

Sundays after Pentecost



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.

ABOUT THE LITURGICAL ARTS INSTALLATION: "50"

The term *Pentecost* comes from a Greek word meaning "fiftieth." It refers to the festival celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover. In Christian tradition, Pentecost represents fulfillment of the promise that Christ will baptize his followers with the Holy Spirit.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 25, 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 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy — Benjamin M. Culli Jiyoung Lee

WELCOME Pastor John L. Vaswig

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PM: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

C: Amen.

PM: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Have mercy, O God,

C: against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.

PM: As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, forgiving your sins and renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

C: Blessed be God forever.

OPENING HYMN

We Are Called

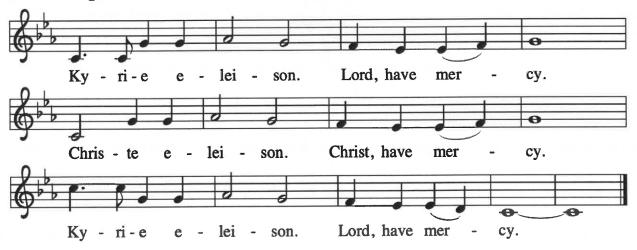
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GREETING

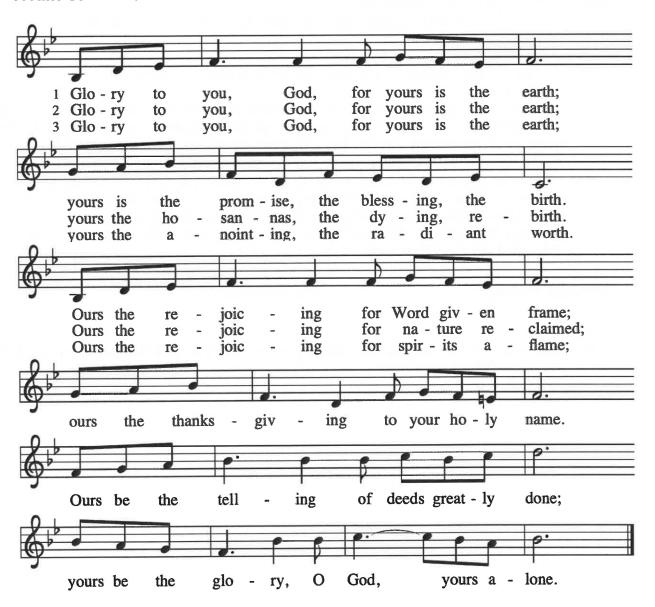
PM: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE (sing twice)



HYMN OF PRAISE



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

Jeremiah 20:7-13

7O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

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

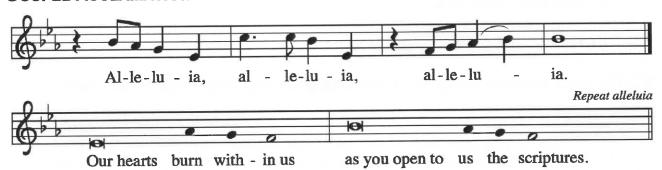
SECOND READING Romans 6:1b-11

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL Matthew 10:24-39

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they

malign those of his household!

²⁶"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny

before my Father in heaven.

34"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to

bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

SERMON Pr. John L. Vaswig

HYMN OF THE DAY We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus ELW #451

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

AM: God of grace.

C: Hear our prayer.

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

PM: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PM: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

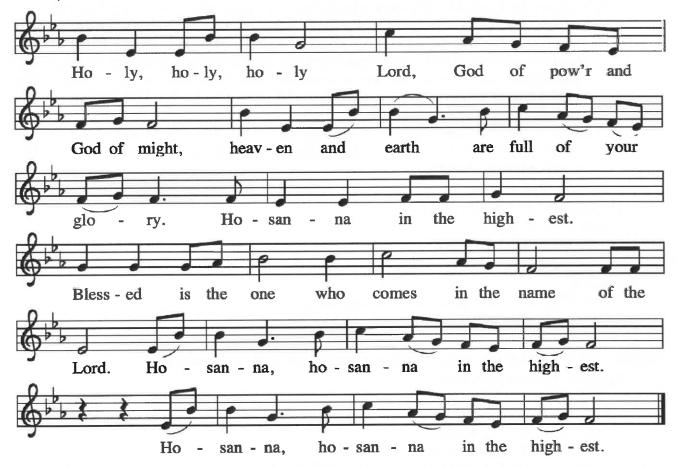
PM: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

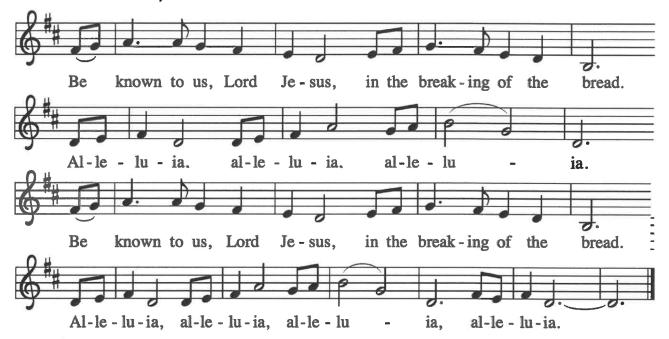
PM: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

BE KNOWN TO US, LORD JESUS



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

By Your Hand You Feed Your People ELW #469

Now We Join in Celebration ELW #462

Let Us Break Bread Together ELW #471

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW #631

Jiyoung Lee

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

All Depends on Our Possessing — Benjamin M. Culli

OSLC Announcements

OSLC's Annual Congregational Meeting is Today, June 25!

Please join us in Anderson Hall today immediately following worship as we set the church's course for next year. Agenda items include voting on the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Mission & Ministry Operating Budget, discussing mission priorities, and recruiting volunteers for a Nominating Committee (a new president and several new members for Council are needed starting in 2024).

Copies of the Annual Report are available in Anderson Hall. Your attendance is important, and we hope to see you there!





Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Minister: Assisting Minister: Organist/Pianist: Usher: Altar Guild:

Connie Fletcher Jiyoung Lee Don Robertson Jane Wuest Jonathan Smith/ Sound / Videography: **David Hersey**

Tent City 4 (TC4)

TC4's Five Greatest Needs:

- **Coffee** (for example, Folger's or generic)
- **Creamer** (Coffee Mate)
- Sugar
- Bug repellant (There are so many mosquitoes.)
- **Baby wipes** (alcohol-free, unscented)

Please put donations in the box in the Narthex labeled "Tent City 4 Donations." If you wish to give a financial donation, please put checks (make it out to OSLC and note it's for TC4) in the weekly offering during worship. Thanks for your generosity!



Tent City 4 Meals

Help provide an evening meal for TC4. We are looking for groups (doesn't have to be OSLC members) or individuals to provide an evening meal for about 25 people. OSLC is signed up to provide a meal on Thursday, June 22 and Monday, June 26 at 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Contact Cheryl Leiter at cheryl.a.leiter@gmail.com for further details and to sign up. Thanks!



OSLC Announcements

Mark Your Calendars to Picnic & Worship at the Lake

Our annual picnics at Lake Sammamish have been scheduled for August 9, 16, and 23.

We start at 5:30 p.m. and are usually done by 7:30 p.m. Flintoft's Funeral Home lets us use their lakefront property.

The church supplies hot dogs, condiments, drinks, utensils, and fixings for s'mores. Members bring some type of salad to share if they are able. We have a brief worship service after the meal.



Mourning the death of loved ones: Please keep their family and friends in your prayers.

- 21-year-old grandnephew of Lois Dounis (Lois Dounis)
- Jim Pankratz (brother of Marilyn Carlson)
- Glenn & Glorian Crosby (Marilyn Carlson)

+ 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)
- **Bob**, preparing for heart surgery (cousin of Karen Hansen)
- Jim Jewell, prayers of thanksgiving for a smooth transition to a memory-care facility in Bothell (Jeff Jewell)
- Brad and Sarah, for health and wholeness (Marilyn Carlson)
- John Hansen, for healing following hip surgery (Rita Hansen)
- Tom Anderson, for healing and discernment, and his family (brother of Jean Pass)
- Chris, who has systematic dementia and primary progressive aphasia, and his wife Judy (neighbors of Lois Dounis)
- Dianne Tanner, for healing, strength, and peace through her ongoing treatment
- Ken Roley, who is recovering from abdominal surgery (friend of Jane Wuest)
- Suzanne and Paul D'Errico, who are recovering from COVID
- Lars & Rachel, that the Holy Spirit will invade their lives (family of Dave Carlson)

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

June 25 — Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Spirit of Peace UCC

10:00 a.m.

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00 a.m.

Annual Congregational Meeting (Anderson Hall)

MONDAY

JUNE 26

10:30 a.m.

Congregational Care Ministry (online)

Contact Ann Thomas (annlthomas@gmail.com) for Zoom info.

6:30 p.m.

Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)

7:00 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

TUESDAY

JUNE 27

7:45 p.m.

AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)

THURSDAY

JUNE 29

9:30 a.m.

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)

10:00 a.m.

Al-Anon (Education Room)

NEXT SUNDAY JULY 2 — FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30 a.m.

Spirit of Peace UCC

10:00 a.m.

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00 a.m.

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.

