

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.

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Sunday, July 30, 2023  
10:00 a.m.



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## HOLY COMMUNION

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

**PRELUDE**      *I Need Thee Every Hour* — setting by McDonald      Karla Stalwick  
Debra Zadinsky, Violin

**WELCOME**      Pastor Larry Thomas

### 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.**

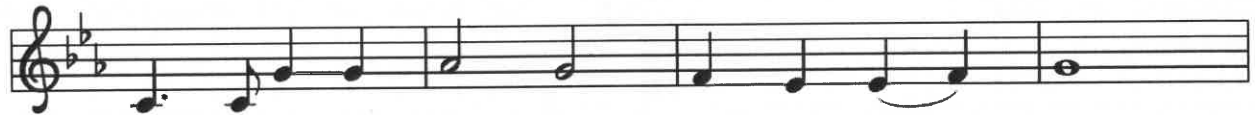
**OPENING HYMN**      *All Are Welcome*      ELW #641

### 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

1 Kings 3:5-12

<sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup>And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

<sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

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

### SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-39

<sup>26</sup>The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

<sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor

things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 13:31-33, 44-52

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

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup>it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

<sup>33</sup>He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

<sup>44</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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

**SERMON**

Pr. Larry Thomas

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*How Firm a Foundation*

ELW #796

### **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

*Rise, Shine, You People!* ELW #665

*By Your Hand You Feed Your People* ELW #469

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* ELW #484

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

## BENEDICTION

## SENDING HYMN

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ELW #834

## DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* — setting by McDonald & Nelson

Karla Stalwick

Debra Zadinsky, Violin

# OSLC Announcements

## Soundboard/Video System Operators Needed

Volunteers are needed to help run the soundboard and video system for Sunday services and periodic mid-week memorial services.

Video streaming is especially important to our members who are unable to worship with us in person. Please thoughtfully consider serving OSLC in this way. Contact Jonathan Smith at ([jsmith1099@hotmail.com](mailto:jsmith1099@hotmail.com)) to arrange a time for hands-on training.



## Picnic & Worship at the Lake, starting on August 9

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.



## Tent City 4 (TC4)

### TC4's Greatest Needs:

- ◆ **Coffee, creamer, and sugar**
- ◆ **Paper plates, bowls, and cups**
- ◆ **Napkins**
- ◆ **Multi-surface cleaner**
- ◆ **30-gallon and 13-gallon garbage bags**
- ◆ **Plastic zip ties** (long ones)
- ◆ **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're 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 questions. Thanks!

### Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Minister:	Pr. Larry Thomas
Assisting Minister:	Jen Winslow
Organist/Pianist:	Karla Stalwick
Usher:	Ken Konigsmark
Altar Guild:	Barbara Fetty-Solders
Sound / Videography:	Jonathan Smith/ David Hersey

# OSLC Announcements

**Potluck Picnic with Tent City 4 (TC4) and Spirit of Peace Today!**

**Come Share Fellowship with Our Neighbors on Sunday, July 30 at 4:30 p.m.**

You are invited to a joint potluck with TC4, Spirit of Peace, and OSLC. The potluck will be held today at 4:30 p.m. behind OSLC between Spirit of Peace's entrance and the TC4 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, deviled eggs, watermelon, and Bush's Baked Beans. We estimate there will be 75-100 people attending.

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

Please come help with setup at 3:00 p.m., and clean up help afterward is needed as well. There is a sign-up 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.

- ◆ **Justin Roof** (grandson of Florence Kinnune)
- ◆ **Lucille Hersey**
- ◆ **Donna Walker**
- ◆ **Paul Catlin** (friend of Gary Hanson)
- ◆ **Randi Strom**
- ◆ **Darlene Boni**

**✦ 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** (Marilyn Carlson)
- ◆ **Bob**, preparing for heart surgery (cousin of Karen Hansen)
- ◆ **John Hansen**, for wholeness and healing (Rita Hansen)
- ◆ **Dianne Tanner**, for healing, strength, and peace through her ongoing treatment
- ◆ **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)
- ◆ **Jacob Carlson**, for healing and wholeness **and his family** (nephew of Dave Carlson)
- ◆ **Hortense Bekker**, God's peace, comfort, and wholeness (family of Dave Carlson)
- ◆ **Gene Christianson**, who has cancer (cousin of Duane Jacobson)



# This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

## TODAY

9:30 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
4:30 p.m.

**JULY 30 — NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR. THOMAS)**

*Spirit of Peace UCC*  
**Worship Service (Sanctuary)**  
**Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)**  
**Potluck with Tent City 4, OSLC, and Spirit of Peace (TC4 Camp)**

## MONDAY

7:00 p.m.

**JULY 31**

*Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)*

## TUESDAY

10:00 a.m.  
7:45 p.m.

**AUGUST 1**

*Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank (Education Room)*  
*AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)*

## THURSDAY

10:00 a.m.

**AUGUST 3**

*Al-Anon (Education Room)*

## NEXT SUNDAY

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

**AUGUST 6 — TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR. VASWIG)**

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



**Emergency Pastoral Care**  
For emergency pastoral care (until Pr. Vaswig returns on August 1), please contact Pastor Larry Thomas at 425-802-1212 or ledgarthomas@gmail.com.

