



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 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 in Lent
Sunday, March 26, 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

Nagel — arr. James Biery

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

All Are Welcome

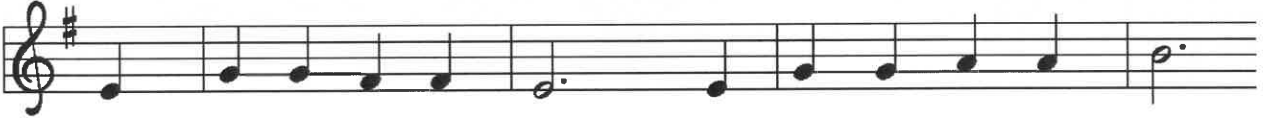
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GREETING

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

How Hast Thou Offended — arr. by Ron Mallory Memorial Bells
(Based on *Go to Dark Gethsemane* and *Ah, Holy Jesus*)

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

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and

bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

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

PSALM 130

¹Out | of the depths
 I cry to | you, O LORD;
²O LORD, | hear my voice!
 Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.
³If you were to keep watch | over sins,
 O LORD, | who could stand?
⁴Yet with you | is forgiveness,
 in order that you | may be feared.
⁵I wait for you, O LORD; | my soul waits;
 in your word | is my hope.
⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning,
 more than those who keep watch | for the morning.
⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is | steadfast love;
 with the LORD there is plen- | teous redemption.
⁸For the LORD shall | redeem Israel
 from | all their sins.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:6-11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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 11:1-45

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

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank

you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

SERMON

Pr. John L. Vaswig

HYMN OF THE DAY

Healer of Our Every Ill

ELW #612

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.

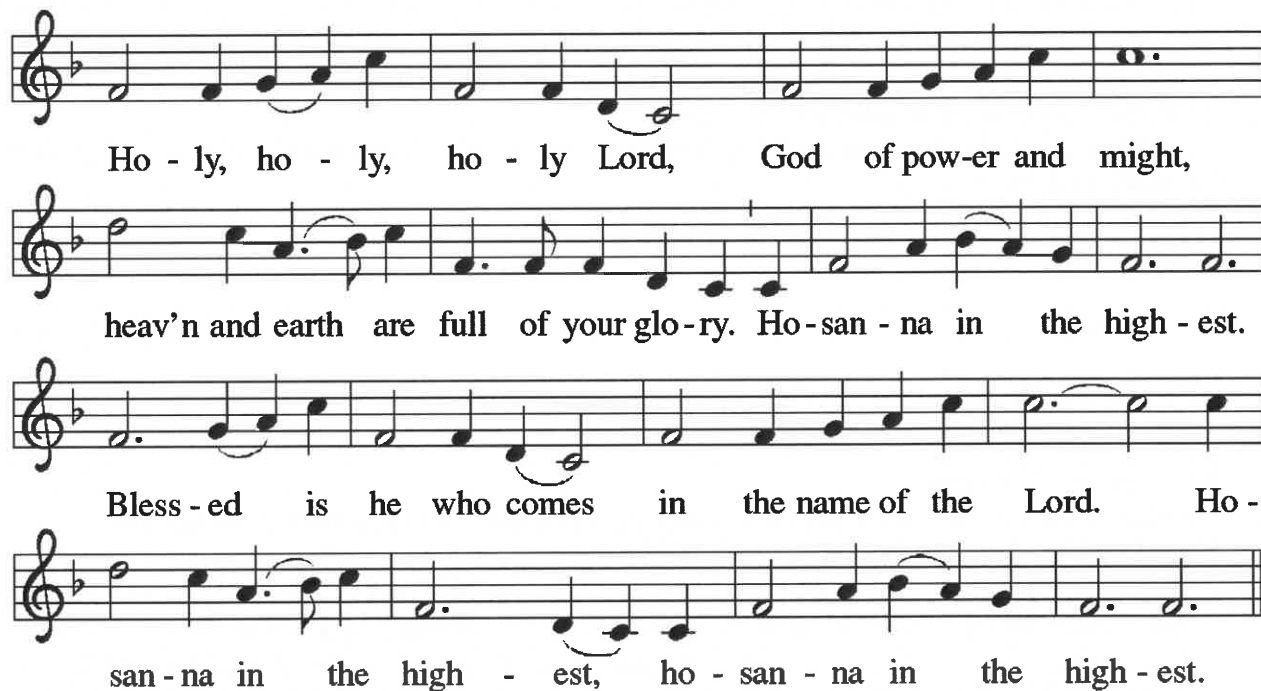
PM: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

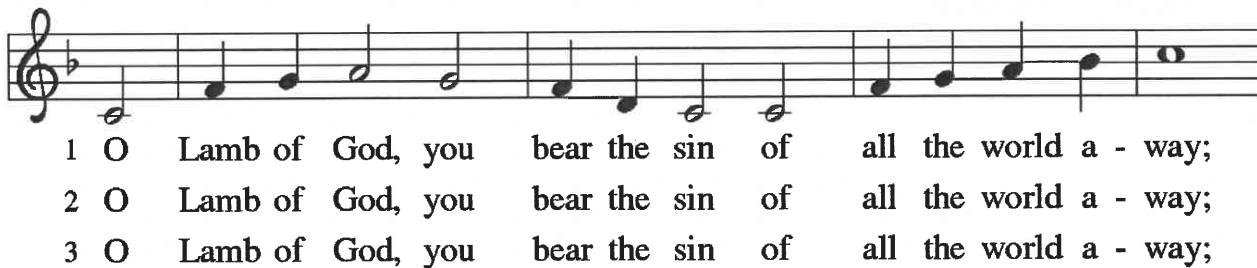
PM: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

O Sacred Head — arr. Matthew Prins

Memorial Bells

Distribution Hymns

Thine the Amen ELW #826

Come to the Table ELW #481

Now the Silence ELW #460 (sing twice)

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

ELW #326

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Winchester New — A. D. Miller

Jiyoung Lee

OSLC Announcements

Spring Garden Work Party

Please join us for our spring garden clean-up event on Saturday, April 1 from 9 a.m.-Noon.



No experience necessary! We have tools & gloves. If you have any questions, please call Anne Ellett at 206-225-9582 or Anne.Ellett@outlook.com.



+ 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)

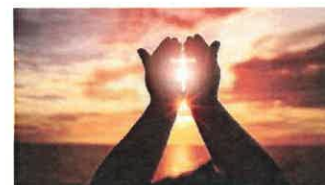
My mom Elizabeth Bachman, who entered hospice (Chuck Bachman)

My sister Inez, who entered hospice (Marlice Gilmore)

Bob Johnson, who is starting treatment for cancer

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

Harold Mandt, who began hospice care (brother of Lorna Robertson)



Please Join Us for the Final Wednesday Midweek Service



OSLC is conducting 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 midweek services is Pondering the Psalms. We hope to see you here for the soup supper and worship service on March 29.

Tent City 4 Moving to OSLC on April 1: Please Join Us to Help

On Saturday, April 1, Tent City 4 will be moving from Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church to OSLC starting at 10 a.m. There is a lot of work to do to complete the move from one site to another. If you're able to help, please meet at Mary Queen of Peace, 1121 228th Ave SE, Sammamish on April 1 @ 10 a.m. to begin the move, or you could also be here at OSLC to welcome Tent City 4 residents and help them get set up once they arrive.

Serving in Worship Today

Leader:	Pr. John L. Vaswig
Assisting Minister:	Connie Fletcher
Psalm Cantor:	Nora Thomason
Organist/Pianist:	Jiyoung Lee
Usher:	Bill Suttmeier
Altar Guild:	Jane Wuest
Sound / Videography:	Jonathan Smith/ David Hersey

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

MARCH 26 — FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Spirit of Peace UCC

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

Zadinsky Violin Performance Class (Sanctuary)

MONDAY

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

MARCH 27

Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)

Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

TUESDAY

7:45 p.m.

MARCH 28

AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)

WEDNESDAY

1:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

MARCH 29

Issaquah Garden Club (Anderson Hall and Kitchen)

Lenten Soup Supper (Anderson Hall)

Lenten Midweek Service (Sanctuary)

Choir Rehearsal (following the Service) (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

7:30 p.m.

MARCH 30

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)

Al-Anon (Education Room)

Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

FRIDAY

12:30 p.m.

MARCH 31

Companions Bible Study Group (online)

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

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

APRIL 1

Al-Anon All-day Meeting (Library)

Spring Garden Work Party (Outside)

Tent City 4 Moves to OSLC

NEXT SUNDAY **APRIL 2 — PALM SUNDAY**

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Spirit of Peace UCC

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

Emergency Pastoral Care

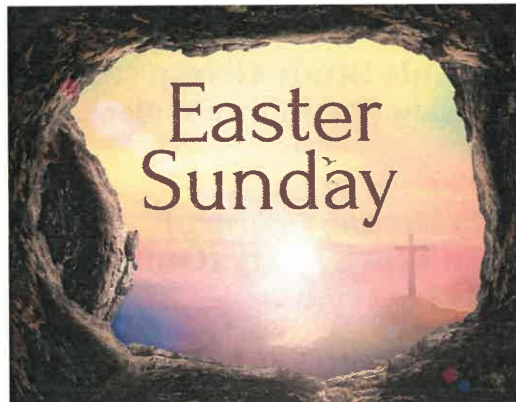
For emergency pastoral care, please contact
OSLC Transition Pastor John L. Vaswig
at 253-677-4515 (cell) or jlvaswig@gmail.com.

Holy Week and Easter Sunday Services

Please mark your calendars to worship with us as we celebrate the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus:

Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday
Friday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.



Sunday, April 9 at 10:00 a.m.