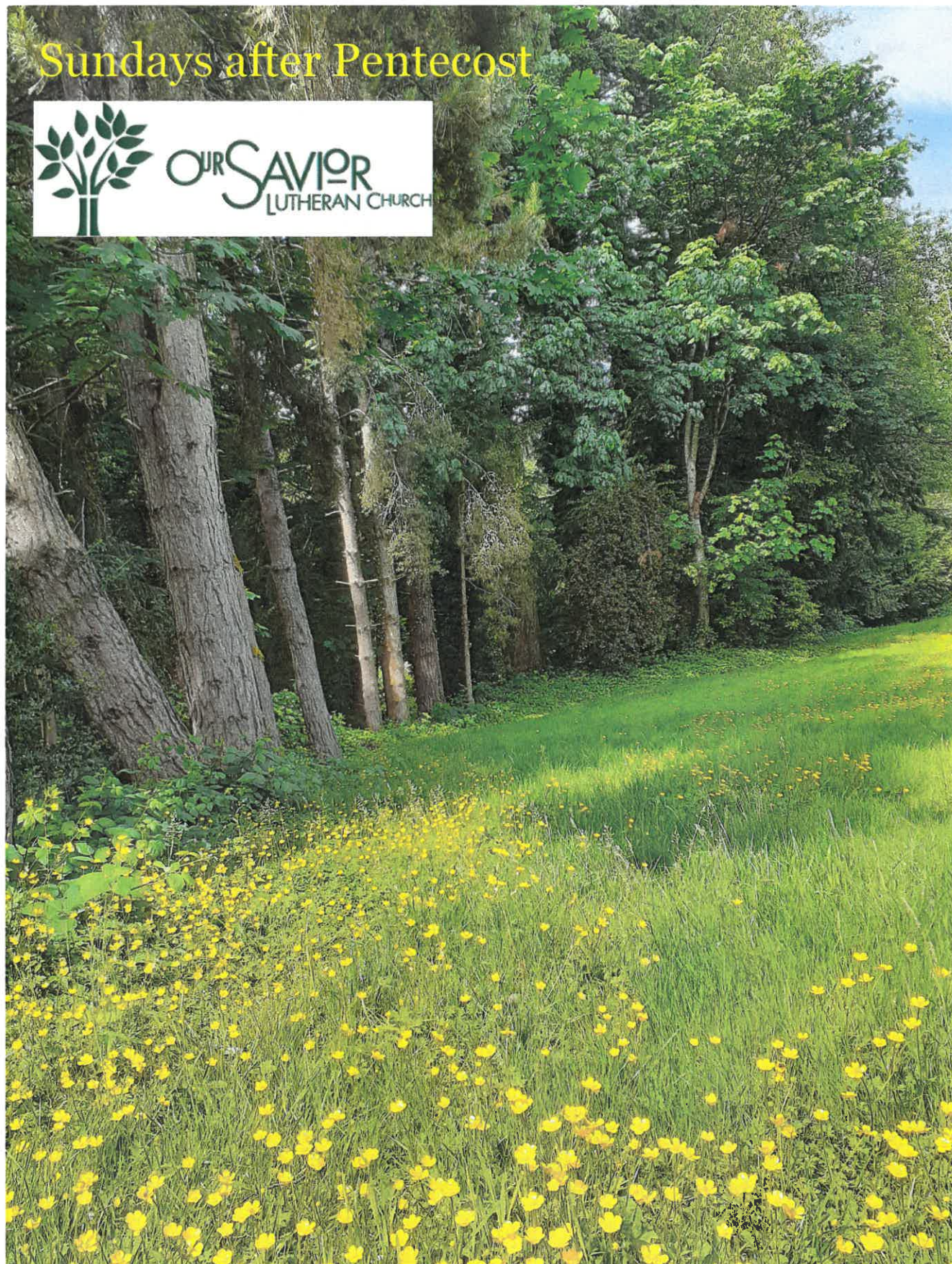


# Sundays after Pentecost





# 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.

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Sunday, August 20, 2023  
10:00 a.m.



**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
745 Front Street S, Issaquah, WA 98027  
425-392-4169

## HOLY COMMUNION

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

**PRELUDE**

*Holy, Holy, Holy* — Barbara Harbach

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**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

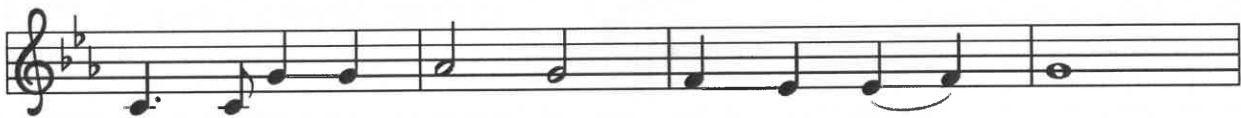
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### GREETING

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.**

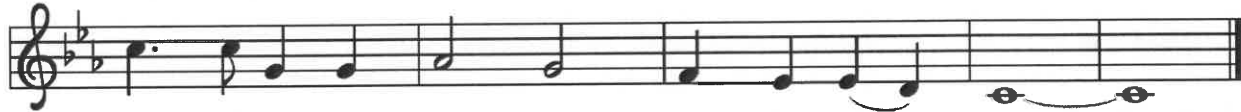
**KYRIE (sing twice)**



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.



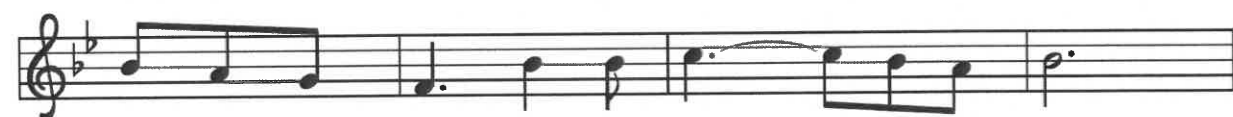
Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



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

Genesis 45:1-15

[After Judah offered himself in place of his brother Benjamin,] <sup>1</sup>Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. <sup>2</sup>And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. <sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup>You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' <sup>12</sup>And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." <sup>14</sup>Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

### SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] <sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2a</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

<sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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 15:[10-20] 21-28

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

<sup>10</sup>[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand:<sup>11</sup>it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” <sup>12</sup>Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” <sup>13</sup>He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup>Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” <sup>15</sup>But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” <sup>16</sup>Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup>Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup>But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup>For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup>These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” <sup>24</sup>He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup>He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup>She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

## SERMON

Pr. John L. Vaswig

## SILENCE

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

ELW #759

### **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.**

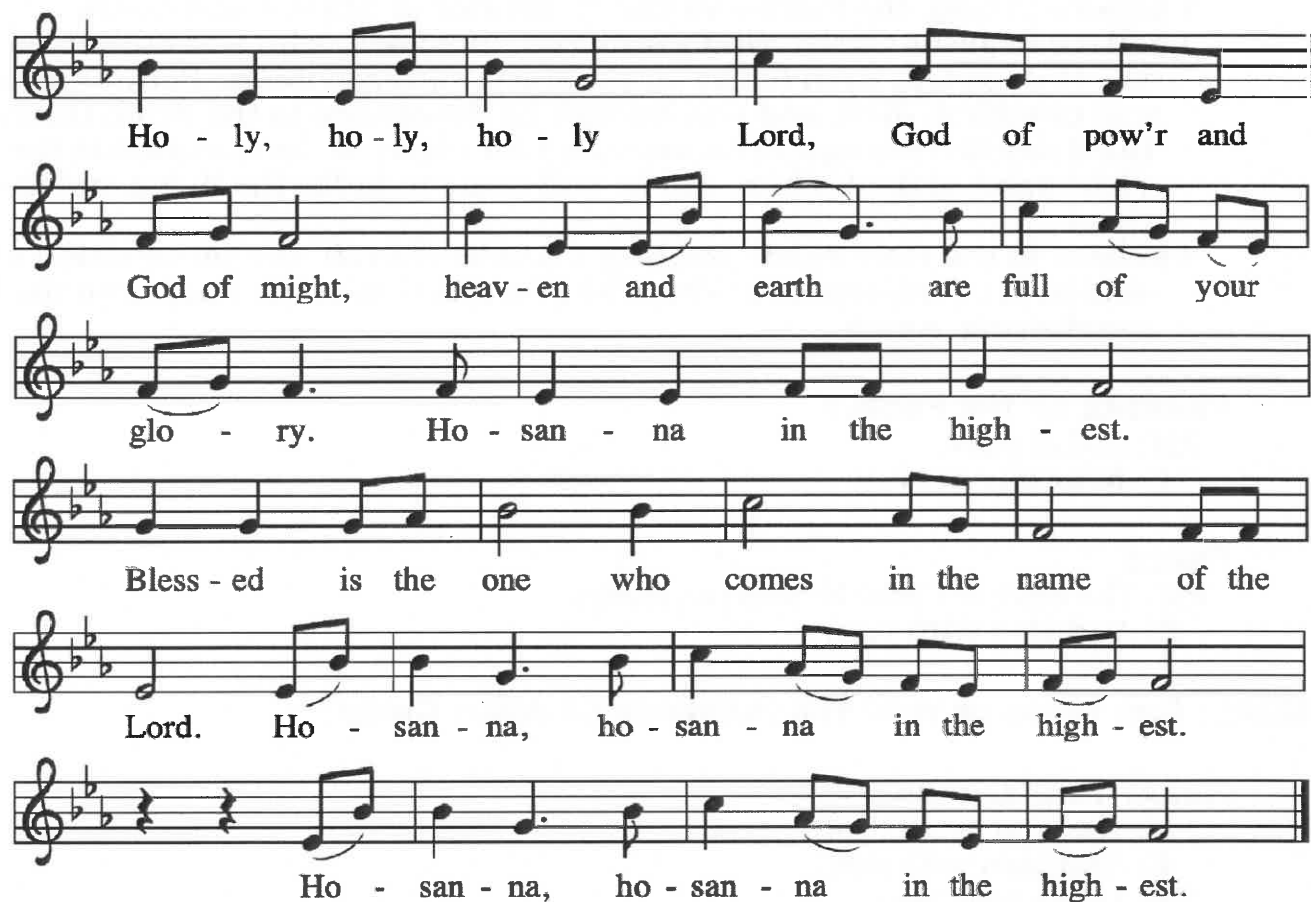
**PM: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**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

*Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup* ELW #492

*I Received the Living God* ELW #477

*What Feast of Love* ELW #487

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

### SILENCE

### BENEDICTION

### SENDING HYMN

*I Love to Tell the Story*

ELW #661

### DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Son of God, Eternal Savior* — Barbara Harbach

Jiyoung Lee

# 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.



## September Focus Deadline

As we head from summer fun into fall programs, the deadline for the September Focus is coming up! Please send your articles and announcements to [office@oslcissaquah.org](mailto:office@oslcissaquah.org) by August 22.

## Lost & Found

Have you lost your glasses, a water bottle, a bag of sheet music, a baseball cap, etc.? The Lost & Found cabinet is filling up; you'll find items on an upper shelf in the large wood cabinet outside Pr. Vaswig's office. Please take a look and claim what's yours. Thanks!

## Serving in Worship Today

|                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Presiding Minister:  | Pr. John L. Vaswig    |
| Assisting Minister:  | Joan Friel            |
| Organist/Pianist:    | Jiyoung Lee           |
| Usher:               | Bill Suttmeier        |
| Altar Guild:         | Barbara Fetty-Solders |
| Sound / Videography: | Jonathan Smith        |

## 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!

Then Jesus said to her, "O woman, great is Your faith. It shall be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed at once.

Matthew 15:28



# OSLC Announcements

## Picnic & Worship at the Lake on Wednesday, August 23

Next Wednesday, August 23 at 5:30 p.m. will be our second summer gathering at Lake Sammamish with Spirit of Peace UCC. Pr. Jenn Hagedorn will lead worship after dinner. It's a joyous and peaceful time of fellowship and faith in nature.

The church supplies hot dogs, condiments, drinks, utensils, and s'more fixings. Please bring a salad or dessert to share if you're able, as well as a camping chair to sit on.

There's a fire pit for s'mores and a sandy beach for wading or swimming. If you'd like, you can stay to watch the sunset over the lake.

It's located at 4405 E Lake Sammamish Parkway SE in Issaquah, just past Lake Sammamish Park's boat-loading ramp road, and then turn onto SE 44th Street toward the lake. There will be an OSLC sign on the main road. We hope to see you there!



### Mourning the Death of Loved Ones:

Please keep their family and friends in your prayers.

- ◆ **Thomas Andersen** (brother of Jean Pass)
- ◆ **Justin Roof** (grandson of Florence Kinnune)
- ◆ **Lucille Hersey**
- ◆ **Donna Walker**

## + Share & Prayer +

*We invite you to include these people in your daily prayers. You can make prayer requests via email at [office@oslccissaquah.org](mailto:office@oslccissaquah.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**, for recovery following a heart procedure (cousin of Karen Hansen)
- ◆ **John Hansen**, for wholeness and healing (Rita Hansen)
- ◆ **Dianne Tanner**, for healing, strength, and peace through her ongoing treatment
- ◆ **Steve Pert**, Tent City 4 Organizer, who is recovering 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**, for God's peace, comfort, and wholeness (family of Dave Carlson)
- ◆ **Gene Christianson**, who has cancer (cousin of Duane Jacobson)
- ◆ **Helen Nychay**, for recovery following a heart procedure
- ◆ **Mike**, who has been diagnosed with Stage 4 colon cancer (friend of Jane Wuest)
- ◆ **Deborah**, a 13-year-old orphan at Songea's Kids in Tanzania (a ministry started by a member of Shepherd of the Hills), who has cancer (Marlice Gilmore)
- ◆ **Margot Inman**, for healing

# This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

## TODAY

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

## **AUGUST 20 — TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

## MONDAY

7:00 p.m.

## **AUGUST 21**

*Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)*

## TUESDAY

7:45 p.m.

## **AUGUST 22**

*AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)*

## WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m.

## **AUGUST 23**

**Picnic and Worship at Lake Sammamish**

## THURSDAY

10:00 a.m.

## **AUGUST 24**

*Al-Anon (Education Room)*

## NEXT SUNDAY

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

## **AUGUST 27 — THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR. LARRY THOMAS)**

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



**Emergency Pastoral Care**  
For emergency pastoral care, please contact  
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