

**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost:
Blessing of the Quilts**



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

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:1-7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: ²I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

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

SECOND READING

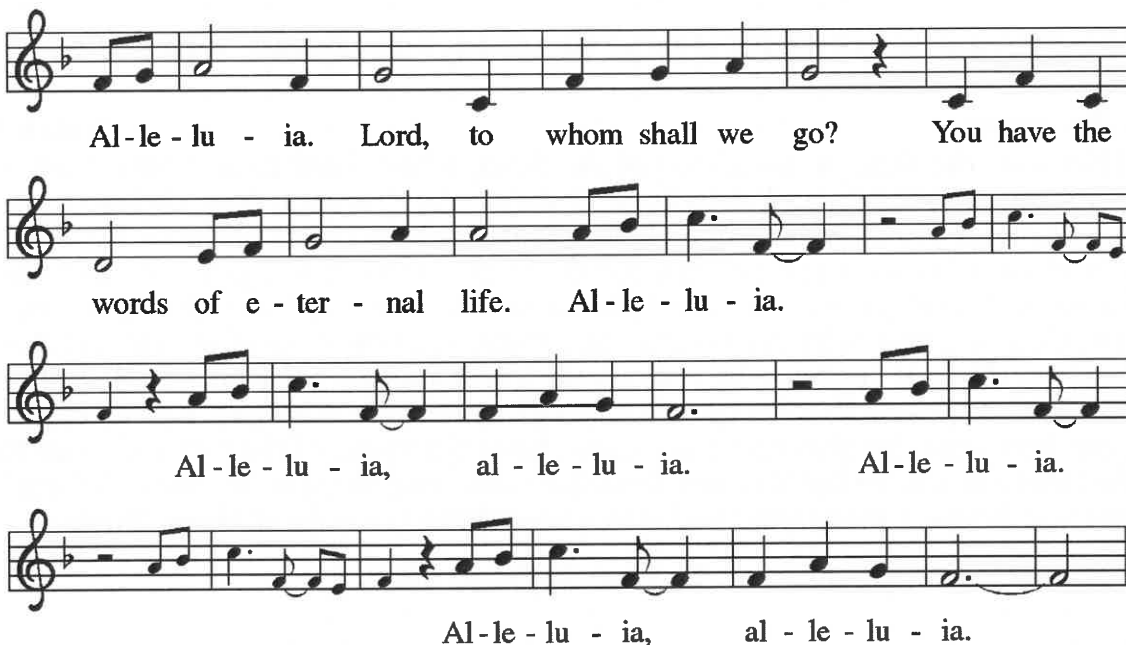
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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 22:15-22

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

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

SERMON

Pr. John L. Vaswig

SILENCE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lift Every Voice and Sing

ELW #841

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.

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

PM: Friends in Christ, today we give thanks to God and seek God's blessing as we send these quilts on to Lutheran World Relief to be distributed around the world to those in need.

C: **To you we lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving for the many gifts and talents you have given us. We pray for grateful hearts and a humble awareness of our abundance amid all the world's poverty and pain.**

PM: We pray for the courage to give generously of our resources. Teach and inspire us to share our imaginations, our time and energy, our abilities, and our material wealth.

C: **Renew in each one of us the commitment to use our gifts in service of others, and especially of those in need. Let us be your hands to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, comfort the weary and outcast, welcome the stranger, care for creation, and be loving neighbors to all people.**

PM: We give thanks for the Mission Quilters from our church and churches around the country who have created these labors of love. We give thanks for the ministries of Lutheran World Relief.

C: **Merciful God, bless these quilts. May those who receive them find dignity in their use and comfort in their warmth, and may these gifts be a sign of your love to all people. 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

By Your Hand You Feed Your People ELW #469

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling ELW #608

Bind Us Together (sing twice) WOV #748

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

SILENCE

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW #583

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata Eroica — Edward Broughton

Jiyoung Lee

OSLC Announcements

Stewardship Minute

Money matters to Jesus Christ. The only subject that drew more of his attention in teaching was the kingdom of God. Money matters as we seek to be faithful witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. All of us need to individually as well as collectively evaluate our giving to Christ and His church. Money matters. For many, the subject of money is a source of discomfort. Yet, as brothers and sisters in Christ, it is a necessary and faithful conversation.

The fact of the matter is that our contributions are not matching up with our budget. In order to meet our budgeted goals, which include paying the salary of a new pastor, we need to receive an average of \$26,250 in contributed income each month. In the month of September, our contributed income was only \$18,759—just 70% of the expected income for the month. This shortfall is not sustainable. If this trend continues, it will be extremely difficult to completely support the mission and ministry of this congregation.

It is the hope of leadership that you will carefully and prayerfully examine your giving to Christ and His church as we seek to enact faithfully our callings as disciples of Christ.

*Pr. John L. Vaswig
Joan Friel and the Budget and Finance Team*



Love. Grow. Serve.

“Who Am I Now?” Sign-ups

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

Are you in your 60’s, 70’s, 80’s, or 90’s? Take this opportunity to join other adults in exploring the experiences, questions, hopes, and meaning in life’s later years. This is the 2nd Sunday for sign-ups for two new “Who Am I Now?” groups that will begin in mid-November.

What former participants say about their experience:

“Was great to hear how others in their ‘autumn’ feel similarly.”

“Gave me a different view of what people face in their life challenges.”

“Made me realize how much more there is to the next 25 years – still lots to plan for.”

“It helped me feel at peace with ‘doing’ less and ‘being’ more.”



November Focus Deadline

Please email articles for the *Focus* newsletter to office@oslciissaquah.org by October 22.

Thanks for Your Generosity

Thank you to everyone who donated coats for the Issaquah Food Bank Coat Drive last week. We collected 25 coats for their November Coat Event!



OSLC Announcements

Women's Retreat Sign-ups

GRATEFUL

**The final deadline is November 2.
Please sign up now!**

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**. We'd love to fill the lodge to overflowing this year—join us! Invite your friends! Bring your sisters!

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 October 12.

Questions? Please contact Coordinators:
Marilyn Carlson, auntmare@carlsonsnw.com
Sherry Grindeland, sherry@salc.church



Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Minister:	Pr. John L. Vaswig
Assisting Minister:	Lori Downey
Organist/Pianist:	Jiyoun Lee
Usher:	Don Robertson
Altar Guild:	Jean Pass & Delaney Cash
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@oslcissaquah.org. A complete list of prayers can be found in the Focus newsletter each month.

- ◆ **OSLC Call Process**, for clear direction and a smooth transition
- ◆ **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 started 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)
- ◆ **Ron Sordahl**, recovery from health issues



Mourning the death of loved ones:
Please keep their family and friends in your prayers.

- ◆ **Bob Bergquist** (husband of Judy and father)
- ◆ **Barbara Jones** (mother of Ron Sordahl and grandmother of Thomas Zhu-Sordahl)

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 22 — TWENTY-FIRST 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 23

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

7:45 p.m.

OCTOBER 24

AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)

THURSDAY

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

OCTOBER 26

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

FRIDAY

10:30 a.m.

OCTOBER 27

Congregational Care Ministry (Library)

SATURDAY

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

OCTOBER 28

Master Chorus Eastside Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Kim Blanchard Student Recital (San

NEXT SUNDAY

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

OCTOBER 29 — TWENTY-SECOND 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.



Great Is the Lord

Michael W. Smith



Great is the Lord, He is ho-ly and just; by His pow-er we trust in His



love. Great is the Lord, He is faith-ful and true; by His mer-cy He proves He is



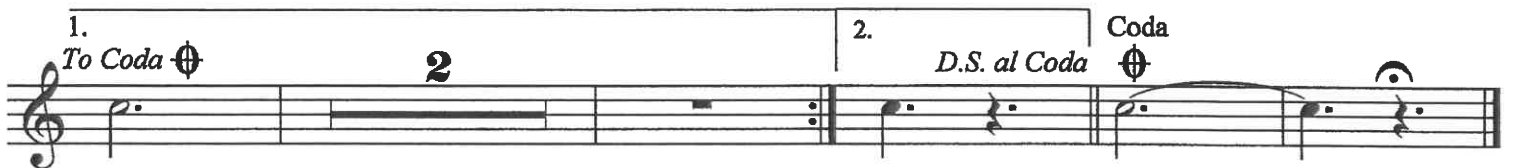
love. (1.,2.)Great is the Lord and wor-thy of glo-ry! Great is the Lord and
(D.S.)Great are You Lord, and wor-thy of glo-ry! Great are You, Lord, and



wor - thy of praise! Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now
wor - thy of praise! Great are You, Lord; I lift up my voice, I



lift up your voice: Great _____ is the _____ Great _____ is the
lift up my voice: Great _____ are You, _____ Great _____ are You,



1. To Coda Lord! 2. D.S. al Coda Lord! Coda Lord! _____

