

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.

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Sunday, July 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**      *Come Thou, Almighty King*— 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**      *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*      ELW #401

### **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 44:6-8

<sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. <sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. <sup>8</sup>Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

#### SECOND READING

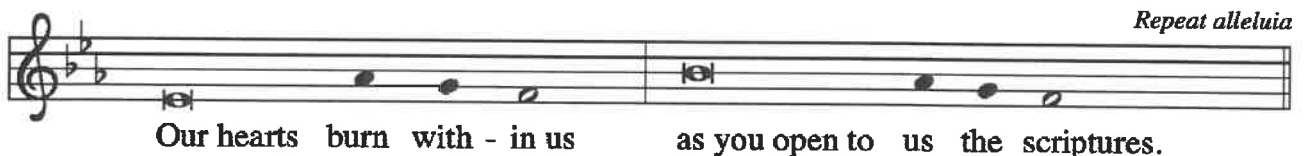
Romans 8:12-25

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;<sup>25</sup>but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ <sup>28</sup>He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup>But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup>He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup>the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup>and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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

## SERMON

Pr. John L. Vaswig

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

ELW #693

## 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**

*Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ* ELW #402

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness* ELW #733

*Now We Join in Celebration* ELW #462

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Savior, Again to Your Dear Name*

ELW #534



**DISMISSAL**

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*We're Marching to Zion* — Calton R. Young

Jiyoung Lee

**“Don’t fear, neither be afraid.  
Haven’t I declared it to you  
long ago, and shown it?  
You are my witnesses.  
Is there a God besides me?  
Indeed, there is not.  
I don’t know any other Rock.”**

*Isaiah 44:8*  
*talktotheword.com*

# OSLC Announcements

## Mark Your Calendars . . .

### Upcoming Memorial Service

- ◆ 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 today, 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](mailto: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](mailto:cheryl.a.leiter@gmail.com)—if you have any question. Thanks!



### Serving in Worship Today

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

# OSLC Announcements

## Tent City 4 (TC4) Potluck Picnic

### [Come Share Fellowship with Our Neighbors Sunday, July 30 at 4:30p](#)

You are invited to a joint potluck with Tent City 4, Spirit of Peace and OSLC, Sunday, July 30 at 4:30p. The potluck will be held at the Camp. Meat and drinks will be provided.

Please bring a dish to share and a chair. Some of the dishes the TC4 residents said would be great to bring are: Scalloped Potatoes, Devil Eggs, Watermelon, Bush's Baked Beans.

If you are unable to attend, we welcome side dishes or desserts that can be dropped off when you come to church on that Sunday morning.

Help with setup at 3:00p and cleanup after is needed. There will be a signup sheet on the table next to the TC4 donation box to sign up to attend and help with set up or cleanup.

If you have any questions, please email Cheryl Leiter at [cheryl.a.leiter@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.a.leiter@gmail.com).

### **Mourning the death of loved ones:**

Please keep their family and friends in your prayers.

- ◆ **Donna Walker**
- ◆ **Paul Catlin** (friend of Gary Hanson)
- ◆ **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](mailto: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 is receiving treatment for cancer, **and his family** (M. Carlson)
- ◆ **Bob**, preparing for heart surgery (cousin of Karen Hansen)
- ◆ **Brad and Sarah**, for peace, health and wholeness (Marilyn Carlson)
- ◆ **John Hansen**, for healing following hip surgery (Rita Hansen)
- ◆ **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)
- ◆ **Lucille Hersey**, for comfort and mercy
- ◆ **Jacob Carlson**, for healing and wholeness **and his family** (nephew of Dave Carlson)

# This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

## TODAY

9:30 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.

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

*Spirit of Peace UCC*  
**Worship Service (Sanctuary)**  
**Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)**

## MONDAY

11:00 a.m.  
  
6:30 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

## **JULY 24**

**Memorial Service and Reception for Randi Strom (Sanctuary and Anderson Hall)**  
*Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)*  
*Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)*

## TUESDAY

7:45 p.m.

## **JULY 25**

*AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Library)*

## WEDNESDAY

10:30 a.m.

## **JULY 26**

**Congregational Care Ministry (Library)**

## THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.

## **JULY 27**

**Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)**  
*Al-Anon (Education Room)*

## NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.

## **JULY 30 — NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*Spirit of Peace UCC*  
**Worship Service (Sanctuary)**  
**Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)**



**Emergency Pastoral Care**  
For emergency pastoral care, please contact  
Pastor Larry Thomas  
at 425-802-1212 or ledgarthomas@gmail.com.

