



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.

Third Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 12, 2023
10:00 a.m.



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
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HOLY COMMUNION

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

PRELUDE

Wondrous Love — Johnson

Karla Stalwick

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

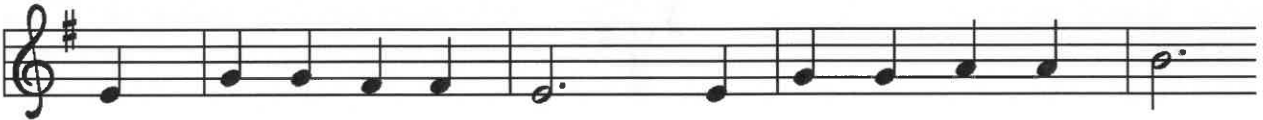
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GREETING

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

Exodus 17:1-7

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

PSALM 95

- ¹Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
²Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.
³For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

⁴In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours.
⁵The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.
⁶Come, let us worship | and bow down,
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.
⁷For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand.
Oh, that today you would | hear God's voice!
⁸"Harden | not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah | in the desert.
⁹There your ancestors | tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had | seen my works.
¹⁰Forty years I loathed that gener- | ation, saying,
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not | know my ways.'
¹¹Indeed I swore | in my anger,
'They shall never come | to my rest.'

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-11

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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 4:5-42

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

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband' ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him,

they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

SERMON

Pr. John L. Vaswig

HYMN OF THE DAY

Abide with Me

ELW #629

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

How Long, O God ELW #698

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed ELW #337

Come, Ye Disconsolate ELW #607

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Our Father, We Have Wandered

ELW #606

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

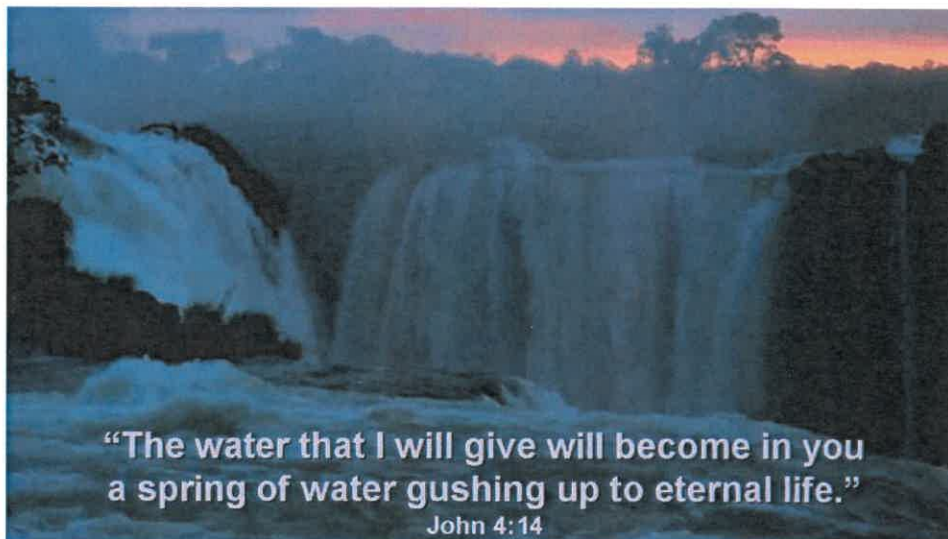
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Menuet" from Anna Magdalena Bach — J. S. Bach, arr. Cornick

Debra Zadinsky, Violin

Karla Stalwick, Piano



OSLC Announcements

The March Food Drive Is Today!

Today (March 12) we're hosting a Food Drive for the Issaquah Food Bank. There is a table in the Narthex for food and a box for cash or checks made out to the "Issaquah Food Bank." The need is great in our community. Donations are down, and the number of people using the Food Bank has increased. On the list below are items that the Food Bank is requesting. Thanks for donating!

Priority Needs List:

- Hearty Soup (Progresso, Campbell's Chunky, etc.)
- Chili
- Canned Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Tuna and Canned Chicken
- Protein Drinks (individual servings)
- Protein Bars (Protein Kind Bars, Protein Clif Bars, etc.)
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- White Rice (2 lb. bags only, please)
- Hamburger Helper, Pasta Roni, Rice-A-Roni, and Ramen
- Canned Fruit and Canned Vegetables
- Pancake Mix (regular and gluten-free)
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, syrup, soy sauce, jam), regular size (not jumbo)
- Crackers
- Individual snacks for kids' lunches
- Coffee (not decaf)
- Cooking oil (16-20 oz bottles only)
- Cereal
- Baby Wipes
- Diapers—sizes 4, 5, 6; Pull-Ups—sizes 2T-3T & 3T-4T
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Body Wash, Bar Soap, and Deodorant



Congregational Meeting Today after Worship to Discuss and Vote on Hosting Tent City 4

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.

On March 5, TC4 leadership joined us during Coffee & Fellowship Hour for an informational Q & A session to help us understand the impact and opportunity of hosting the TC4 community.

Today (March 12) we'll have a special Congregational Meeting during Coffee & Fellowship Hour 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 Congregational Meeting.

SHARE

Seattle Housing and Resource Effort

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 15, 22, and 29.

Puppet Show This Week!

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



Serving in Worship Today

Leader:	Pr. John L. Vaswig
Assisting Minister:	Anne Ellett
Psalm Cantor:	Nora Thomason
Organist/Pianist:	Karla Stalwick
Usher:	Sang-Beom Shin
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)

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)

Bob Johnson, who is having a biopsy for a mass on the pancreas

John Hill, diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer, **and his family** (Marilyn Carlson)



Mourning the death of loved ones:

Please keep their family and friends in your prayers.

Jim (brother of Rita Hansen)

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

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)**

MONDAY

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

MARCH 13

Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)

Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

TUESDAY

3:00 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

MARCH 14

Community Meal Prep (Kitchen)

AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

MARCH 15

Lenten Soup Supper (Anderson Hall)

Lenten Midweek Service (Sanctuary)

Choir Rehearsal (following the Service) (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

2:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

MARCH 16

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)

Al-Anon (Education Room)

Community Meal Prep (Kitchen)

Finance Committee (online)

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

Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

FRIDAY

12:30 p.m.

MARCH 17

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.

MARCH 19 — FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Spirit of Peace UCC

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

Emergency Pastoral Care

For emergency pastoral care, please contact
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