



Lent

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.

**Second Sunday in Lent**  
Sunday, March 5, 2023  
10:00 a.m.



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## HOLY COMMUNION

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

**PRELUDE**      *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* — William H. Doane      Jiyoung Lee

#### WELCOME

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PM: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

PM: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

PM: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.  
*(Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.)*

PM: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

PM: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

#### OPENING HYMN

*Come, All You People*

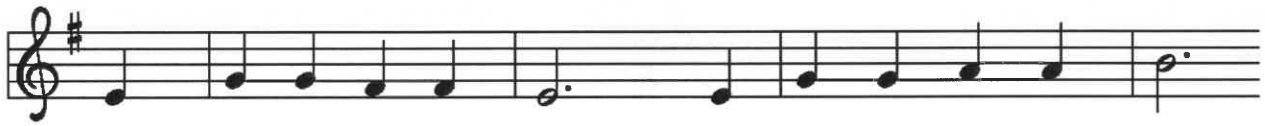
WOV #717

#### 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.**

**KYRIE** (sing twice)



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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**

Genesis 12:1-4a

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4a</sup>So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

**PSALM 121**

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes | to the hills;  
from where is my | help to come?  
<sup>2</sup>My help comes | from the LORD,  
the maker of heav- | en and earth.  
<sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your | foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.  
<sup>4</sup>Behold, the keep- | er of Israel  
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;  
<sup>5</sup>the LORD watches | over you;  
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;  
<sup>6</sup>the sun will not strike | you by day,  
nor the | moon by night.  
<sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you | from all evil

**and will | keep your life.**

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,  
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

**SECOND READING**

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (sing twice)

We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -  
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

**THE GOSPEL**

John 3:1-17

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

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said

to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

<sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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

## **SERMON**

Pr. John L. Vaswig

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

WOV #660

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

PM: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

PM: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

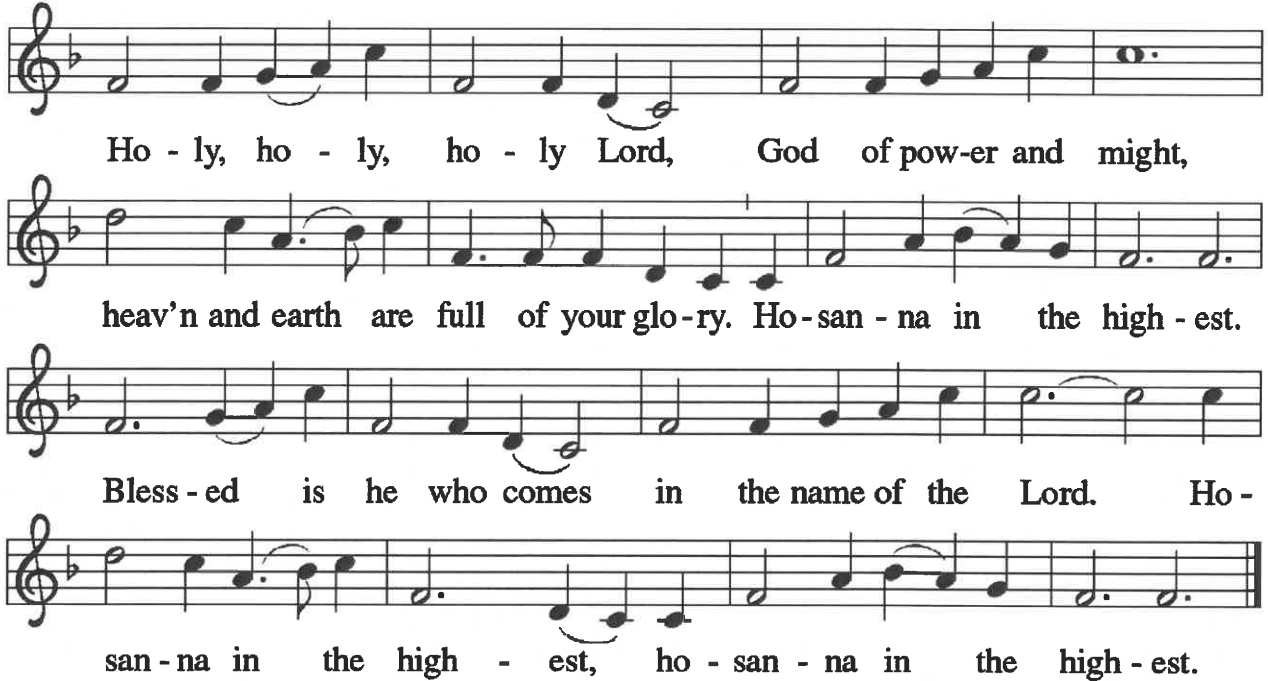
PM: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

PM: It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, 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.**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Offerings may be left in the basket at this time.

**LAMB OF GOD**



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**Distribution Hymns**

*As the Sun with Longer Journey* WOV# 655  
*Bind Us Together* WOV# 748  
*Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* WOV# 713

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

WOV# 721

**DISMISSAL**

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Oh, Love How Deep* — arr. Healey Willan

Jiyoung Lee



# OSLC Announcements

**Please Join Us  
for Wednesday  
Midweek Services  
during Lent**



**OSLC will conduct five services  
on Wednesdays during Lent,  
with each 7:00 p.m. worship  
preceded by a 6:00 p.m. soup supper.**

The theme for the five midweek services will be Pondering the Psalms, the prayer book of the church. We will examine five different Psalms during the five weeks, applying the same Psalms to our daily lives.

We hope to see you here for the upcoming soup suppers and worship services on March 8, 15, 22, and 29.



## **Bell Choir Seeking New Members**

Memorial Bells needs more members to fill the bell positions. If you'd like to join the bell choir and help with Lenten and Easter season ringing, email Alice Lewis at [alice@motorplex.com](mailto:alice@motorplex.com).



## **Puppet Show Next Week!**

On March 12 there will be a puppet show in Anderson Hall during Coffee & Fellowship Hour following worship.



## **Meetings to Discuss Hosting Tent City 4: Q & A Session Today after Worship**

As announced by Council Co-Presidents Chuck Bachman and Bob Johnson on Sunday, February 19, OSLC and Spirit of Peace UCC are exploring together the idea of hosting Tent City 4 for 90 days this spring, beginning in April.

Tent City 4 (TC4) requires its members to follow strict rules; the current camp has been visited by multiple members of both congregations and is remarkably clean, quiet, and organized.

Quite a bit of work is being and has been done to understand our responsibilities as hosts. Both the City of Issaquah and Bishop Shelly Bryan Wee have expressed strong support of this ministry.

We've invited TC4 leadership to join us during today's Coffee & Fellowship Hour in Anderson Hall for an informational Q & A session to help us understand the impact and opportunity of hosting the TC4 community.

We'll follow with a special Congregational Meeting during Coffee & Fellowship Hour next Sunday, March 12 in Anderson Hall to discuss and vote on whether to host Tent City 4 on our property.

**We hope to see you at today's  
Q & A Session and at next Sunday's  
Congregational Meeting.**

# SHARE

Seattle Housing and Resource Effort

# OSLC Announcements

## Memorial Service and Reception for Arlene Miletich

The Memorial Service for Arlene Miletich will take place in the sanctuary on Thursday, March 9 at 10 a.m., followed by a reception in Anderson Hall.



### ✦ 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)

**My mom Elizabeth Bachman**, who entered hospice (Chuck Bachman)

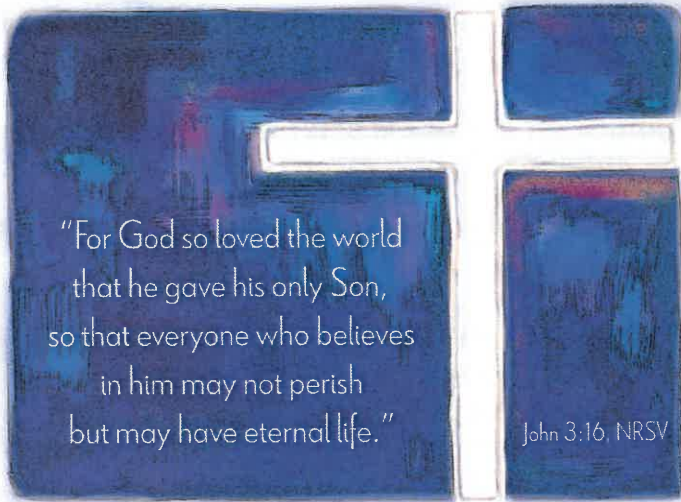
**Amy Dunbar**, for health and wholeness (sister of Dave Carlson)

**My sister Annelise**, whose boyfriend committed suicide, and **my nephew Finn**, who discovered him (Diane Murff)

**Hernandez Family**, who lost a young mother (Cheryl Neeb)

**My sister Inez**, who entered hospice (Marlice Gilmore)

**Medical Search for Laurie and Kathy** (Cheryl Neeb)



## Serving in Worship Today

Leader:

Assisting Minister:

Psalm Cantor:

Organist/Pianist:

Usher:

Altar Guild:

Sound / Videography:

Pr. John L. Vaswig

Lori Downey

Lori Downey

Jiyoung Lee

Larry Thomas

Barbara Fetty-Solders

Jonathan Smith/

David Hersey

## Mourning the death of loved ones:

Please keep their family and friends in your prayers.

**Jim** (brother of Rita Hansen)

**Joyce Frantzich** (aunt of Dave Carlson)

**Arlene Miletich**

# This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

## TODAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

2:30 p.m.

## **MARCH 5 — SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

*Spirit of Peace UCC*

**Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

**Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)**

**Q & A Session about hosting Tent City 4 (Anderson Hall)**

*Master Chorus Eastside Rehearsal (Sanctuary)*

## MONDAY

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

## **MARCH 6**

*Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)*

*Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)*

## TUESDAY

10:00 a.m.

7:45 p.m.

## **MARCH 7**

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

*AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)*

## WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

## **MARCH 8**

**Lenten Soup Supper (Anderson Hall)**

**Lenten Midweek Service (Sanctuary)**

## THURSDAY

10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

## **MARCH 9**

**Memorial Service and Reception for Arlene Miletich**

*Al-Anon (Christian Ed. Room)*

## FRIDAY

12:30 p.m.

## **MARCH 10**

**Companions Bible Study Group (online)**

Contact Jen Winslow ([jenwinmv@outlook.com](mailto:jenwinmv@outlook.com)) for Zoom info.

## SATURDAY

10:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m.

## **MARCH 11**

*Master Chorus Eastside Rehearsal (Orchestra Only) (Sanctuary)*

*Memorial Service and Reception for Grace Lievens (Spirit of Peace UCC)  
(Sanctuary and Anderson Hall)*

## NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

## **MARCH 12 — SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

*Spirit of Peace UCC*

**Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

**Coffee & Fellowship Hour with Puppet Show (Anderson Hall)**

**Congregational Meeting to discuss and vote on hosting  
Tent City 4 (Anderson Hall)**

### **Emergency Pastoral Care**

For emergency pastoral care, please contact  
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