



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.

25th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 19, 2023
10:00 a.m.



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
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HOLY COMMUNION

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

PRELUDE

Royal Oak — Mary Beth Bennett

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

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

ELW #596

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

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." ¹³Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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 25:14-30

PM: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what

they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

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

SERMON

Pr. John L. Vaswig

SILENCE

HYMN OF THE DAY

As We Gather at Your Table

ELW #522

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.

STEWARDSHIP AS DISCIPLESHIP

Connie Fletcher and Carl Boruck

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

Praise the Lord! O Heavens ELW #823

Will You Come and Follow Me ELW #798

You Are Mine ELW #581

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

SILENCE

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

ELW #582

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

All Things Bright and Beautiful — Thomas Hewitt Jones

Jiyoung Lee

OSLC Announcements

Holiday Gifts Program

Today, November 19, is the last Sunday the Community Outreach Committee will collect gift cards for the Issaquah Food Bank's Holiday Gifts Program.

If you've purchased any gift cards to Amazon, Target, or Fred Meyer, please place them in the basket next to the Thanksgiving tree in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity!

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.**"



Special Events: Pie Social & Meetings about Proposed Call

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

Pie Social and Question & Answer Session about Proposed Call, Today, November 19 @ 11 a.m.:

Following worship we'll gather for a Pie Social as well as a Question & Answer Session in Anderson Hall. The Q & A Session is for the congregation to hear the impact to OSLC's budget of the proposed call. There are many moving parts in the process as the details are finalized, and the congregation needs to be informed.

Please bring a pie to share, but even if you can't bring a pie, please come.



Meet & Greet the Candidate, Saturday, December 2 @ 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, December 3 @ 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.

OSLC Announcements

Gifts for You Sign-ups Today

Christian discipleship is a *lifelong* journey. The more we discover about who *we* are and *whose* we are, the more we can appreciate the journey and the ministry to which we have been called. An important and enriching part of our faith journey is discovering our gifts, the gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit.

You may wonder –

- ◆ What are my spiritual gifts?
- ◆ Would God give me a gift I don't want?
- ◆ Are spiritual gifts really necessary?
- ◆ What are they for?

You're invited to explore these questions and more in a one-session introductory study:

Gifts for You

Sunday, December 3, 2023

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
in the Education Room

(A light lunch will be provided.)

Sign-ups will begin on Sunday, November 19. This introductory study is presented by the Congregational Care Ministry (CCM) and will be led by Jen Winslow using the ELCA resource entitled *Gifts for You: Opening Your Spiritual Gifts*.



December Focus Deadline

Please email articles for the *Focus* newsletter to office@oslcissaquah.org by November 22.



Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Minister:	Pr. John L. Vaswig
Assisting Minister:	Joan Friel
Organist/Pianist:	Jiyoung Lee
Usher:	Bill Suttmeier
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
- ◆ **Diane Murff**, who is in a rehab center
- ◆ **Ron Sordahl**, for 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)
- ◆ **Sarah Shearer**, for quick healing from a bad sprain (Marilyn Carlson)
- ◆ **Treasure Hinds**, who is in the middle of chemotherapy treatment (daughter of Rowan and Barbara Hinds)
- ◆ **Gary Hanson**, for God's continued healing presence in his life
- ◆ **Michael Fricke**, for recovery of his injuries suffered in a bad vehicle accident (son of Mary Fricke)

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

- ◆ **Arne Moen**
- ◆ **Frank Hoffman** (cousin of Paul Isop)

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

9:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER 19 — 25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Conversations with St. Mark Class (Anderson Hall) (Final Class)

Spirit of Peace UCC

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Pie Social and Question & Answer Session about Proposed Call (Anderson Hall)

MONDAY

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 20

Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)

Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

NOVEMBER 21

Church Council Meeting (online)

Contact Chuck Bachman (bachmancj@aol.com) for Zoom info.

AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)

WEDNESDAY

7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 22

Memorial Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER 23 — HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.

Al-Anon (online)

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER 26 — CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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
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