



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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 30, 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

Prelude on "St. Columbia" — Englert

Karla Stalwick

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

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

ELW #364

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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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 2:42-47

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²"He committed no sin,
 and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Celtic Alleluia* (sing twice)



THE GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

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

[Jesus said:] ¹"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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

SERMON

Pr. John L. Vaswig

HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW #502

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.

COMMISSIONING OF LAY COMMUNION VISITORS

PM: After prayerful deliberation, Sandy Aldworth, Lori Downey, Jo Hess, Jean Pickering, Ann Thomas, and Jen Winslow have accepted the invitation to be Communion Visitors. . . .

Will you assume this ministry in the confidence that it comes from God?

CV (Communion Visitors): I will, and I ask God to help me.

PM: Will you carry out this ministry in accordance with the teaching and practice of the Lutheran Church?

CV: I will, and I ask God to help me.

PM: Will you be diligent in your study of the Holy Scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace and in prayer?

CV: I will, and I ask God to help me.

PM: Will you trust in God's care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and adorn the Gospel of God with a godly life?

CV: I will, and I ask God to help me.

PM: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

C (Congregation): Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

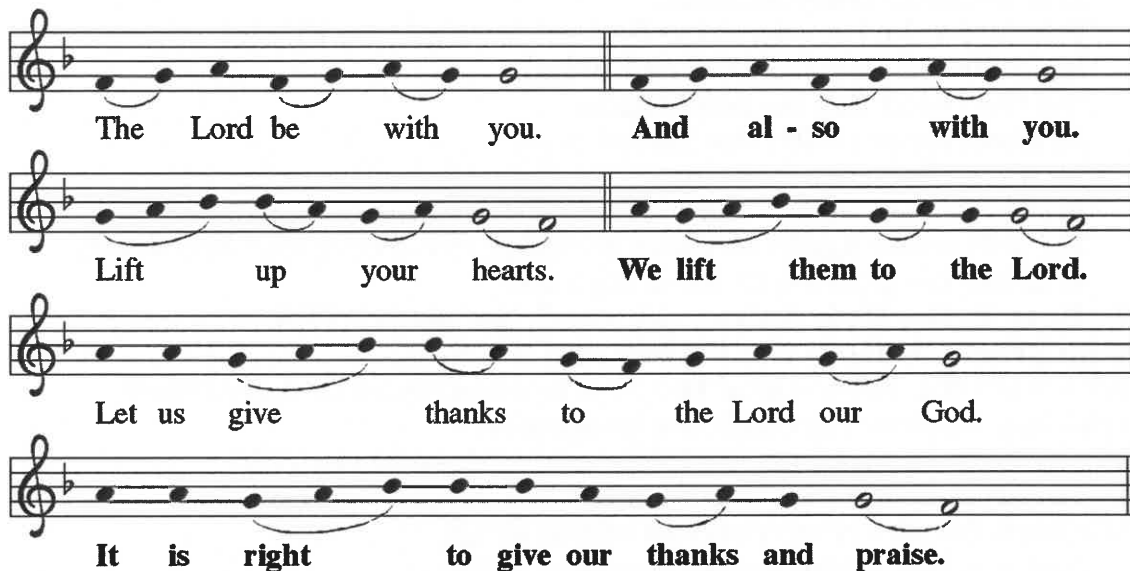
PEACE

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.

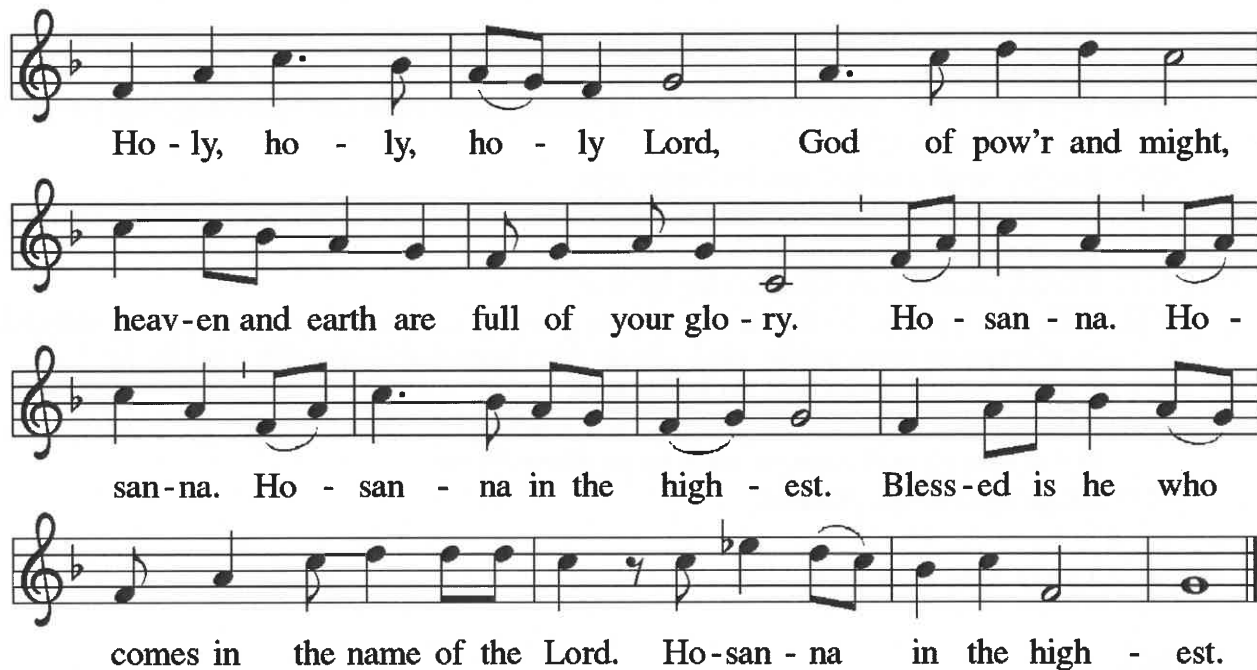
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Let Us Break Bread Together ELW #471

By Your Hand You Feed Your People ELW #469

There Is a Redeemer (music on the next page)

1. There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own
 2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all
 3. When I stand in glo - ry I will see His

Son, _____ Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,
 names, _____ Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,
 face, _____ and there I'll serve my King for - ev - er,

Ho - ly One.
 hope - for - sin - ners slain. Thank You, O my
 in - that - ho - ly place.

Fa - ther, for giv - ing us Your Son; _____ And

leav - ing Your Spir - it 'til the work - on - earth is done.

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.



BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ELW #547

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

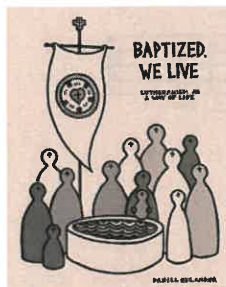
A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing — Manz

Karla Stalwick



OSLC Announcements

Baptized We Live Continues



You're invited to bring your faith questions and insights to join the conversation during the *Baptized We Live* class on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall. Hope to see you there!

Tent City 4's List of Needs

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

- D batteries for lanterns
- Bleach
- 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

Please put donations in the box in the Narthex labeled "Tent City 4 Donations." Thanks for your generosity!

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Minister:	Pr. John L. Vaswig
Assisting Minister:	Anne Ellett
Organist/Pianist:	Karla Stalwick
Usher:	Ken Konigsmark
Altar Guild:	Jane Wuest
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. 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)
- ◆ **Bob Johnson**, who is receiving treatment for cancer, **and his family**
- ◆ **John Hill**, who was diagnosed with Stage 4 Glioblastoma and is receiving daily treatment, **and his family** (Marilyn Carlson)
- ◆ **Harold Mandt**, who began hospice care (brother of Lorna Robertson)
- ◆ **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 three surgeries at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital (4-year-old grand-nephew of Sandy Aldworth)
- ◆ **Nancy Cumming**
- ◆ **Bonnie Shearer and her family** as she transitions to memory care (Marilyn Carlson)

Mourning the death of loved ones:

Please keep their family and friends in your prayers.

- ◆ **My mom Elizabeth Bachman** (Chuck Bachman)
- ◆ **My sister Inez** (Marlice Gilmore)
- ◆ **Darlene Derosier** (aunt of Marilyn Carlson)
- ◆ **Sherry Grindelwald and family** as they mourn her husband (Marilyn Carlson)



This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

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)

MONDAY

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

MAY 1

Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)

Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

TUESDAY

5:00 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

MAY 2

Encompass Kinship Group (Education Room and Room 18)

AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

MAY 4

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)

Al-Anon (Education Room)

FRIDAY

12:30 p.m.

MAY 5

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.

MAY 7— FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (PR. LARRY THOMAS)

Spirit of Peace UCC

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

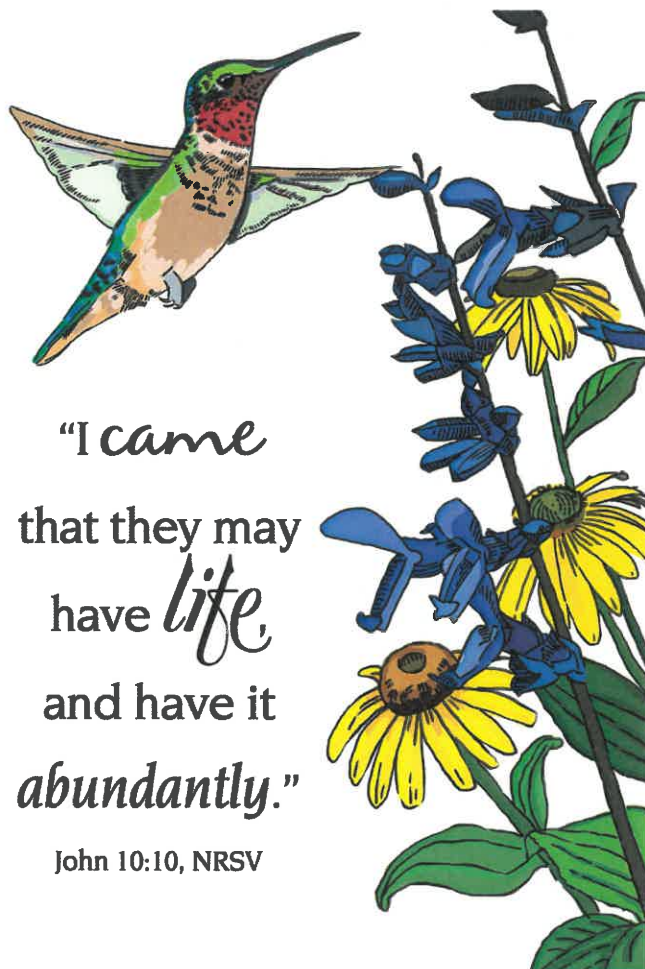
Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

Emergency Pastoral Care

For emergency pastoral care thru May 3, please contact
OSLC Transition Pastor John L. Vaswig at
253-677-4515 (cell) or jlvaswig@gmail.com.

From May 4 thru 19 (while Pr. Vaswig is out of town), please
contact Pr. Larry Thomas at 425-802-1212 or
ledgarthomas@gmail.com.





"I *came*
that they may
have *life*,
and have it
abundantly."

John 10:10, NRSV

