



Easter

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.

**Third Sunday of Easter**  
Sunday, April 23, 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

*Rose of Sharon* — Roger C. Wilson

Jiyoung Lee

#### WELCOME

Pastor John L. Vaswig

#### AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

PM: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

PM: In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come. We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

#### OPENING HYMN

*The Day of Resurrection!*

ELW #361

#### 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: *This Is the Feast*

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



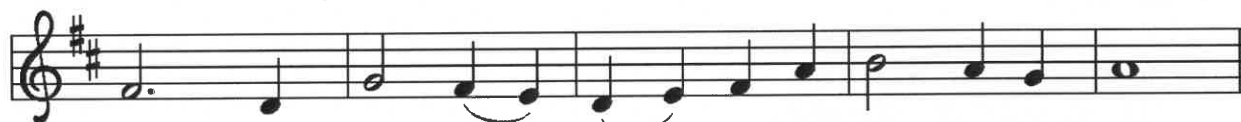
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



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

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd],  
<sup>36</sup>"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."  
<sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

#### SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-23

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Celtic Alleluia* (sing twice)



**THE GOSPEL**

Luke 24:13-35

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

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

**SERMON**

Pr. John L. Vaswig

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!*

ELW #385

**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**

**PEACE**

PM: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

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



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
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'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

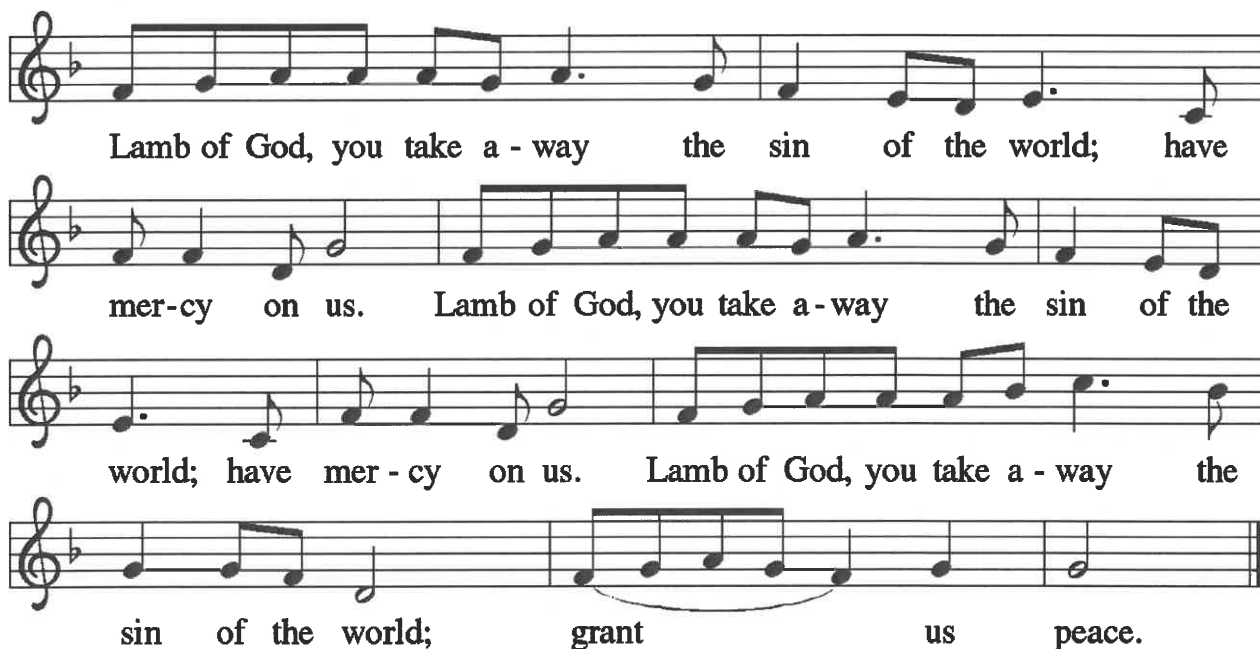
PM: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns


*Now the Green Blade Rises* ELW #379

*Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!* ELW #377


*O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing* ELW #386

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING


**POST-COMMUNION HYMN:** *Be Known to Us*




Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Soon and Very Soon*

ELW #439

**DISMISSAL**

AM: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord. Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Ride on in Majesty!* — Edward Broughton

Jiyoung Lee

# OSLC Announcements

## Thanks for Your Generous Support of the Hygiene Collection for Vine Maple Place!

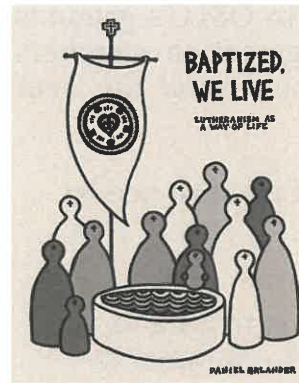
We're grateful for your generous donations. These will make a positive impact in the lives of families escaping homelessness. Here's a photo of the abundance donated last Sunday:



## *Baptized We Live Series* Continues on Sundays at 9 a.m.

On April 16 before worship, Pr. Vaswig began teaching a new series about the essentials of the Lutheran understanding of the Gospel using the booklet by Dan Erlander: *Baptized We Live: Lutheranism As a Way of Life*.

This series will continue for the next several Sundays; everyone who attends will receive the *Baptized We Live* booklet free of charge.



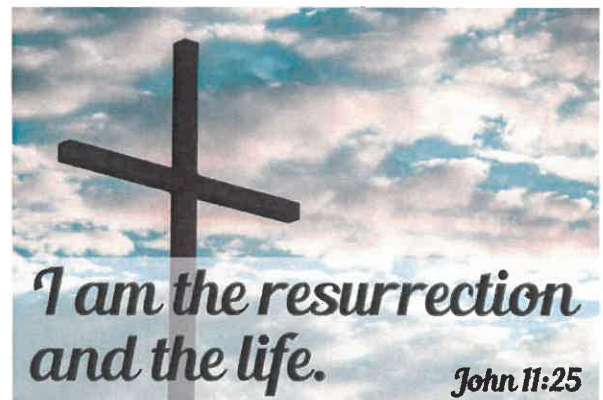
You're invited to bring your faith questions and insights and join the conversation.

We hope to see you there on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall.



## Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Minister:	Pr. John L. Vaswig
Assisting Minister:	Connie Fletcher
Organist/Pianist:	Jiyoung Lee
Usher:	Don Robertson
Altar Guild:	Jean Pass & Delaney Cash
Sound / Videography:	Jonathan Smith/ David Hersey



# OSLC Announcements

## We Welcome Tent City 4

We are delighted to now have in our presence the good folks of Tent City 4. It is our privilege as a congregation to extend the love of Christ and the Spirit's hospitality. Please render a warm welcome to our guests.

*Pr. John L. Vaswig*

## Tent City 4's List of Needs

Since Tent City 4 moved to OSLC's grounds on Saturday, April 1, congregation members have asked how to help and what the Tent City 4 residents need.

Here is Tent City 4's list of greatest needs:

- AA and AAA batteries
- Battery-operated lanterns
- Clothing (men's sizes up to 3X and women's sizes up to XL—summer is coming!)
- Women's black yoga pants/jogger pants (L and XL)
- Personal hygiene products, including body/shower wipes
- Tents (nothing larger than 10' x 10')
- Camping cots
- Sponges, kitchen towels, and washcloths
- Bath towels

There is now a colorful box in the Narthex labeled "Tent City 4 Donations." Please put donated items in there. Thank you!



## ✚ 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)

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

**Bob Johnson**, who is receiving treatment for cancer, **and his family**

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

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

**Sherry Grindelwald**, as she shepherds her husband through his final days (Marilyn Carlson)

**Millie Pankratz**, as she transitions into a senior living community (mother of Marilyn Carlson)

**Bob**, preparing for heart surgery (cousin of Karen Hansen)

**Ayden Wallitner**, who's recovering after surgery at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital (4-year-old grandnephew of Sandy Aldworth)

**Nancy Cumming**



# This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

## **TODAY**

**9:00 a.m.**

*9:30 a.m.*

**10:00 a.m.**

**11:00 a.m.**

*3:30 p.m.*

## **APRIL 23 — THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Baptized We Live Class (Anderson Hall)**

*Spirit of Peace UCC*

**Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

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

*Spirit of Peace UCC Church Social Event (Anderson Hall)*

## **MONDAY**

**10:30 a.m.**

*6:30 p.m.*

*7:00 p.m.*

## **APRIL 24**

**Congregational Care Ministry (Library)**

*Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)*

*Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)*

## **TUESDAY**

*7:45 p.m.*

## **APRIL 25**

*AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)*

## **THURSDAY**

**9:30 a.m.**

*10:00 a.m.*

## **APRIL 27**

**Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)**

*Al-Anon (Education Room)*

## **FRIDAY**

**12:30 p.m.**

## **APRIL 28**

**Companions Bible Study Group (online)**

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

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

**9:00 a.m.**

*9:30 a.m.*

**10:00 a.m.**

**11:00 a.m.**

## **APRIL 30 — FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Baptized We Live Class (Anderson Hall)**

*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.







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**Luke 24:30-32**

A REASON FOR  
**HOPE**

