

Reformation

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.

Reformation Sunday
Sunday, October 29, 2023
10:00 a.m.



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
745 Front Street S, Issaquah, WA 98027
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HOLY COMMUNION

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

PRELUDE *Ein feste burg ist unser Gott* — Michael Praetorius Jiyoung Lee

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 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* ELW #504

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,



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

Refrain

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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

John 8:31-36

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

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."
³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free?'"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

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

SERMON

Pr. John L. Vaswig

SILENCE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

ELW #517

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.

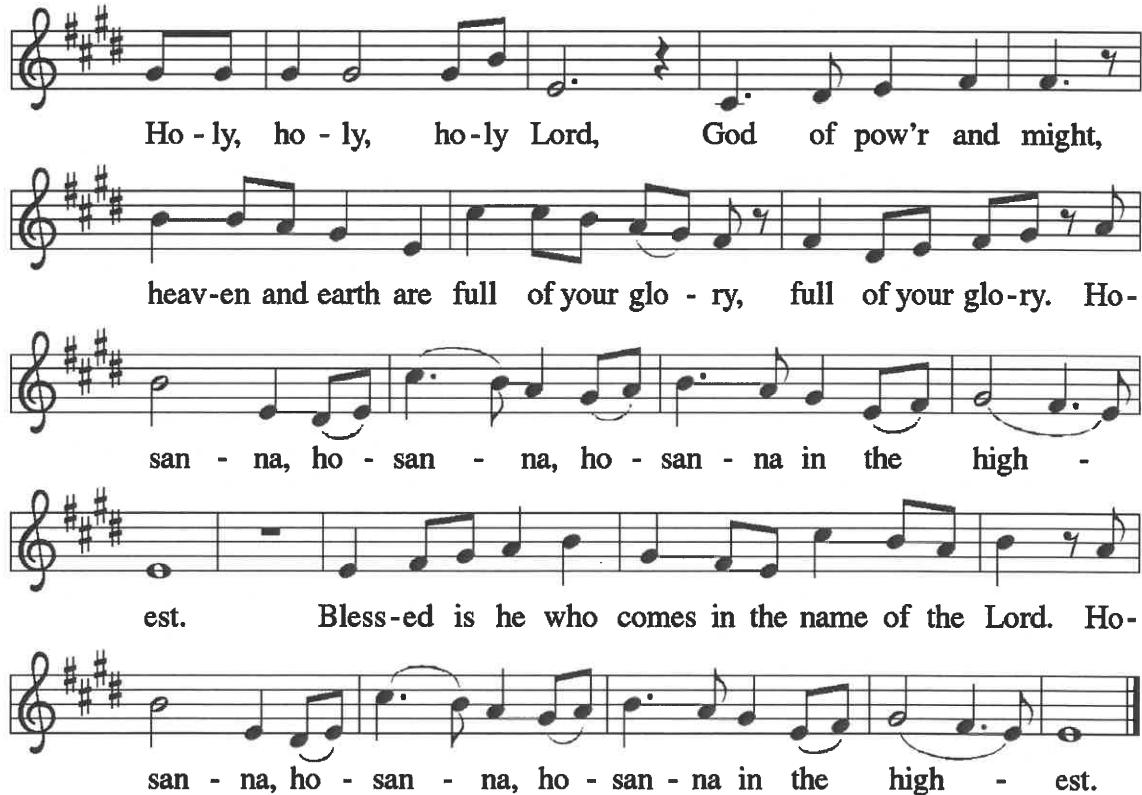
PM: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

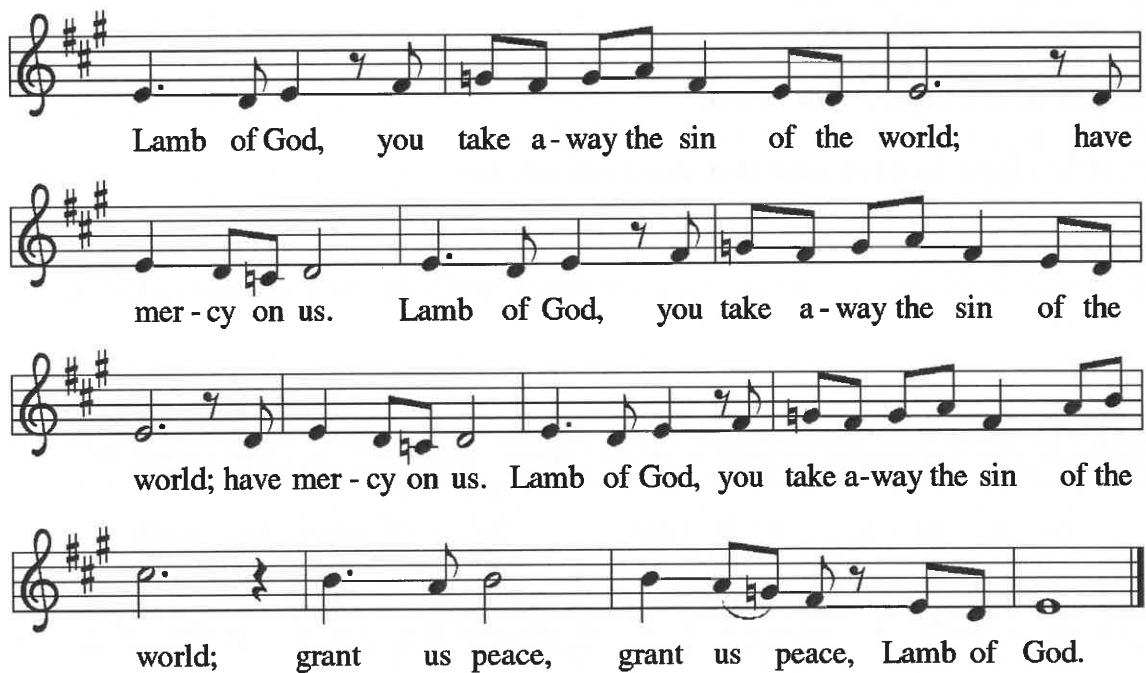
PM: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus ELW #742

In the Singing (sing twice) ELW #466

Holy, Holy, Holy ELW #473

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

SILENCE

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

As Rain from the Clouds

ELW #508

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Ein' feste Burg — Rebecca Groom Tevelde

Jiyoung Lee

If you continue in my word,
you are truly my disciples, and
you will know the truth and
the truth will make you free.

John 8:31-32



OSLC Announcements

Holiday Gifts Program

Starting Sunday, November 5, the Community Outreach Committee will be collecting gift cards for the Issaquah Food Bank's Holiday Gifts Program. There will be a Thanksgiving Tree in the Narthex.

Please take a leaf, purchase a gift card for one of the stores listed, and drop it in the basket next to the tree. We will collect them on Sundays, 11/5, 11/12, & 11/19. As we give thanks for our blessings this month, let us be a blessing to others. Here are details from the Issaquah Food Bank:

“Help brighten the holidays for local families! We’re expecting 1,600 kids this year, so your help is needed! Gift cards allow parents or guardians the joy of selecting the perfect gift for each of their children. We are seeking donations of **\$25 gift cards** from the retailers our shoppers use most: **Amazon, Fred Meyer, and Target.**”



Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank

HOLIDAY GIFT BARN

UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR PEACE

(FROM THE IONA COMMUNITY)

LEAD US FROM DEATH TO LIFE,
FROM FALSEHOOD TO TRUTH.
LEAD US FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE,
FROM FEAR TO TRUST.
LEAD US FROM HATE TO LOVE,
FROM WAR TO PEACE.
LET PEACE FILL OUR LIVES,
OUR WORLD, OUR UNIVERSE.
PEACE, PEACE, PEACE.

Upcoming Dates for Call Process

Please mark your calendars. You're invited to attend these special events in Anderson Hall. Hope to see you there!

Question & Answer Session, Sunday, November 5 @ 11 a.m.:

Following worship, we plan a Q & A session for the congregation to share the impact to our budget of the proposed call. There are a lot of moving parts in the process as the details of the call are finalized, and Council felt that the congregation needs to be informed about as much as we know to date.

Meet & Greet the Candidate, Saturday, November 18 @ 10 a.m.:

There will be a meet & greet opportunity to meet the candidate in person, starting at 10 a.m. Coffee and pastries will be provided.

Special Congregational Meeting to Vote, Sunday, November 19 @ 11 a.m.:

Following worship, there will be a Special Congregational Meeting for a congregational vote on whether to extend the proposed call. This is a congregational decision, not a Council decision.

From John McDowell, Call Committee Chair, and the Call Committee

“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 3rd Sunday for sign-ups for two new “Who Am I Now?” groups that will begin in mid-November.

OSLC Announcements

Women's Retreat Sign-ups

GRATEFUL

It's not too late! Register now for the 2023 Women's Retreat. November 2 is the final deadline.

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:	Anne Ellett
Organist/Pianist:	Jiyoung Lee
Usher:	Ken Konigsmark
Altar Guild:	Jane Wuest
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
- ◆ **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
- ◆ **Kathleen and her family** (Marilyn Carlson)
- ◆ **Amy Dunbar**, for peace and wholeness (sister of Dave Carlson)
- ◆ **John and Rita Hansen**
- ◆ **Mary Ann Hult**, as she transitions into a new home in California (sister of Lorna Robertson)

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 29 — REFORMATION SUNDAY

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 30

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 31

AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER 2

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)

Al-Anon (Education Room)

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER 5 — ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Conversations with St. Mark Class (Anderson Hall)

Spirit of Peace UCC

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

Question & Answer Session about Proposed Call (Anderson Hall)



Emergency Pastoral Care
For emergency pastoral care, please contact
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