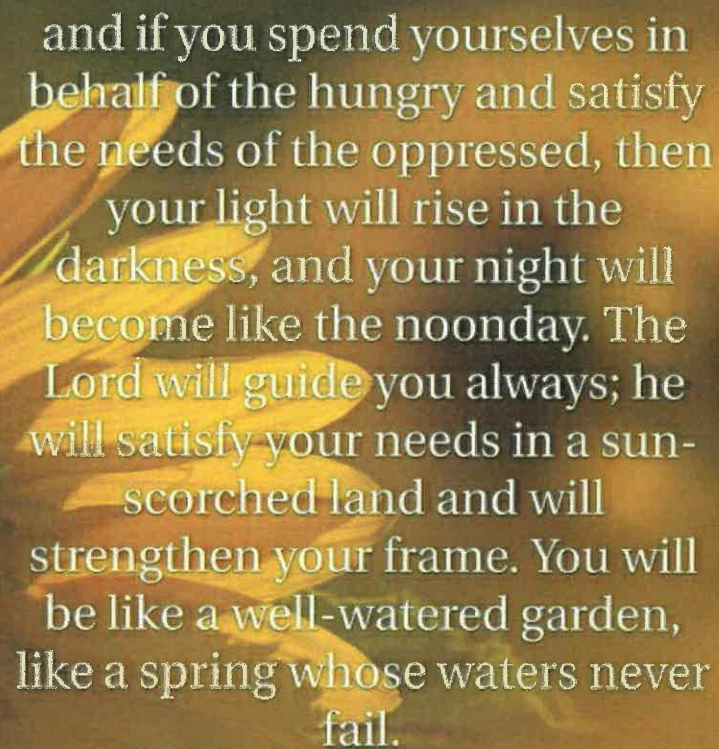
### **Emergency Pastoral Care**

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



**"I WILL TELL YOU THE KIND OF FAST I WANT: FREE THE PEOPLE YOU HAVE PUT IN PRISON UNFAIRLY AND UNDO THEIR CHAINS. FREE THOSE TO WHOM YOU ARE UNFAIR AND STOP THEIR HARD LABOR. SHARE YOUR FOOD WITH THE HUNGRY AND BRING POOR, HOMELESS PEOPLE INTO YOUR OWN HOMES. WHEN YOU SEE SOMEONE WHO HAS NO CLOTHES, GIVE HIM YOURS, AND DON'T REFUSE TO HELP YOUR OWN RELATIVES. THEN YOUR LIGHT WILL SHINE LIKE THE DAWN, AND YOUR WOUNDS WILL QUICKLY HEAL. YOUR GOD WILL WALK BEFORE YOU, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD WILL PROTECT YOU FROM BEHIND." ISAIAH 58:6-8**





and if you spend yourselves in  
behalf of the hungry and satisfy  
the needs of the oppressed, then  
your light will rise in the  
darkness, and your night will  
become like the noonday. The  
Lord will guide you always; he  
will satisfy your needs in a sun-  
scorched land and will  
strengthen your frame. You will  
be like a well-watered garden,  
like a spring whose waters never  
fail.

Isaiah 58:10-11

