



Christ the King

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.

**Christ the King Sunday**  
Sunday, November 26, 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**

*Aurelia* — David Blackwell

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**

*How Firm a Foundation*

ELW #796

### **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 34:11-16, 20-24

<sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

<sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

**SECOND READING**

Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 25:31-46

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

**SERMON**

Pr. John L. Vaswig

**SILENCE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Christ Is the King!*

ELW #662

**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**

*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* (see insert)

*Blessed Assurance* ELW #638

*What Feast of Love* ELW #487

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**SILENCE**

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Lift High the Cross*

ELW #660

**DISMISSAL**

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*Darwall's 148th* — James Biery

Jiyoung Lee

# OSLC Announcements

## Meetings about Proposed Call

Thank you for attending the Q & A Session after worship last Sunday. You're invited to attend two more special events in Anderson Hall. Hope to see you there!

### Meet & Greet the Candidates, 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.



## Thank You for Donating

Thank you to everyone who provided gift cards for the Issaquah Food Bank Holiday Gifts. We collected 52 cards worth \$1,300! So many families will be able to provide their children with gifts for the holidays.

Any donations for Camp Roberson (formerly known as Tent City 4) these next few weeks may be dropped off at the camp. Camp Roberson will move by December 31. Thanks.



## Come Deck the Halls on Dec. 2

You're invited to join the Altar Guild on Saturday, December 2 at 9:00 a.m. to decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Decorating will happen from 9:00-10:00 a.m. and then resume after the Meet & Greet the Candidate event. This is a fun and festive fellowship opportunity—and as we all know—many hands make light work.

## Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting on December 10

On Sunday, December 10, OSLC will have a Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting at 11 a.m. in Anderson Hall following worship. These are two of the items on the agenda:

1. **Approve upgrading the parsonage.**
2. **Approve a capital campaign to help pay for working on the parsonage.**

Your attendance is important, and we hope you will attend.



## Christmas Giving 2023

On Sundays, December 3, 10, and 17, the Community Outreach Committee will be collecting gift cards for two purposes:

1. **Vine Maple Place**, an organization that breaks the generational cycle of homelessness by working with single parents and their children, **is asking for \$10 or \$20 gift cards from McDonald's, Subway, Starbucks, or Taco Bell** for parents to gift their teens to use to go out and visit with friends.

2. OSLC is collecting \$25 Target, Safeway, and Fred Meyer gift cards to use when we get requests from our church members and the community for a little extra help. They can help purchase food, gas, medications, etc.

We'll have a Christmas tree in the Narthex starting on December 3. **Please take an ornament with the gift card request on it, purchase the gift card(s), and put your gift cards in the box next to the tree.** The Community Outreach Committee thanks you in advance!



# OSLC Announcements

## Gifts for You Sign-ups Today

### *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 continue on November 26. 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*.

## Birth Announcement

Debra Zadinsky is delighted to announce the birth of her granddaughter: "Answer to prayer, we have a beautiful healthy baby girl, Anna Maria Linnea Shivone, born last Friday (November 17). 9 lbs 1 oz! Mother (Karissa) and baby are doing beautifully, such a blessing."



## Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Minister:	Pr. John L. Vaswig
Assisting Minister:	Anne Ellett
Organist/Pianist:	Jiyoung 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](mailto: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
- ◆ **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)
- ◆ **Baby Jack**, who is being treated for leukemia (nephew of Bill Suttmeier)

**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

9:30 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)

## MONDAY

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

## NOVEMBER 27

*Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)*

*Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)*

## TUESDAY

7:45 p.m.

## NOVEMBER 28

*AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)*

## WEDNESDAY

7:30 p.m.

## NOVEMBER 29

Memorial Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

## THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

## NOVEMBER 30

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)

*Al-Anon (Education Room)*

Autumn Wisdom Class (Library)

## FRIDAY

10:30 a.m.

4:30 p.m.

## DECEMBER 1

Congregational Care Ministry (Library)

*Kate Henke's Student Violin Recital (Sanctuary)*

## SATURDAY

9:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

## DECEMBER 2

Decorate for Advent and Christmas (Sanctuary)

Meet & Greet the Candidates (Anderson Hall)

## NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

## DECEMBER 3 — FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Spirit of Peace UCC*

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee & Fellowship Hour with a Special Congregational Meeting to Vote on the Candidates (Anderson Hall)

Gifts for You Study (Education Room)

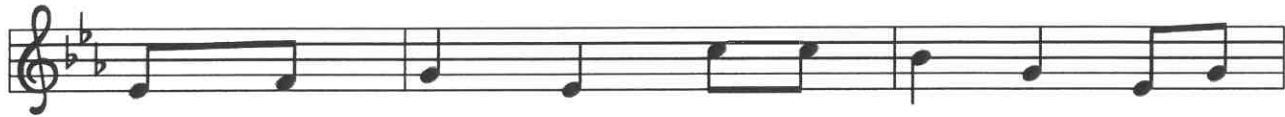
*Zadinsky Violin Class (Sanctuary)*



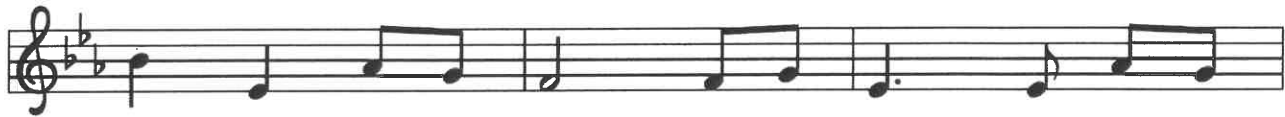
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For emergency pastoral care, please contact  
OSLC Transition Pastor John L. Vaswig  
at 253-677-4515 (cell) or [jlvaswig@gmail.com](mailto:jlvaswig@gmail.com).



# Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the  
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a  
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in  
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.  
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

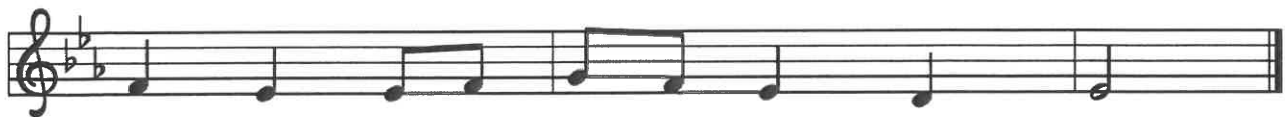
## *Refrain*



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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