

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.

First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 3, 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

Partita on Veni Emmanuel — John Barr

Jiyoung Lee

WELCOME

Pr. John L. Vaswig

CALL TO WORSHIP — *In Silence We Wait* (sing four times)

In si - lence we wait, in dark - ness you
come to us; bring us your light.

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: During a season of busyness and in a culture that demands immediate response,

C: we pause and wait for your appearing.

PM: In the midst of anxiety, chaos, and fear,

C: we pause and trust that your hand is leading us.

PM: Uncertain about the future and weighed down with worries in the present,

C: we pause and know your presence fully.

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

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

ELW #242

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 1) (during processional and recessional)

1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.

He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. ⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19 (sung responsively)

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.

²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and | come to help us.

³Restore | us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

⁴O LORD | God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your | people pray?

⁵You have fed them with the | bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.

⁶You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.

⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

¹⁷Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,
the one you have made so strong | for yourself.

¹⁸And so will we never turn a- | way from you;
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.

¹⁹Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION — *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (verse 1)

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!



THE GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

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

[Jesus said:] ²⁴“In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

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

SERMON

Pr. John L. Vaswig

SILENCE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

ELW #435

NICENE CREED

**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 Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 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,
 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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly ELW #461

Now We Join in Celebration ELW #462

Now the Silence ELW #460 (sing twice)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

SILENCE

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

People Look East

ELW #248

DISMISSAL

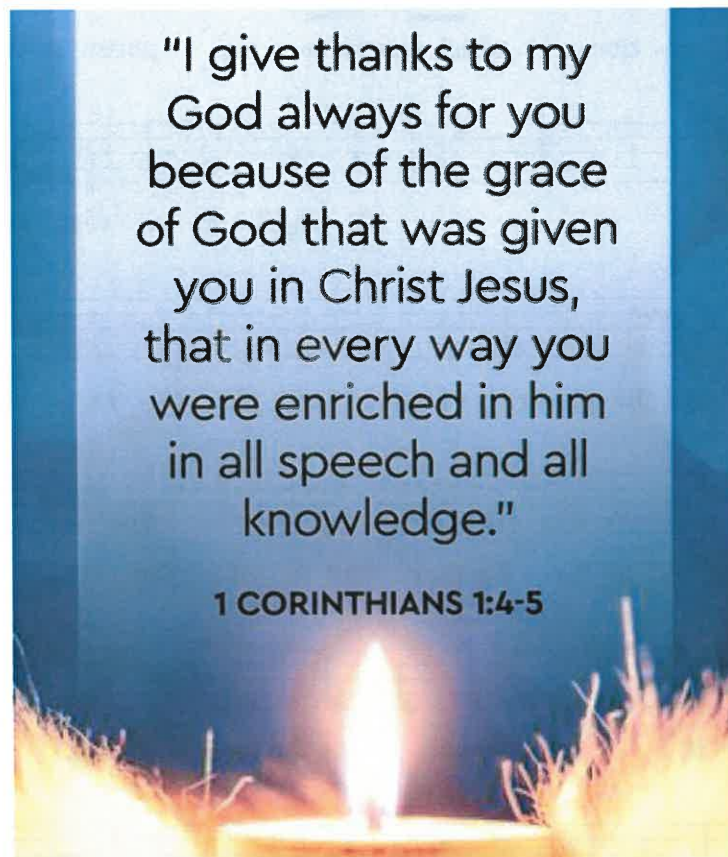
AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata on Veni Emmanuel — John Barr

Jiyoung Lee



OSLC Announcements

Special Congregational Meetings

TODAY: Special Congregational Meeting to Vote, 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.

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, December 10 @ 11 a.m.:

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 can attend both meetings.



Let there be light!

There's a new light switch to the right of Pr. Vaswig's office door that turns on the hall lights. Now you won't have to walk down the dark hallway—nearly all the way to the bathrooms—to turn on the lights. Thank you to Gary Hanson and Rick West for installing it.



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!



Thank You for Donating

Thank you to everyone who provided gift cards for the Issaquah Food Bank Holiday Gifts Program in November. We collected 53 cards worth \$1,325! 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.

OSLC Announcements

Gifts for You Session Today

If you've signed up for the Gifts for You class, it will start at 11:30 a.m. (or soon after 11:30, once the Congregational Vote is completed).

Gifts for You

TODAY, December 3, 2023

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

in the Education Room

(A light lunch will be provided.)

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*.



Puppet Show Next Sunday

On December 10, there will be a puppet show in Anderson Hall following worship.



Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Minister:

Assisting Minister:

Psalm Cantor:

Organist/Pianist:

Usher:

Altar Guild:

Sound/Videography:

Pr. John L. Vaswig

Anne Ellett

Nora Thomason

Jiyoung Lee

Bill Suttmeier

Barbara Fetty-Solders

Jonathan Smith

✦ Share & Prayer ✦

We invite you to include these people in your daily prayers. You can make prayer requests via email at office@oslccissaquah.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
- ◆ **Amy Dunbar**, for peace and wholeness (sister of Dave Carlson)
- ◆ **John and Rita Hansen**
- ◆ **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)

Mourning the death of loved ones:

Please keep their family and friends in your prayers.

- ◆ **Arne Moen**

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

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)

MONDAY

3:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 4

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

10:00 a.m.
7:45 p.m.

DECEMBER 5

Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank (Education Room)
AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)

WEDNESDAY

7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 6

Memorial Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 7

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)
Al-Anon (Education Room)
Autumn Wisdom Class (Library)

NEXT SUNDAY

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)



Emergency Pastoral Care
For emergency pastoral care, please contact
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