

WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

VISION

Burning with the Spirit of Christ in us, we are called to serve our neighbors. In following Jesus' teaching and example, we at Our Savior Lutheran Church will feed souls through worship, word, and witness while feeding our neighbor with our hands and actions.

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.

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, as you are able. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

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.

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.

ABOUT THE LITURGICAL ARTS INSTALLATION: *40* + *1 Drops* 40 days of rain. 40 days in the wilderness. 40 years of wandering. 1 drop that changed everything.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 25, 2024 10:00 a.m.



Our Savior Lutheran Church

745 Front Street South Issaquah, WA 98027 425-392-4169

HOLY COMMUNION

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

PRELUDE

The Rejoicing—Callahan

Karla Stalwick

WELCOME

Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God.

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW 715

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²aAnd Joshua said to all the people, ¹4"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹5Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34:15-22

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and God's ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.

¹⁷The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

¹⁸The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.

¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous,

but the LORD delivers them from everyone.

²⁰God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.

²¹Evil will bring death to the wicked

and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand there-

fore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of right-eousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL John 6:56-69

The holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was

the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one

can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pr. Olaf Baumann

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Walk by Faith

ELW 635

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

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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

OFFERTORY

Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann

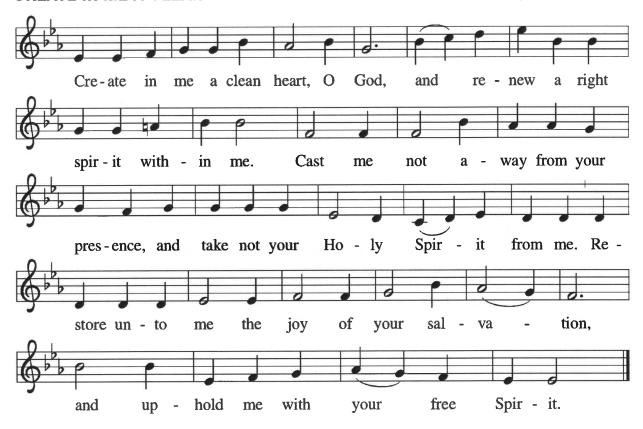
We'll pass the plate, so please place your offering in the basket when it reaches you. You can also give through our website, oslcissaquah.org.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Concerto in A Minor-Vivaldi

Nora Thomason, Violin Karla Stalwick, Piano

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART



OFFERING PRAYER

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

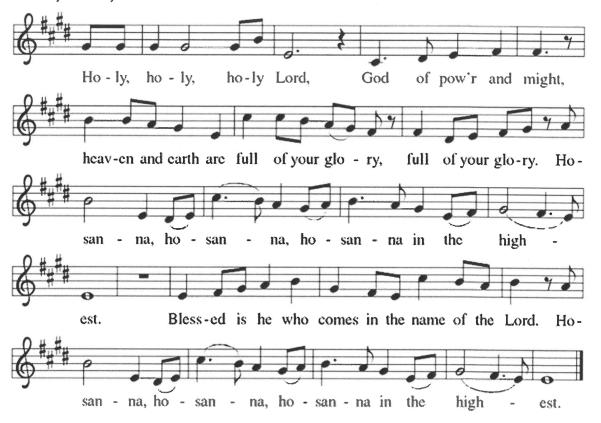
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Invitation to Communion

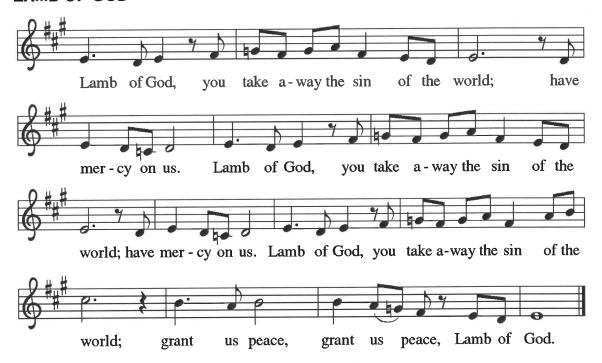
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

KNEELING COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Please follow the guidance of the ushers and line up in the center aisle as usual. Proceed to stand or kneel at the communion rail starting on the right side at the back. Fill the rail from right to left until the rail is full. When the rail is full, please wait in the center aisle until people leave.

When people have left, fill the rail starting again on the right side at the back. If a person needs longer, please wait until that person is finished. DO NOT line up to the left of the person, even if space is already available. Please be patient and give everyone the time they need. Communion will be served when the rail is full.

LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

As the Grains of Wheat ELW 465

Come, Let Us Eat ELW 491

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal ELW 464

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW 671

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Finale from Concerto #5—G. F. Handel

Karla Stalwick

OSLC Announcements

A Heartfelt Thank You from the Family of Ray Harbolt

Our family has been overwhelmed with the generosity of Our Savior Lutheran Church. You gave us your time, gifts, and love to create a service and luncheon to honor our father. We appreciated all of your kind words, prayers, and lots of generous hugs. You are a very special and talented group of people. As requested by our father, you have continued to do many kind things for others. Thank you for your abundant love and generosity!

The Family of Ray Harbolt



Becoming Better Stewards:

Thanks for your efforts to recycle and compost items here at OSLC so we reduce our amount of trash. It makes a big impact!

Composting and Recycling

In addition to the bulletin board in Anderson Hall, you'll see more signs along with blue, green, and black bins around the church to make recycling, compost, and garbage as clear as possible. Green compost bins are also in the bathrooms for paper towels.

On Sunday, September 29, Lauren Herber, a Waste Zero Specialist from Recology King County, will be at coffee hour to offer education, flyers, handouts, and games for church members.

Backpack Blessing Kits TODAY, August 25

In preparation for the new school year, we will have little bags with backpack tags, a simple blessing, as well as some other goodies ready for you to take home for your children and grandchildren today.

Let's bless all students, teachers, helpers, and caregivers in the new school year!



Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Minister
Pr. Kristin-Luana
Baumann
Preacher
Pr. Olaf Baumann
Pr. Olaf Baumann
Connie F.
Karla Stalwick

Usher: Rick and Jan W. Altar Guild: Jean P. and Delaney C. Sound/Videography: Jon S. and Anne E.



OSLC Announcements

Season of Creation at OSLC: Labyrinth, Resident Artist, and Art Workshops

Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. Our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth. This year the theme for the Season of Creation is "To hope and act with Creation."

<u>Labyrinth of Lanterns: A Community</u> Art Installation

OSLC and the non-profit Issaguah Arts have partnered up to provide opportunities to encourage hope and action for Christians and non-Christians alike. As a visible sign for hope, we will create a temporary labyrinth on the meadow in the back of the church building, transforming industrial-sized cans into lanterns. The lanterns will be the joints of the labyrinth. The bones of the labyrinth will be shaped by garlands and foraged materials. Workshops will be offered in which people can learn how to make these out of locally sourced materials. All are invited to participate. From Saturday, September 21 until October 6, the labyrinth is accessible to all during day time. The lanterns will be lit every night from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Resident Artist and Art Workshops
From September 4 to October 4, fiber artist
Janice King will be resident artist in an atelier
(artist studio/workshop) downstairs at OSLC
(Room 14/15). She will be working on the project, Trees of Memory Future. During this
month, more artists will offer workshops with
a focus on art rooted in nature.



+ Share & Prayer +

We invite you to include these people in your daily prayers. You can send your prayer requests via email to office@oslcissaquah.org. A complete list of prayers can be found in the Focus newsletter each month.

- ◆ Bob J., who is receiving treatment for cancer, and his family
- Dianne T., for healing, strength, and peace through her ongoing treatment
- ♦ **Diane M.**, who is in a rehab center
- Wendy W., for a successful surgery and recovery
- Ruben N., for healing of the severe burns on his foot (Connie F.)
- ♦ Hunter S., for recovery following a bad motorcycle accident (Marilyn C.)
- ◆ Jean R., who has terminal cancer (Lois D.)
- Rich T., for health and comfort as he faces cancer (long-time friend of Lyle & Alice L.)
- Prayers for healing for Steve, who needs to have surgery on September 5 (Nora T.)



Please Mark Your Calendar

Here are early September events and workshops for the Season of Creation. More information and the complete list of events will be featured in the September Focus and upcoming bulletins.

- ♦ Wednesday, September 4: Artist Residency Begins
- ◆ Thursday, September 5: Issaquah Arts Lantern-Making Workshop, Anderson Hall, 1:00-3:30 p.m.
- ◆ Sunday, September 8: Lantern Making after Coffee Hour, Anderson Hall, 11:00 a.m.

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY AUGUST 25—FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30 a.m. Spirit of Peace UCC

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

12:30 p.m. New Creation Church (Downstairs)

MONDAY AUGUST 26

7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

TUESDAY AUGUST 27

7:00 p.m. Church Council (Zoom)

7:45 p.m. AA—Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)

THURSDAY AUGUST 29

9:30 am Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)

10:00 a.m. Al-Anon (Education Room)

12:30 p.m. Autumn Wisdom Group (Anderson Hall)

NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1—FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

START OF THE SEASON OF CREATION

9:30 a.m. Spirit of Peace UCC

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

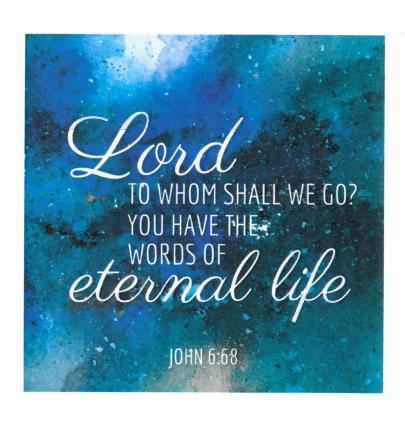
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Emergency Pastoral Care

For emergency pastoral care, please contact Pr. Olaf Baumann at 360-912-1830 or Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann at 360-912-1245.





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