

Epiphany

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.

**Baptism of Our Lord**  
Sunday, January 7, 2024  
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

*Variations on "Schmucke Dich"—Wold*

Karla Stalwick

#### WELCOME

Pr. John L. Vaswig

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

PM: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**C: Amen.**

PM: *A reading from Romans:* Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. (*Romans 6:3-5*)

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this sacrament. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

#### OPENING HYMN

*Thy Strong Word*, verses 1-4

ELW #511

#### 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



☑ Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy, have mer-cy on us; you are seat - ed



at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## 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

Genesis 1:1-5

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

### PSALM 29

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,

**ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.**

<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;

**worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;

**the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.**

<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;

**the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;

**the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;**

<sup>6</sup>the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,

**and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice | of the LORD

**bursts forth in | lightning flashes.**

<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;

**the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.

**And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"**

<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;

**the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength | to your people;

**give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.**

### SECOND READING

Acts 19:1-7

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." <sup>3</sup>Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." <sup>4</sup>Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is,

in Jesus.” <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—<sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

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.

### THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

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

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And 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. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He 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. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

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

### SERMON

Pr. John L. Vaswig

### SILENCE

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Remember and Rejoice*

ELW #454

**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.**

**INSTALLATION OF 2024 CHURCH COUNCIL**

**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**



**☐ 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

The musical score for 'HOLY, HOLY' is written on five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a common time signature (C), and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,'. The second staff continues with 'Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are'. The third staff has 'full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The fourth staff says 'Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the'. The fifth and final staff concludes with 'Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music includes various note values, rests, and a triplet of eighth notes in the second staff.

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  
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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

PM: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

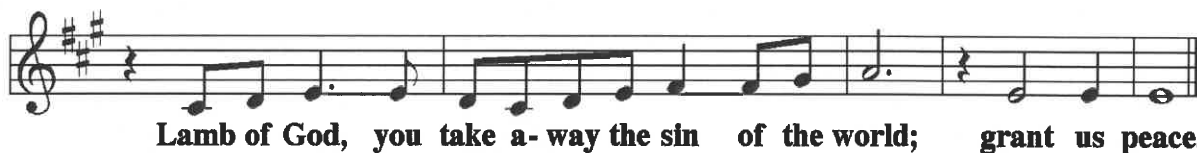
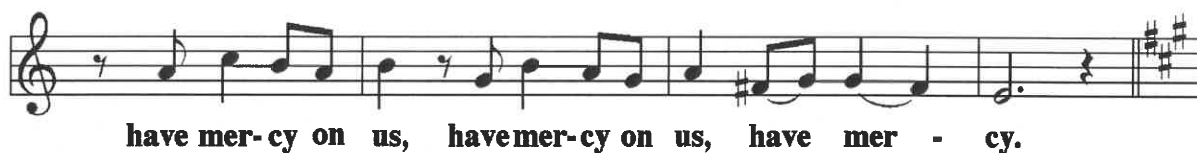
**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Offerings may be left in the basket at this time.



## LAMB OF GOD



## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*Here is Bread* ELW #483

*I Come with Joy* ELW #482

*Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* ELW #445

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
one what God has done. Let all who  
seek the Lord re - jice, re - jice and  
bear Christ's ho - ly name. Send us, O God, with your  
prom - is - es, and lead us forth in joy  
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## BENEDICTION

### SENDING HYMN

*O Lord, Now Let Your Servant*

ELW #313

## DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*I Come With Joy—Cherwien*

Karla Stalwick

# OSLC Announcements

## Farewell Lunch for Pr. Vaswig

Next Sunday, January 14, is Pr. Vaswig's last Sunday at OSLC. Following worship, come join us in Anderson Hall at 11 a.m. for a farewell luncheon in his honor. It's our chance to celebrate the time Pr. Vaswig has been with us during our transition and the many accomplishments he's helped us achieve, including our merger and knitting two congregations into one. We hope to see you there!

## FAREWELL LUNCH

### Volunteers Needed to Help

The Kitchen Crew is seeking volunteers to help with the big farewell lunch.

#### What's most needed:

- ◆ Volunteers to come to church on Saturday, January 13 @ 11 a.m. to set up and help cook.
- ◆ Volunteers to stay after lunch on Sunday, January 14 to help with clean up.
- ◆ Another baker to make rolls.

To sign up to help, speak with Suzanne D'Er-rico (425-445-6892) or email Marilyn Carlson at [mcarlson@dogwoodsolutions.com](mailto:mcarlson@dogwoodsolutions.com). Thank you!



## Parsonage Refurbishment Fund

We encourage you to donate to the refurbishment of the parsonage. Funds are being collected for this capital campaign. As of December 31, OSLC had received \$67,530, and our campaign goal is \$100,000. Many thanks to those who have already donated!



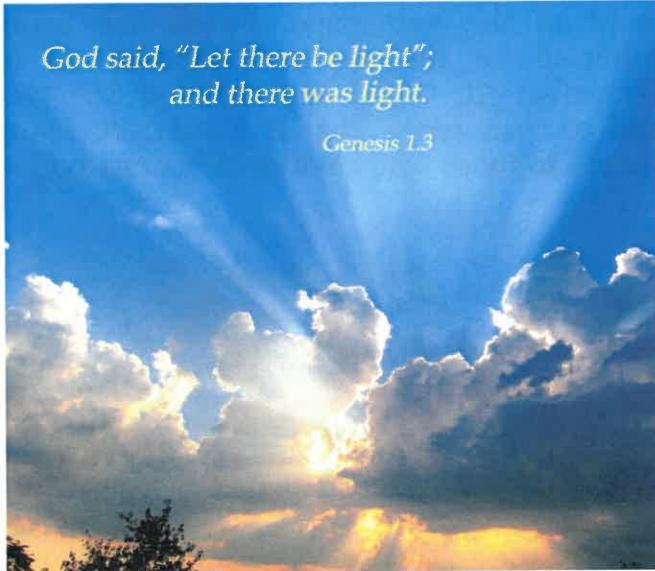
### Puppet Show Next Sunday

On January 14, there will be a puppet show in Anderson Hall following worship.



# OSLC Announcements

## ✦ Share & Prayer ✦



We invite you to include these people in your daily prayers. You can make prayer requests via email at [office@oslccissaquah.org](mailto:office@oslccissaquah.org). 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, **and his family** (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)
- ◆ **Greg Garling**, facing heart surgery (family of Marilyn Carlson)
- ◆ **Bobbie Jean McCullough**, for healing (grandmother of Holly Heckler)
- ◆ **Pr. Vaswig**, who will be leaving OSLC and retiring after 38 years in ministry
- ◆ **The Baumann's**, for a smooth transition to ministry at OSLC

### Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Minister:	Pr. John L. Vaswig
Assisting Minister:	Lori Downey
Psalm Cantor:	Dave Carlson
Organist/Pianist:	Karla Stalwick
Usher:	Larry Thomas
Altar Guild:	Barbara Fetty-Solders
Sound/Videography:	Jonathan Smith

### Mourning the death of loved ones:

Please keep their family and friends in your prayers.

- ◆ **John Hansen**
- ◆ **Darlene Frahm**
- ◆ **Jim Jewell** (father of Jeff Jewell)

# This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

## **TODAY**

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

## **JANUARY 7—BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

*Spirit of Peace UCC (downstairs)*

**Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

**Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)**

*New Creation Church (downstairs)*

## **MONDAY**

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

## **JANUARY 8**

*Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)*

*Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)*

## **TUESDAY**

1:00 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

## **JANUARY 9**

**Community Meal Prep (Kitchen)**

*AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)*

## **WEDNESDAY**

10:00 a.m.

## **JANUARY 10**

*Issaquah Garden Club (Anderson Hall & Kitchen)*

## **THURSDAY**

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

## **JANUARY 11**

**Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)**

*Al-Anon (Education Room)*

**Autumn Wisdom Class (Anderson Hall)**

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

## **JANUARY 14—SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

*Spirit of Peace UCC (downstairs)*

**Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

**Luncheon: Farewell & Godspeed to Pr. Vaswig (Anderson Hall)**

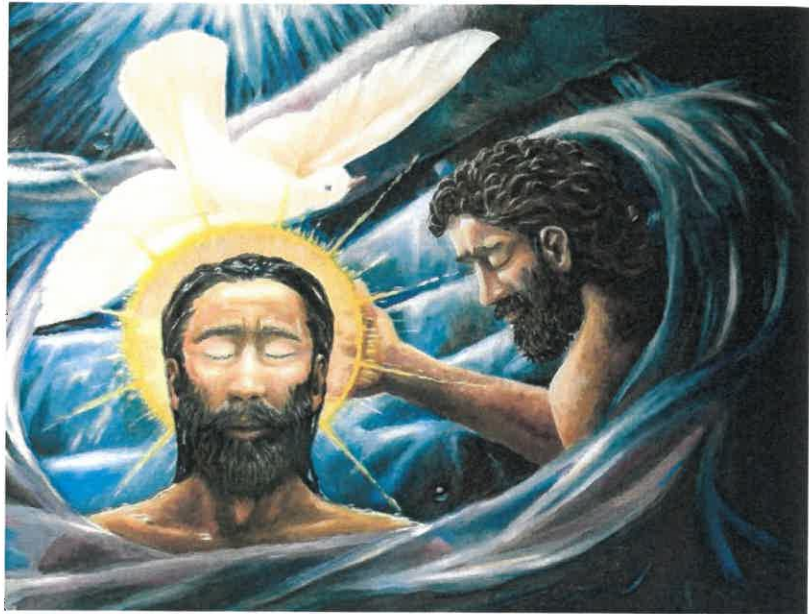
*New Creation Church (downstairs)*



**Emergency Pastoral Care**  
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).







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<sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."  
Mark 1:11*

