



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.

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

I Exalt Thee — arr. by Patricia Cota

Memorial Bells

WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING, AND SONG.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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 21:33-46

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

[Jesus said to the people:] ³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:
‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?”

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

SERMON

Pr. John L. Vaswig

SILENCE

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW #815

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.

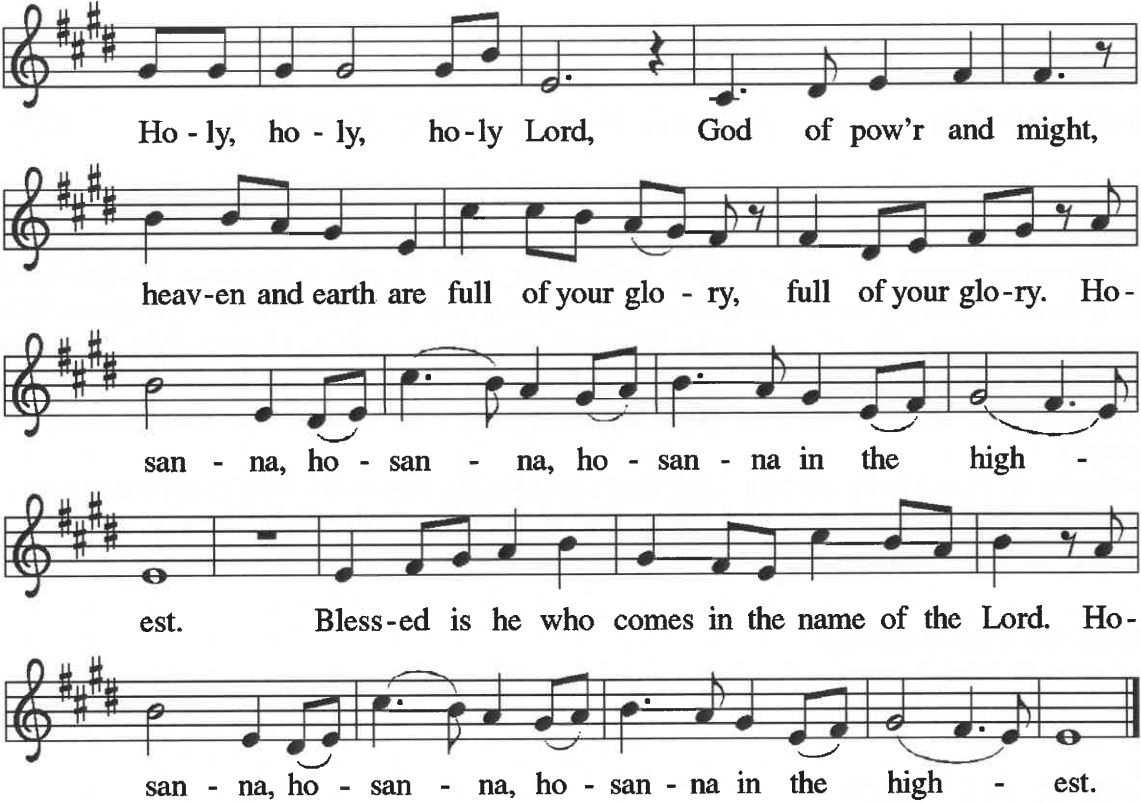
PM: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

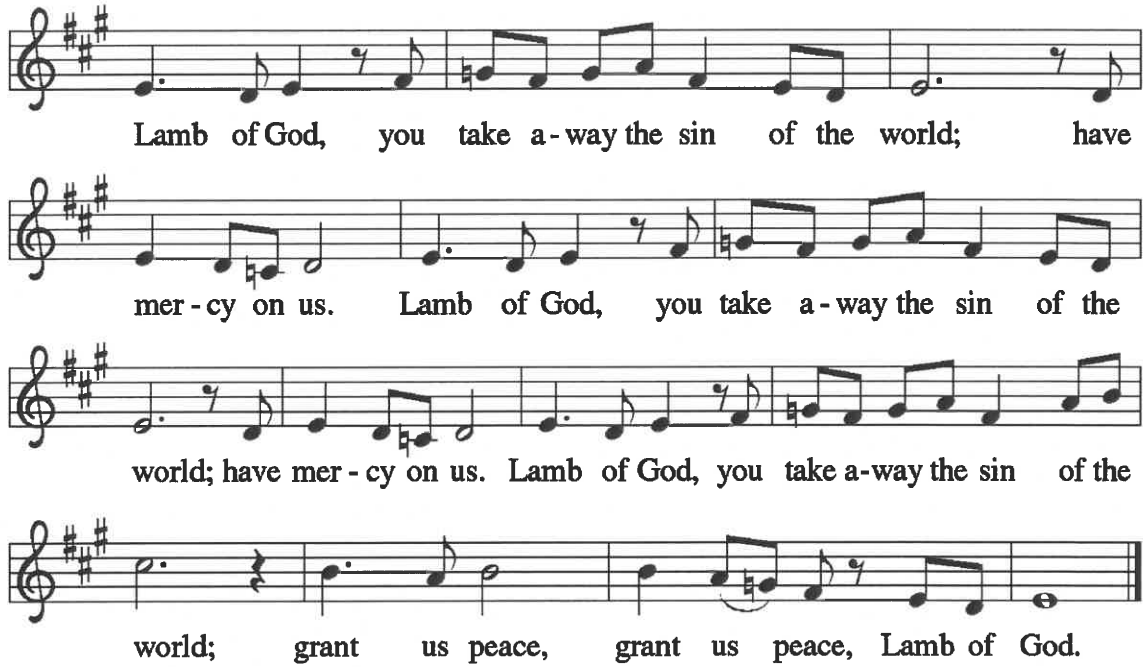
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Memorial Bells

Let Peace Reign — Matthew Prins

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

I Come with Joy ELW #482

For the Bread Which You Have Broken ELW #494

Change My Heart, O God (sing twice) ELW #801

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

SILENCE

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

ELW #634

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing — Aaron Shows

Jiyoung Lee

OSLC Announcements

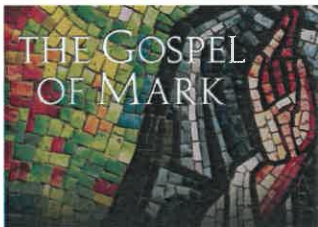
Issaquah Food Bank Coat Drive Sunday, October 15

On Sunday, October 15, OSLC will collect **new and/or gently used TEEN and ADULT WARM, WATERPROOF winter coats** (size 14-16 kids through XXL adult sizes). This will help the Issaquah Food Bank (IFB) prepare for its annual winter coat event in early November (600 winter coats are still needed!). IFB especially needs men's coats. It will NOT accept kids' coats under size 14-16 (KidVantage will provide kids' coats to IFB.).

On October 15, please put your donated coats on the table with the IFB sign in the Narthex. Thanks for all your donations to help keep our neighbors warm and dry. P.S. IFB is collecting **coats only** (no hats, gloves, etc.).



You're invited to join us for the last few weeks of Adult Education Classes:



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.

Tent City

Greatest needs 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.
- ◆ Plywood

Other needs:

- ◆ Men's size 4X shirts and 2X sweat pants
- ◆ Milk, cheese, butter, canned food, & pasta
- ◆ Ibuprofen, Acetaminophen, Neosporin, and Anbesol (tooth pain relief)
- ◆ Nylon rope, long plastic zip ties, & twine
- ◆ D and AAA batteries
- ◆ Laundry detergent
- ◆ Coffee, creamer, and sugar
- ◆ Baby wipes (alcohol-free, unscented)
- ◆ Clorox wipes
- ◆ 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: Several Vacancies in the Next Few Weeks

If you (or a group) can provide an evening meal for 22 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 prefer to register online, 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!

Questions? Please contact Coordinators: Marilyn Carlson of Our Savior Lutheran Church (auntmare@carlsonsnw.com) Sherry Grindeland of St. Andrews Lutheran Church (sherry@salc.church)

GRATEFUL



Puppet Show Today

Today there will be a puppet show in Anderson Hall following worship.

+ 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 Johnson**, who is receiving treatment for cancer, **and his family**
- ◆ **Dianne Tanner**, for healing, strength, and peace through her ongoing treatment
- ◆ **Treasure Hinds**, who begins chemotherapy after a successful surgery (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)
- ◆ **Diane Murff**, who is in the hospital (Lori Downey)
- ◆ **Jake Carlson and family** (Dave & Marilyn Carlson)

Mourning the death of loved ones:

- ◆ **Sean** (a Tent City 4 resident)

Please keep his family and friends in your prayers, especially his friends at Tent City 4.



Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Minister:	Pr. John L. Vaswig
Assisting Minister:	Jen Winslow
Organist/Pianist:	Jiyoung Lee
Usher:	Sang-Beom Shim
Altar Guild:	Stacy Smith
Sound/Videography:	Jonathan Smith

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

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)

MONDAY

3:00 p.m.

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

OCTOBER 9

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

1:00 p.m.
7:45 p.m.

OCTOBER 10

Community Meal Prep (Kitchen)
AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m.

OCTOBER 11

Issaquah Garden Club (Anderson Hall & Kitchen)

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 12

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)
Worship Planning Meeting (Narthex)
Al-Anon (Education Room)
Life Together Study: Book of Colossians (Anderson Hall)
Finance Committee (online)
Contact Wendy Winslow (oslc_treasurer@hotmail.com) for Zoom info.

FRIDAY

10:30 a.m.

OCTOBER 13

Congregational Care Ministry (Library)

NEXT SUNDAY

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

OCTOBER 15 — TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Conversations with St. Mark Class (Anderson Hall)
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 jlvaswig@gmail.com.



From Congregational Care Ministry

“Who Am I Now?”

A Study for Older Adults Using the Book *Autumn Wisdom: Finding Meaning in Life's Later Years*

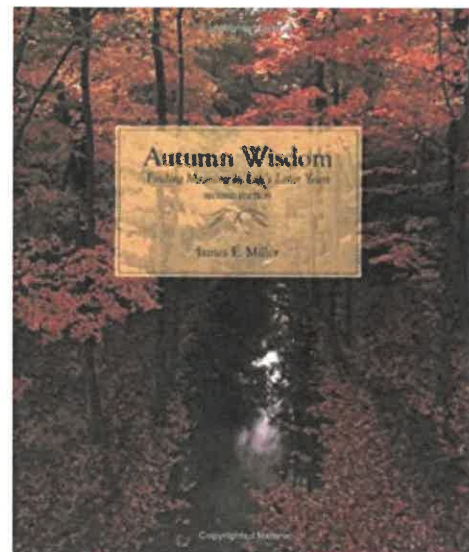
If you missed the opportunity last winter to take part in a “Who Am I Now?” group, you have another chance!

Are you

- ◆ Newly retired or nearing retirement?
- ◆ In your sixties, seventies, eighties, or nineties?

Do you ever wonder

- ◆ What is my purpose now?
- ◆ What have I learned, and what am I meant to learn?
- ◆ What brought me to this place in my spiritual journey, and what's next?



Take this opportunity to join other adults in exploring the experiences, questions, hopes, and meaning in life's later years. **Two new groups will begin in mid-November, one meeting on Zoom and the other meeting in person at the church. Sign-ups begin next Sunday, October 15.**

Here are some comments from individuals who participated in one of the four groups that met earlier in 2023:

“Perfect timing for life transition.”

“Time for reflection on life lived.”

“Thought-provoking.”

“Made me realize that I may still have a lot of living to do.”

“Timely to this particular moment in my life.”

“Fellowship with people I did not know before.”

“Listening to other people's insights, perspectives and experiences.”

“Knowing more people and their history.”

“We discussed our faith in God and how he addresses our aging and end of life events.”

From Congregational Care Ministry

Quoting from an article in the April 2023 *Focus* by Chuck Bachman:

Wendy and I have been attending one of the “Autumn Wisdom: Finding Meaning in Life’s Later Years” groups. The explorations each week challenge you to explore your early life and map trends and milestones.

We share what we’re comfortable with, knowing it will stay in the room. It’s a chance for deep conversation. Some of it is letting go of mistakes made or adversity your family had. One old prayer sums it up best: “O Lord, may the end of my life be the best of it. And may my closing acts be my best acts.”

It’s okay to slow down and be in the moment. Enjoy those walks, those mornings on the deck with your coffee and sunshine. At the same time, don’t accept you’ve learned all you want to learn. Our lives are not static and permanently etched.

We have a closing prayer from “A Prayer for Older Adults” by Moya Hanlen. Here are some excerpts: “I am called by you into old age, a call not given to all, not given to Jesus, not given to most of our world today. I humbly ask you to grace me deeply in each aspect of this new chapter in my life. Finally, as my heart slows a little after the work of the years, may it expand in love for you and all people.”

