



Christmas Eve

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.

Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 24, 2023
7:00 p.m.



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
745 Front Street S, Issaquah, WA 98027
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HOLY COMMUNION WITH CAROLS AND CANDLELIGHT

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

PRELUDE *Away in a Manger* — David H. Hegarty *Jiyoung Lee*

WELCOME Pr. John L. Vaswig

LITANY

PM: While they were there the time came for her to deliver her child and she gave birth to her first born son.

C: She wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger.

PM: The salvation of the world in a gurgling newborn, an innocent, vulnerable child destined to die for the sake of the world.

C: A child born for us, a child of Bethlehem, born to the powerless yet the most powerful.

PM: And suddenly the heavenly host break into hymns of praise.

C: Glory to God in the Highest and peace to God's people on earth.

PM: A song for all of us as we celebrate with the angels in heaven the wonderful Good News.

C: To you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, the Messiah.

PM: For unto us, a child is born, unto us, a Son is given.

C: Glory to God indeed. Glory to God.

OPENING HYMN *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ELW #283

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE *Joy to the World* ELW #267

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PM: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Go Tell It On The Mountain v.1-2

ELW #290

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

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

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one

another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

SERMON

Pastor John L. Vaswig

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

ELW #270

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MEAL: GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a 'P' in a circle, followed by the lyrics 'The Lord be with you.' The second staff begins with a 'C' in a circle, followed by 'And al - so with you.' The third staff begins with a 'P' in a circle, followed by 'Lift up your hearts.' The fourth staff begins with a 'C' in a circle, followed by 'We lift them to the Lord.' The fifth staff begins with a 'P' in a circle, followed by 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The sixth staff begins with a 'C' in a circle, followed by 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

PROPER PREFACE

PM: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY

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.

The musical score consists of five staves of music in a common time signature (C). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes. There are some musical notations such as a fermata over the first 'ly' and a triplet of eighth notes in the second staff.

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.

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.

The musical score consists of two staves of music in a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Offerings may be left in the basket at this time.

Distribution Hymns

The First Noel ELW #300

I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve ELW #271

Away in a Manger ELW #277

What Child is This ELW #296

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

ELW #289

BLESSING

MUSICAL OFFERING: *Night of Silence* Lori Downey, Marilyn Jewell, Jiyoung Lee

CLOSING HYMN / SHARING OF CANDLELIGHT

Silent Night

ELW #281

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Hallelujah Chorus — G.F. Handel

Jiyoung Lee

OSLC Announcements

A Message of Gratitude from the Community Outreach Committee

Thank you for your generous support of our December gift card collections for the non-profits OSLC supports.

We collected \$895 in gift cards for the Parents at Vine Maple Place to give to their teens for Christmas. We collected \$1450.00 in gift cards for OSLC to help members of our community with needs that arise.

In addition to our gift card collections, we gave monetary gifts to Issaquah Community Services and The Community Meals Program to help with their client needs during this season. These totaled \$1,800 from the budgeted Community Outreach Designated Funds.

**Thank you all
for being a blessing
to our community.**



Serving in Worship Today

Leader:	Pastor John L. Vaswig
Assisting Minister:	Jen Winslow
Organist/Pianist:	Jiyoung Lee
Usher:	Bill Suttmeier
Altar Guild:	Barbara Fetty-Solders
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)
- ◆ **Darlene Frahm**
- ◆ **Jim Jewell** (father of Jeff Jewell)

✦ Share & Prayer ✦

*We invite you to include these people in your daily prayers. You can make prayer requests via email at office@oslccissaquah.org. All written requests will remain on this list for four weeks. **A complete list of prayers can be found in the Focus newsletter each month.***

- ◆ **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
- ◆ **Baby Jack**, who is being treated for leukemia (nephew of Bill Suttmeier)
- ◆ **For the health and wellbeing of the Inman Family**
- ◆ **Rawson Gomez**, for healing and wholeness (14- year-old great-nephew of Sue Johnson) and his family
- ◆ **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)
- ◆ **John Hansen**, who is entering hospice care, his wife Rita and his family.
- ◆ **Cynthia Delaney**, who is still suffering from COVID, and her family

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY
7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 24 — CHRISTMAS EVE
Worship Service (Sanctuary)

MONDAY

DECEMBER 25
THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED THIS WEEK.

TUESDAY
7:45 p.m.

DECEMBER 26
AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 27

THURSDAY
10:00 a.m.

DECEMBER 28
Al-Anon (Education Room)

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
12:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 31—THE SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
Spirit of Peace UCC (downstairs)
Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)
New Creation Church (downstairs)



Emergency Pastoral Care
For emergency pastoral care, please contact
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¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.”

Luke 2:10-11

