



OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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.

**Eighteenth Sunday after
Pentecost**
Sunday, October 1, 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

The Dawning — Englert

Karla Stalwick

WELCOME

Pr. John L. Vaswig

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PM: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C: Amen.

PM: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Steadfast and faithful God,

C: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PM: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.

In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

ELW #769

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

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the Lord came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? ³As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

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

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-13

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

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

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I

go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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

SERMON

Pr. John L. Vaswig

SILENCE

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

ELW #818

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: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

PASSING OF THE 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 might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

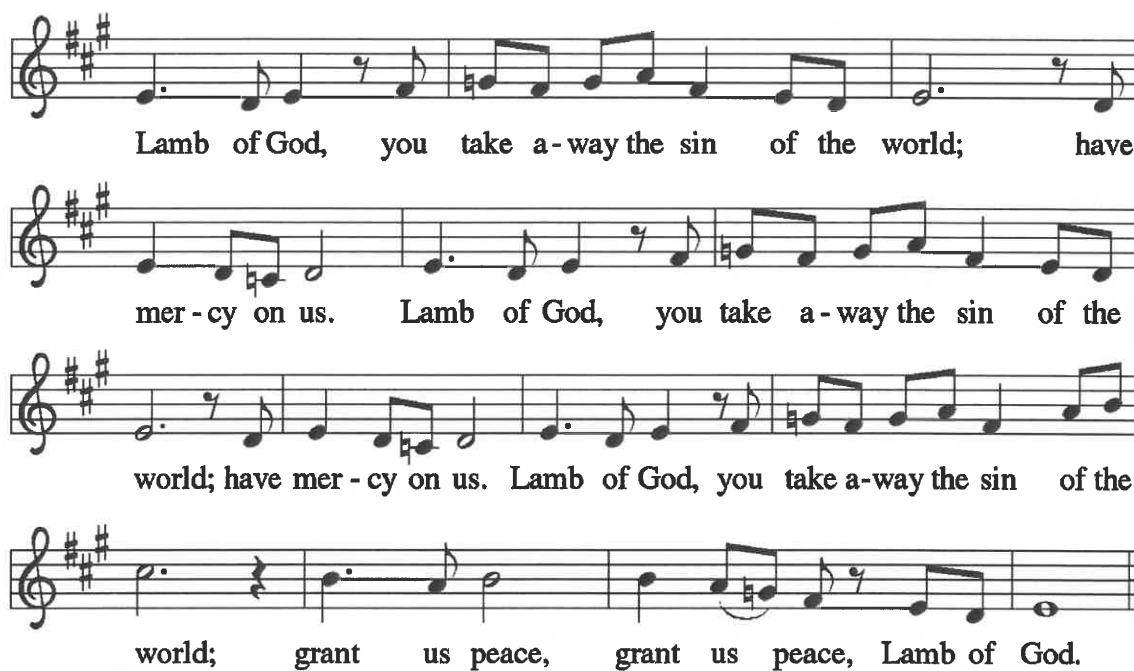
PM: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult ELW #696

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing ELW #807

O Savior, Precious Savior ELW #820

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

SILENCE

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Faith of Our Fathers

ELW #812

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

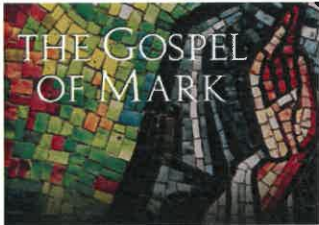
Go Out With Joy — Wagner

Karla Stalwick

OSLC Announcements

Adult Education Classes

You're invited to join us . . .



Sundays at 9 a.m. in Anderson Hall for Conversations with St. Mark.

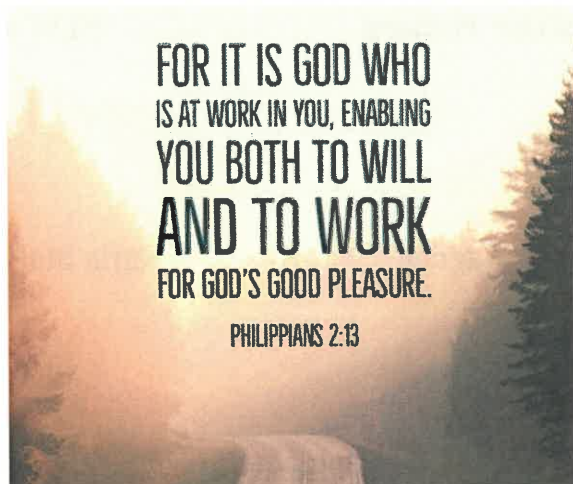


Thursdays at 12 p.m. in Anderson Hall for a conversation about the book of Colossians.



Puppet Show Next Sunday

On October 8, there will be a puppet show in Anderson Hall following worship.



Tent City 4's Greatest Needs (as of Sept. 28)

To stay warm and dry:

- ◆ Blankets, sleeping bags & mats, and cots
- ◆ Tarps
- ◆ Hand and toe warmers
- ◆ Hooded rain jackets
- ◆ Thick socks and rain boots
- ◆ Thermal underwear
- ◆ Water-resistant gloves
- ◆ For someone with a truck to help TC4 residents pick up plastic pallets at the Issaquah Food Bank (pallets to be placed under tents to keep them off the ground): please call the TC4 cell phone @ 206-618-3901 to set it up.

Other needs:

- ◆ Milk and cheese
- ◆ Ibuprofen, Acetaminophen, Neosporin, and Anbesol (tooth pain relidef)
- ◆ D and AAA batteries
- ◆ Laundry detergent
- ◆ Coffee, creamer, and sugar
- ◆ Canned dog food (for a small dog w/ health issues)
- ◆ Baby wipes (alcohol-free, unscented)
- ◆ Clorox wipes
- ◆ Plastic zip ties (long ones) and twine
- ◆ 50-gallon and 13-gallon garbage bags
- ◆ Paper plates, bowls, and cups
- ◆ Plastic forks, knives, and spoons
- ◆ Napkins and paper towels

TC4's Meal Calendar Nearly Empty for the Next Two Weeks

If you (or a group) can provide an evening meal for 24 people at TC4, go to <https://www.sharewheel.org/tent-city-4> to look at the calendar. To sign up, send an email to Steve Pert at tc4@sharewheel.org with the date you'd like to provide a meal, and you'll be added to the calendar. Thank you!

OSLC Announcements

Women's Retreat

Ladies, you're invited to the 2023 Women's Retreat being held November 10-12 at Rainbow Lodge in North Bend. Our theme this year is **GRATEFUL: Finding Joy in the Midst of Life**. Our speaker will be **Donna Oiland**.

You'll find registration brochures in the Narthex. Trim off the registration form, fill it out, enclose it with your check (please write *Women's Retreat* on the subject line), and bring or mail it to OSLC, 745 Front Street S, Issaquah, WA 98027.

If you'd prefer to fill out an 'electronic' registration, you'll find the Fillable form and directions in the email sent out by Marilyn Carlson on September 15.

We'd love to fill the lodge to overflowing this year—join us! Invite your friends! Bring your sisters! And if you have questions, reach out to one of us to get them answered:

Coordinators:

Marilyn Carlson of Our Savior Lutheran Church (auntmare@carlsonsnw.com)

Sherry Grindeland of St. Andrews Lutheran Church (sherry@salc.church)

GRATEFUL



Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Minister:	Pr. John L. Vaswig
Assisting Minister:	Anne Ellett
Organist/Pianist:	Karla Stalwick
Usher:	Larry Thomas
Altar Guild:	Barbara Fetty-Solders
Sound/Videography:	Jonathan Smith

+ Share & Prayer +

We invite you to include these people in your daily prayers. You can make prayer requests via email at 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)
- ◆ **Dianne Tanner**, for healing, strength, and peace through her ongoing treatment
- ◆ **Gene Christianson**, who has cancer (cousin of Duane Jacobson)
- ◆ **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
- ◆ **Connie Fletcher**, for recovery following cataract surgeries
- ◆ **Treasure Hinds**, for recovery after surgery amid continuing health problems (daughter of Rowan and Barbara Hinds)
- ◆ **Bob & Sue Samson** (Marilyn Carlson)
- ◆ **Debby Beck**, for healing after surgery
- ◆ **Dave Bachman**, for recovery from surgery (brother of Chuck Bachman)



This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

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

OCTOBER 1 — EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Conversations with St. Mark Class (Anderson Hall)
Spirit of Peace UCC
Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

MONDAY

3:00 p.m.

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

OCTOBER 2

Companions Bible Study Group (online)
Contact Jen Winslow (jenwinmv@outlook.com) for Zoom info.
Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)
Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

TUESDAY

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

OCTOBER 3

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

WEDNESDAY

7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 4

Memorial Bells Practice (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 5

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)
Al-Anon (Education Room)
Life Together Study: Book of Colossians (Anderson Hall)

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 8 — NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Conversations with St. Mark Class (Anderson Hall)
Spirit of Peace UCC
Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Coffee & Fellowship Hour with Puppet Show (Anderson Hall)
Zadinsky Violin Class (Sanctuary)



Emergency Pastoral Care
For emergency pastoral care, please contact
OSLC Transition Pastor John L. Vaswig
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