

Advent

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.

Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 10, 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 *Hark, The Glad Sound*—Burkhardt Karla Stalwick

WELCOME Pr. John L. Vaswig

CALL TO WORSHIP Bells
O Come, O Come Emmanuel—arr. by Matthew Prins

GATHERING LITANY

PM: Blessed be God, the eternal ✝ One-in-Three, who was, and is, and is to come.

C: Blessed be God forever and ever.

PM: As the world is groaning in pain and suffering,

C: we prepare and expect your appearing.

PM: Your Spirit has brought us to faith, and your Spirit sends us into mission.

C: We prepare and engage in advocacy and justice-building.

PM: We who are baptized into Christ have been called to serve as Jesus' body in the world.

C: We prepare and rejoice that you already dwell among us.

PM: Come, O Christ, and set us free.

C: Come, Emmanuel, bring in your reign of justice and peace.

PM: We wait for a new heaven and a new earth,

C: where righteousness is at home.

OPENING HYMN *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* ELW #256

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

A In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **A** For the

C Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - be - ing of the

C Lord, have mer - cy.

Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their

C Lord, have mer - cy.

wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, com-fort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

C A - men

PM: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (verse 2) (during processional and recessional)

Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.

He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" ¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13 (sung responsively)

¹You have been gracious to your | land, O LORD;
you have restored the good for- | tune of Jacob.

²You have forgiven the iniquity | of your people
and blotted out | all their sins.

⁸I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying;
**for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn
their | hearts to you.**

⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell | in our land.

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.

¹²The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.

SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-15a

⁸Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

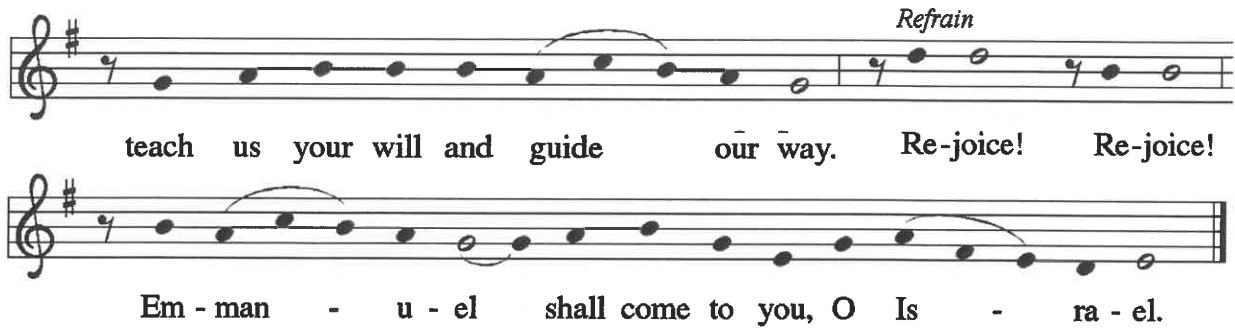
¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ^{15a}and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION — *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (verse 2)

2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;



teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

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

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’ ”

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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

SERMON

Pr. John L. Vaswig

SILENCE

HYMN OF THE DAY

On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry

ELW #249

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — *O Lord, Hear My Prayer (Taizé)*

(sing once at the beginning and once at the closing of the Prayers of the People)

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

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

The musical notation for 'Great Thanksgiving' is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 7/8 time. The lyrics are: **P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you. **P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord. **P** 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

The musical notation for 'Holy, Holy' is written on five staves in G major and 3/4 time. The lyrics are: **C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

MUSICAL OFFERING

In the Bleak Midwinter—arr. By Matthew Prins

Bells

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

By Your Hand You Feed Your People ELW #469

Let Us Break Bread Together ELW #471

Come Now, O Prince of Peace ELW #247

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

COMMUNION VISITOR SENDING

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☐ Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace:



your word has been ful - filled. My own eyes have



seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre - pared in the sight of all



peo - ple: a light to re - veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son, glo - ry to the



Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and



will be for - ev - er. A - men, a - men, a - men.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Savior of the Nations, Come

ELW #263

DISMISSAL

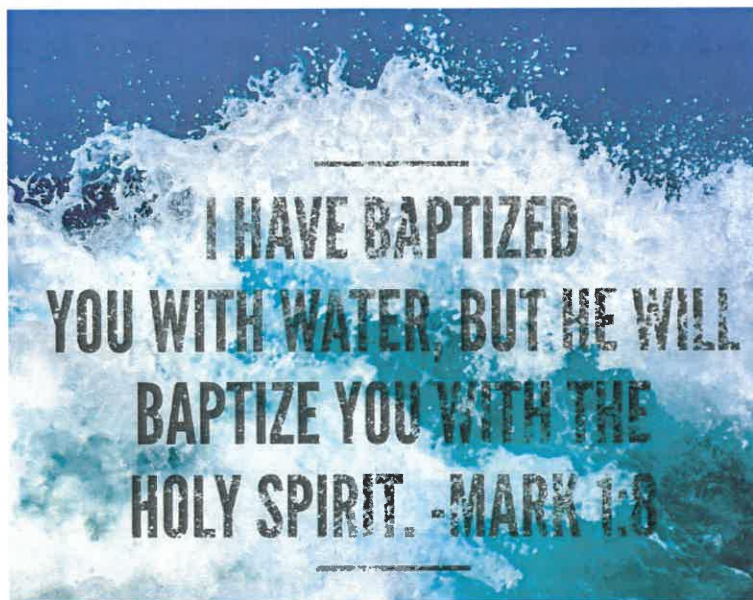
AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Comfort, Ye My People—Boehm

Karla Stalwick



OSLC Announcements

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting TODAY

Following worship today, December 10, OSLC will have a Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting at 11 a.m. in Anderson Hall.

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 can attend.



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Caroling Party on December 19: "Yule Have So Much Fun!"

Come Join Us

Tuesday, December 19 at 4:00 p.m.
at Formula Brewing
1875 NW Poplar Way Suite 3 in Issaquah

- * Caroling Christmas songs
- * Chatting with new friends
- * Consuming pub grub, brews, etc.

Sponsored by Our Savior Lutheran Church,
Spirit of Peace UCC, Community Church of
Issaquah, and Faith United
Methodist Church

Christmas Giving 2023

Thru Sunday, December 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



+ 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.



Puppet Show Today

Today Ruth Gilmore (daughter of Marlice) will perform a brief puppet show in Anderson Hall before the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting. Once the meeting begins, Ruth will take the children out to the Narthex to entertain them (while their parents are in the meeting).



Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Minister:	Pr. John L. Vaswig
Assisting Minister:	Joan Friel
Psalm Cantor:	Lori Downey
Organist/Pianist:	Karla Stalwick
Usher:	Sang-Beom Shim
Altar Guild:	Stacy Smith
Sound/Videography:	Jonathan Smith

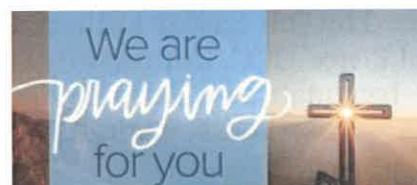


Mourning the death of loved ones:

Please keep their family and friends in your prayers.

- ◆ **Cathy**, wife of Bob and mom to Dan and Erik (cousin of Lisa DeVogel)

- ◆ **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
- ◆ **Treasure Hinds**, who is having 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)
- ◆ **For the health and wellbeing of the Inman Family**
- ◆ **Jim Jewell**, for the peace of God that surpasses all understanding (father of Jeff Jewell)
- ◆ **Rawson Gomez**, who is in the Pediatric ICU at UMass Medical Center (14-year-old great-nephew of Sue Johnson)
- ◆ **Cheryl Neeb**, for the discernment of her doctors
- ◆ **Nico**, who is struggling after moving into a new family home, and whose female partner recently died (father-in-law of Lisa DeVogel)



This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

DECEMBER 10—SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Spirit of Peace UCC

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee & Fellowship Hour with Puppet Show

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting (Anderson Hall)

MONDAY

3:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 11

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.

DECEMBER 12

Community Meal Prep (Kitchen)

AA – Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m.

7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 13

Issaquah Garden Club (Anderson Hall & Kitchen)

Memorial Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 14

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)

Al-Anon (Education Room)

Autumn Wisdom Class (Library)

Finance Committee (online)

Contact Wendy Winslow (oslc_treasurer@hotmail.com) for Zoom info.

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

DECEMBER 17—THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Spirit of Peace UCC

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)



Emergency Pastoral Care
For emergency pastoral care, please contact
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