

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.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, January 28, 2024
10:00 a.m.



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
745 Front Street S, Issaquah, WA 98027
425-392-4169

HOLY COMMUNION

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

PRELUDE *Kyrie from "Mass of the Angels"—Smith* Karla Stalwick

WELCOME Pr. Bryon Hansen

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PM: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C: Amen.

PM: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,

C: we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

PM: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN *Christ, Be Our Light* ELW #715

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.



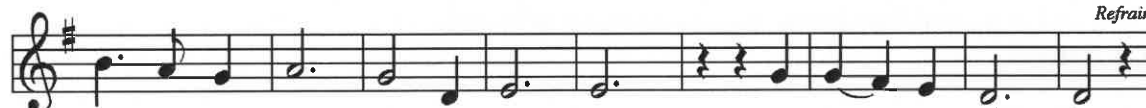
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther,



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.

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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

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

PSALM 111

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

²Great are your | works, O LORD,
pondered by all who de- | light in them.

³Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds,
and your righteousness en- | dures forever.

⁴You cause your wonders to | be remembered;
you are gracious and full | of compassion.

⁵You give food to | those who fear you,
remembering forev- | er your covenant.

⁶You have shown your people the power | of your works
in giving them the lands | of the nations.

⁷The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice;
all of your pre- | cepts are sure.

⁸They stand fast forev- | er and ever,
because they are done in | truth and equity.

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- | nant forever;
holy and awesome | is your name.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- | dures forever.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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 1:21-28

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

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

SERMON

Pr. Bryon Hansen

SILENCE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

ELW #310

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

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.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first staff begins with a copyright symbol. The second staff features a triplet of eighth notes above the word 'heav-en'. The piece concludes with a double bar line on the fifth 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.

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

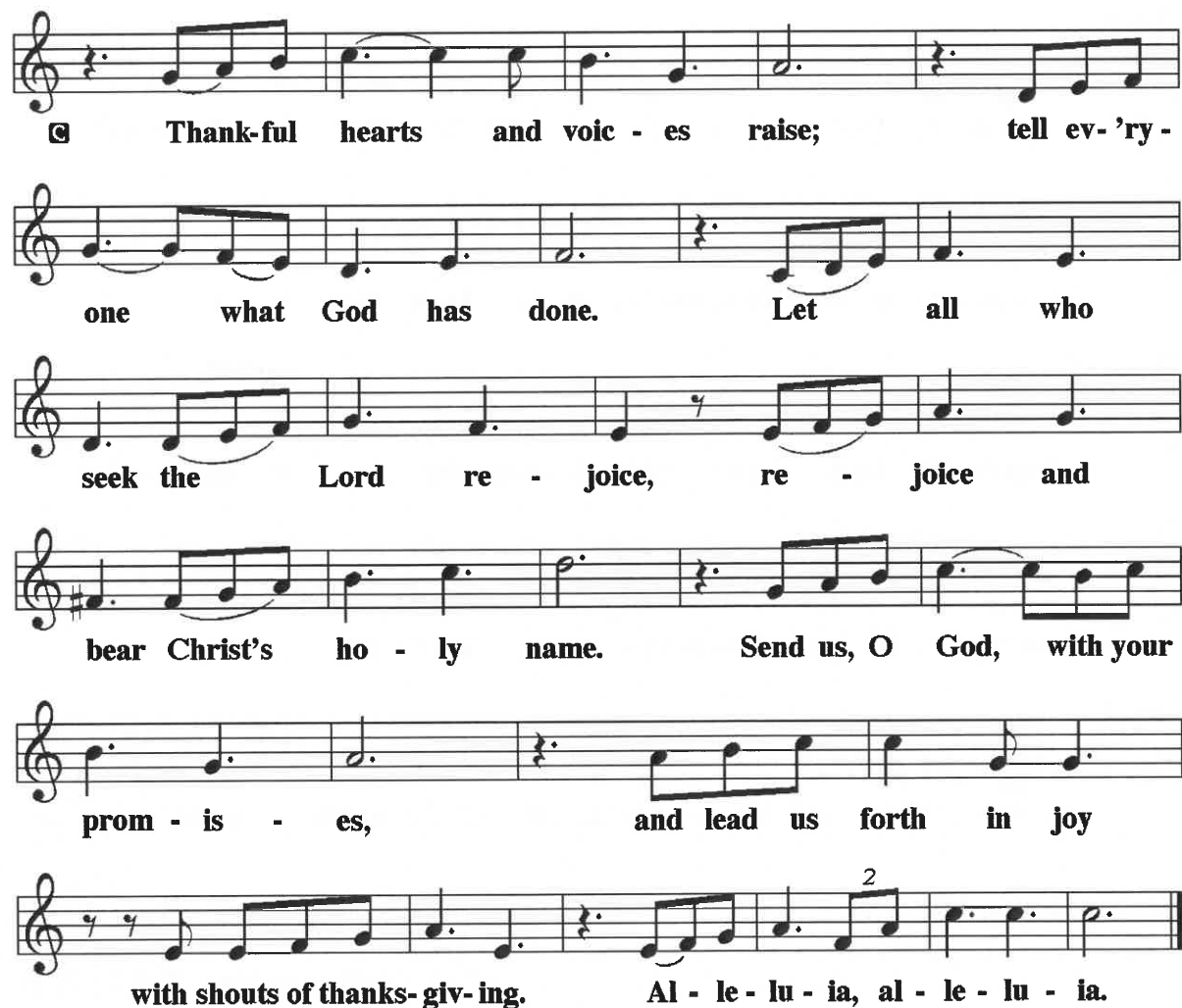
As the Grains of Wheat ELW #465

As We Gather at Your Table ELW #522

Beautiful Savior ELW #838

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 - joice, re - joice 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

Arise, Your Light Has Come

ELW #314

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

O Morning Star—Burkhardt

Karla Stalwick

OSLC Announcements

Welcoming the Baumann's & Upcoming Special Events

Rev. Olaf and Rev. Kristin-Luana Baumann are now in Issaquah, moving into their condo and OSLC. Their first day of work at OSLC will be Monday, January 29. It would be wonderful for you to introduce yourself and offer a warm welcome. Their preaching and presiding duties will start on Sunday, February 4.

Please mark your calendars. You're invited to attend these special events as we welcome the Baumann's:

- ◆ **Sunday, February 4:** This is the first Sunday they will be leading worship at OSLC at 10 a.m. We want to do a special welcome coffee hour that day. Please bring cookies, bars, coffee cake, etc., for coffee & fellowship hour at 11 a.m.
- ◆ **Saturday, February 24:** Bishop Wee will be here to officially install the Baumann's as OSLC's pastors during a service at 11 a.m., with a light luncheon to follow. More details to come.



Mary Ann Hult's New Address

Mary Ann Hult recently moved to California. Here is her address so you can keep in touch with her. She would treasure receiving calls, emails, or cards. Thanks!

Mary Ann Hult
Carlton Senior Living
2726 Fifth Street Apt. 111
Davis, CA 95618
Cell phone: 831-345-9650
Email: maryann.hult@gmail.com

Register for Women's Retreat

Ladies, you're invited to the 2024 Women's Retreat being held **March 1-3** at Rainbow Lodge in North Bend. Our theme this year is "**This is a great time to be church! WAIT – WHAT?!?**"



Our speaker will be **Rev. Kristin-Luana Baumann**, one of OSLC's new pastors. She writes, "This is a great time to be church *just because* so much is at stake. When old systems are breaking down, there is room for new systems to emerge. . . . We want to make sure that the words and actions of the church are up to the task! . . . After all, as Christians, we are resurrection people! We know that new life follows death, always."

We need 35 attendees to make the conference its best—please register early and bring a friend!

You'll find more details in the registration brochures in the Narthex. To register, trim off the form, fill it out, enclose it with your check (please write *Women's Retreat* on the subject line), and bring or mail it to OSLC, 745 Front Street S, Issaquah, WA 98027.

If you prefer to pay online, you may do so at www.oslcissaquah.org; choose "electronic giving" at the top of the home page, and then "Women's Retreat" in the list of funds, and fill in your amount.

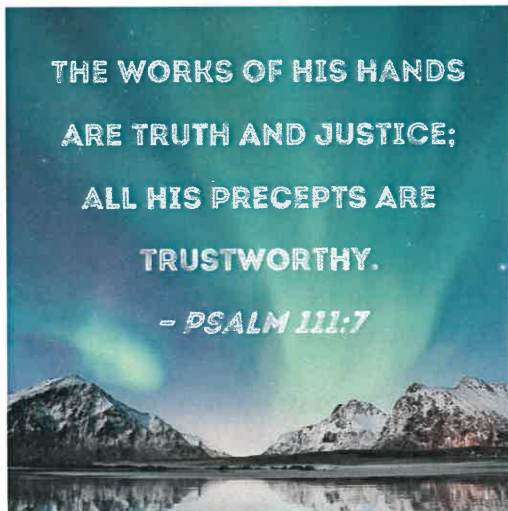
A completed registration form and at least \$75 deposit is due by **Sunday, February 16** to hold your place. If you pay a deposit when you register, the remaining balance is due by February 23. Email Marilyn Carlson at auntmare@carlsonsnw.com or call/text 206-499-9601 if you have questions.

OSLC Announcements

Troop 676 Used Device Drive

Daniel Staats, a member of Boy Scout Troop 676 (which is sponsored by OSLC), will be having a used device drive at OSLC as his Eagle Scout project. On Saturdays, February 3 and 17, Daniel, other Scout members, and leaders will be collecting used electronic devices from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. You can drop off your devices at the front of church, and they will take them inside to sort and process them. All usable devices will be donated to The Circle Community Navigation.

Please make sure your device is factory reset. There will be instructions on a poster at church and in the February *Focus* newsletter. If you have questions or concerns, contact Daniel at 676.DeviceDrive@gmail.com.



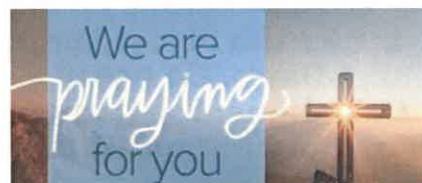
Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Minister: Pr. Bryon Hansen
Assisting Minister: Anne Ellett
Organist/Pianist: Karla Stalwick
Psalm Cantor: Lori Downey
Altar Guild: Jean Pass and Delaney Cash
Usher: Don Robertson
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. 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)
- ◆ **Greg Garling**, facing heart surgery (family of Marilyn Carlson)
- ◆ **The Baumann's**, for a smooth transition to ministry at OSLC
- ◆ **Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church (Sammamish) and Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church (Maple Valley)**, whose sanctuaries flooded when their fire sprinkler systems burst
- ◆ **Carol Perry**, who has heart problems (Ray Harbolt)
- ◆ **Mary Fricke**, for strength and peace of mind



This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

JANUARY 28—FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY (PR. BRYON HANSEN)

9:30 a.m.

Spirit of Peace UCC (Anderson Hall)

10:00 a.m.

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

12:30 p.m.

New Creation Church (Downstairs)

1:30 p.m.

Kim Blanchard's Studio Recital (Sanctuary and Anderson Hall)

MONDAY

JANUARY 29—THE BAUMANN'S FIRST WORK DAY AT OSLC

6:30 p.m.

Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)

7:00 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

TUESDAY

JANUARY 30

7:45 p.m.

AA — Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 1

9:30 a.m.

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)

10:00 a.m.

Al-Anon (Education Room)

1:00 p.m.

Autumn Wisdom Class (Anderson Hall)

SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 3

11:00 a.m.

Troop 676 Used Device Drive (Parking Lot & Anderson Hall)

NEXT SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 4—FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY (THE BAUMANN'S)

9:30 a.m.

Spirit of Peace UCC (Anderson Hall)

10:00 a.m.

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

12:30 p.m.

New Creation Church (Downstairs)

Emergency Pastoral Care

For emergency pastoral care thru January 28, please contact retired Pr. Larry Thomas at 425-802-1212 or ledgarthomas@gmail.com.

As of January 29, please call Pr. Olaf Baumann at 360-912-1830 (or pastorolaf@gmail.com), or Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann at 360-912-1245 (or kristinluana@gmail.com).



