

Sundays after Pentecost



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.

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.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 16, 2023
10:00 a.m.



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HOLY COMMUNION

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

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* — setting by Krapf *Karla Stalwick*

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.

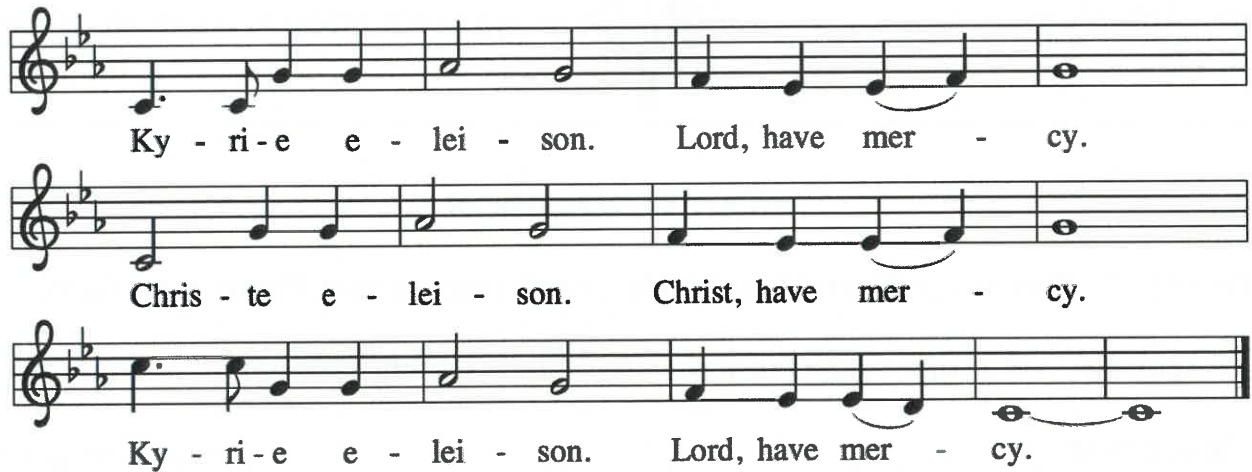
OPENING HYMN *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table* (see insert)

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)



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.
Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.
Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

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

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 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

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Our hearts burn with - in us as you open to us the scriptures.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

SERMON

Pr. John L. Vaswig

HYMN OF THE DAY

As Rain from the Clouds

ELW #508

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, 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.

BE KNOWN TO US, LORD JESUS

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart **WOV #711**

One Bread, One Body **WOV #710**

As the Grains of Wheat **WOV #705**

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

COMMUNION VISITOR SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Now the Feast and Celebration

WOV #789

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices* — setting by Burkhardt Karla Stalwick

OSLC Announcements

Mark Your Calendars . . .

Upcoming Memorial Services

- ◆ Darlene Boni's memorial service will be on Wednesday, July 19 at 11 a.m.
- ◆ Randi Strom's memorial service will be on Monday, July 24 at 11 a.m.

Please contact Dianne Tanner at 425-392-7430 or butterdmt@comcast.net if you can bring a dessert and/or volunteer for either or both receptions. Thank you!

Picnic & Worship at the Lake

Our annual picnics at Lake Sammamish have been scheduled for August 9, 16, and 23. We'll start at 5:30 p.m. and should be done by 7:30 p.m. Members, please bring some type of salad to share if you are able. We'll have a brief worship service after the meal.



Seattle Mariners' Faith & Family Day

Gather your friends and family for summer baseball at this "Faith and Family" event at T-Mobile Park on Saturday, August 26 at 1:10 p.m. Tickets are \$26. To sign up, email Joan Friel—office@hslckirkland.org—with the # of tickets you wish to purchase. Checks should be made out to HSLC with "Mariners' game" on the memo line, and given to Joan at church or mailed to HSLC, 10021 NE 124th St, Kirkland, WA 98034. Sign up by Sunday, July 23.

Tent City 4 (TC4)

TC4's Greatest Needs:

- ◆ **Coffee** (for example, Folger's or generic)
- ◆ **Creamer** (Coffee Mate)
- ◆ **Sugar**
- ◆ **Bug repellent** (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!

Provide a Meal for Tent City 4 (TC4)

We're looking for groups or individuals to provide an evening meal for about 25 people at TC4. If you are interested, please go to <https://www.sharewheel.org/tent-city-4> and look at the calendar to see which dates need meals. To sign up, send an email to tc4@sharewheel.org with the date you'd like to provide a meal, and you'll be added to the calendar. Please email Cheryl Leiter—cheryl.a.leiter@gmail.com—if you have any question. Thanks!

What kind of soil are you?

"But as for what was sown on good soil,
this is the one who hears the word and understands it,
who indeed bears fruit and yields,
in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."
Matthew 13:23

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OSLC Announcements

Congregational Meeting to Vote about Tent City 4

Today (July 16) following worship, you're invited to a meeting to vote on whether TC4 can or cannot stay at OSLC thru November. Last Sunday's Q & A meeting discussed Tent City 4 (TC4) staying at OSLC thru November (instead of moving in late July).



Office will be closed July 17-21.

Because Cynthia Delaney will be on vacation next week, the church office will be closed. Marilyn Carlson will check emails from home and print the bulletin, and Wendy Winslow will check phone messages.



Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Minister:	Pr. John L. Vaswig
Assisting Minister:	Joan Friel
Organist/Pianist:	Karla Stalwick
Usher:	Larry Thomas
Altar Guild:	Jane Wuest
Sound / Videography:	Jonathan Smith/ David Hersey



Mourning the death of loved ones:

Please keep their family and friends in your prayers.

- ◆ **Donna Walker**
- ◆ **Paul Catlin** (friend of Gary Hanson)
- ◆ **Philip Vaswig** (brother of Pr. Vaswig)
- ◆ **Randi Strom**
- ◆ **Darlene Boni**
- ◆ **Jane Holte** (cousin of Shelley Howe)
- ◆ **Phyllis Holte** (Aunt of Shelley Howe)
- ◆ **Patti Rutten** (Aunt of Mark Howe)
- ◆ **21-year-old grandnephew** of Lois Dounis (Lois Dounis)

✦ 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)
- ◆ **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)
- ◆ **Lars & Rachel**, that the Holy Spirit will invade their lives (family of Dave Carlson)
- ◆ **Steve Pert**, Tent City 4 Organizer, who is recovering in the hospital following a heart attack and stent procedure (Pr. Jenn Hagedorn)



This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

JULY 16 — SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Spirit of Peace UCC

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

Congregational Meeting to Vote on TC4 (Anderson Hall)

MONDAY

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

JULY 17 (CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED JULY 17-21)

Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)

Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

TUESDAY

2:30 p.m.

3:00 p.m.

JULY 18

Executive Committee (online)

Church Council (online)

For both meetings, contact Chuck Bachman (bachmancj@hotmail.com) for Zoom info.

7:45 p.m.

AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Library)

WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m.

JULY 19

Memorial Service and Reception for Darlene Boni (Sanctuary and Anderson Hall)

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

JULY 20

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)

Library Cleanup Workshop (Library)

Al-Anon (Education Room)

Community Meal Prep (Kitchen)

Boy Scout Troop 676 PLC (Anderson Hall)

NEXT SUNDAY **JULY 23 — EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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 jlvvaswig@gmail.com.



Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table



1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

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