



OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH



SEASON OF
CREATION

TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION



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.

**Second Sunday of Season of
Creation**
Sunday, September 8, 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

Prelude in C—J. S. Bach

Krystal Ruby

WELCOME

Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship God, who gifted us with life and Creation to sustain life.

We praise God for the wondrous Creation.

Come, let us follow Lord Jesus Christ, who inspires us to hope and act for justice and righteousness.

We give glory to God, who restores the groaning Creation and the vulnerable.

Come let us move with the Holy Spirit, striving to establish justice and produce the firstfruits of hope.

We praise God for the abundant life that is assured to all Creation.

Heavenly Triune God and Creator of all, we gather here, made in the image of the Creator,
Who created in love.

We gather in the name of the redeemer, our Savior Jesus Christ,

Who reconciles all of Creation.

We gather in the presence of the life Giver, your Holy Spirit,

Who inspires new life and instills hope.

(Credit: World Council of Churches, Eco-School at the Orthodox Academy of Crete, Greece, 11-18
November 2023)

OPENING HYMN

Hark, the Glad Sound!

ELW 239

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


Refrain



Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.




Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.”
⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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

PSALM 146

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

³Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed
down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING

James 2:1-10, 14-17

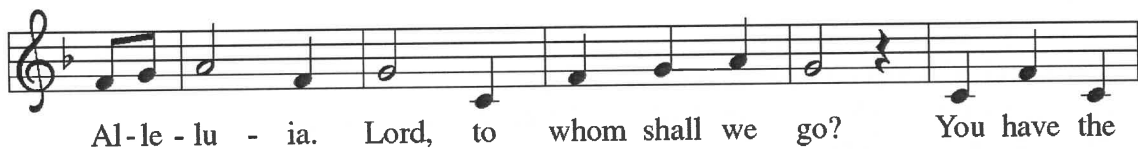
¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-37

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

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pr. Olaf Baumann

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let the Whole Creation Cry

ELW 876

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Season of Creation 2024)

Let us recite this affirmation of faith together.

We have faith

**in one God, one Source of all life,
one Ground of the whole Earth,
who created all things good.**

And we have faith

**in Christ, in whom we have been shown the special role of humanity to bear
God's likeness in working and caring for Creation,
in seeking to understand her mysteries and powers,
in working with these powers
for the wellbeing of life on Earth.**

And we have faith

**in God's Spirit who leads us to a meek, unselfish and compassionate lifestyle.
So that the Earth is inherited in peace,
her life is transformed for all creatures and her bounty shared justly.
So be it. Amen.**

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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.

TEMPLE TALK

Feeding People

Connie Fletcher

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Prelude in F Major—J. S. Bach

Krystal Ruby

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of truth and justice:

Fill us with your spirit of compassion so we may live and act with and in solidarity with Creation.

Guide us in paths of righteousness that help us to tread softly on the land and sail gently on the sea.

Give us wisdom and courage to recognize our role in the evil of systemic

**exploitation and extraction and to speak truth to power.
Give us strength of heart and arm to be agents of the ecological conversion
the world so desperately needs.
May we hope and act with Creation. Amen.**

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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. Proceed to stand or kneel at the communion rail **starting at the far back. Left side of sanctuary should go to the left rail, and right side to right rail.** When the rail is full, wait in the center aisle until people leave.*

*When people have left, fill the rail again as before. **(Left side to left rail, and right to right.)** If a person needs longer, please wait until that person has finished. Do not line up at the rail to the left of a person from the previous group who has not yet been served, even if space is available. Please be patient and give everyone the time they need. **Communion will be served clockwise as the rail fills.***

LAMB OF GOD



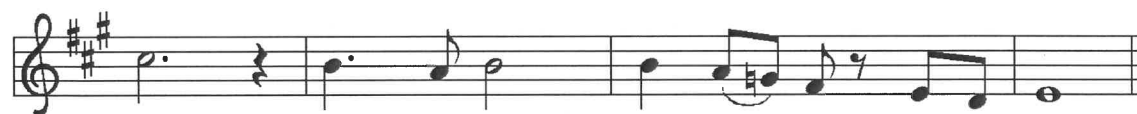
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Lord of All Hopefulness ELW 765

By Your Hand You Feed Your People ELW 469

Holy, Holy, Holy (sing 3x) ELW 473

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

May God who can set Creation free, show us his glory.

Glory to God.

May God who knows our groaning and crying, bring about new life.

Now and always.

May God who helps us in our weakness, give us the firstfruits of hope.

The Lord is our hope.

And may the Triune God sprinkle into our hearts the dew of his grace and bless us all.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 836

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Faith—Jim Brickman

Krystal Ruby

OSLC Announcements

Season of Creation Continues: Labyrinth, Resident Artist, and Art Workshops

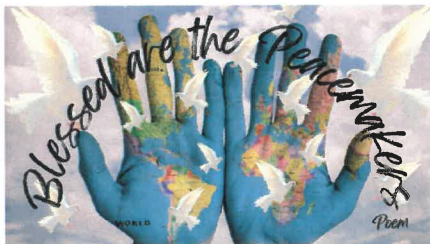
This year the theme for the Season of Creation is “To hope and act with Creation.”

Labyrinth of Lanterns: A Community Art Installation

OSLC and the non-profit Issaquah 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. Lanterns and garlands will form the shape of the labyrinth. Workshops will be offered for people 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 5 to October 4, fiber artist Janice King will be resident artist in an atelier (art 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.



Sunday, September 29 (New event!)

*Labyrinth Gathering with Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann: Blessed are the Peacemakers, 2:00-3:00 p.m.: *An invitation to gather in the labyrinth and hold people in war-torn areas in our thoughts and prayers.*

September Events

TODAY, Sunday, September 8

*Lantern Making after Coffee Hour, Anderson Hall, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 15

*Artist Talk with Janice King at OSLC Coffee Hour, Anderson Hall, 11:00 a.m.

*Autumn Garland Workshop with Jess Buttermore, Anderson Hall, 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m., [registration required](#)

Tuesday, September 17

*Harvest Moon Celebration, Anderson Hall, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

*Open Studio with Janice King, OSLC Atelier, Ground Floor, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 21

***Autumn Equinox: Opening of the Labyrinth of Lanterns, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

*Open Studio with Janice King, OSLC Atelier, Ground Floor, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 22 (New event!)

*Guided Walk with Issaquah Alps Trails Club, Labyrinth, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 24

*Cyanotype Botanical Print Workshop, Anderson Hall, 1:00-3:30 p.m., [registration required](#)

Thursday, September 26

*Open Studio with Janice King, OSLC Atelier, Ground Floor, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 28

*Cyanotype Botanical Print Workshop, Anderson Hall, 1:00-3:30 p.m., [registration required](#)

OSLC Announcements

Fall Community Game Nights: You're Invited!

You're invited to join in and play games once a month during Fall Community Game Nights at a local Lutheran church. See below for the schedule and more details. OSLC will host the Game Night in Anderson Hall next April 27.

From the postcard shared by Mount Si Lutheran Church (which initiated Game Nights last year):

Greetings,

We hope you are able to join in one of our Community Game Nights. Join an evening of fun, food, and games for all ages. Bring a game and a snack to share. Each evening goes from 5pm-7pm.

Dates

9/22 - Holy Trinity Lutheran - Mercer Island

10/20 - St. Luke's Lutheran - Bellevue

11/17 - Mt. Si Lutheran - North Bend

Scan for sign-ups
and more info



✦ Share & Prayer ✦

We invite you to include these people in your daily prayers. You can send your prayer requests via email to office@oslcssaquah.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
- ◆ **Ruben N.**, for healing of the severe burns on his foot (Connie F.)
- ◆ **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.)
- ◆ **Wendy W.**, who is recovering from surgery
- ◆ **Mary F.**, for encouragement, strength, and healing
- ◆ **Renee J.**, for healing (Connie F.)

Mourning the death of loved ones:
Please keep their family and friends in your prayers.

- ◆ **Kathy L.** (friend of Dianne Tanner)
- ◆ **Carl Nims**



Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Minister:	Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann
Preacher:	Pr. Olaf Baumann
Assisting Minister:	Anne E.
Organist:	Krystal Ruby
Usher:	Lois D. and Bill S.
Altar Guild:	Barbara F.-S.
Sound/Videography:	Jon S.

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

12:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 8—SECOND SUNDAY OF SEASON OF CREATION

Spirit of Peace UCC

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

Lantern Making after Coffee Hour (Anderson Hall)

Zadinsky Violin Class (Sanctuary)

New Creation Church (Downstairs)

MONDAY

10:30 a.m.

3:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 9

Congregational Care Ministry (Library)

Companions Bible Study (online)

Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)

Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

TUESDAY

1:00 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 10

Community Meal Prep (Kitchen)

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 11

Issaquah Garden Club (Anderson Hall and Kitchen)

THURSDAY

9:30 am

10:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 12

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)

Al-Anon (Education Room)

Autumn Wisdom Group (Anderson Hall)

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

3:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 15—THIRD SUNDAY OF SEASON OF CREATION

Spirit of Peace UCC

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

Artist Talk with Janice King (Anderson Hall)

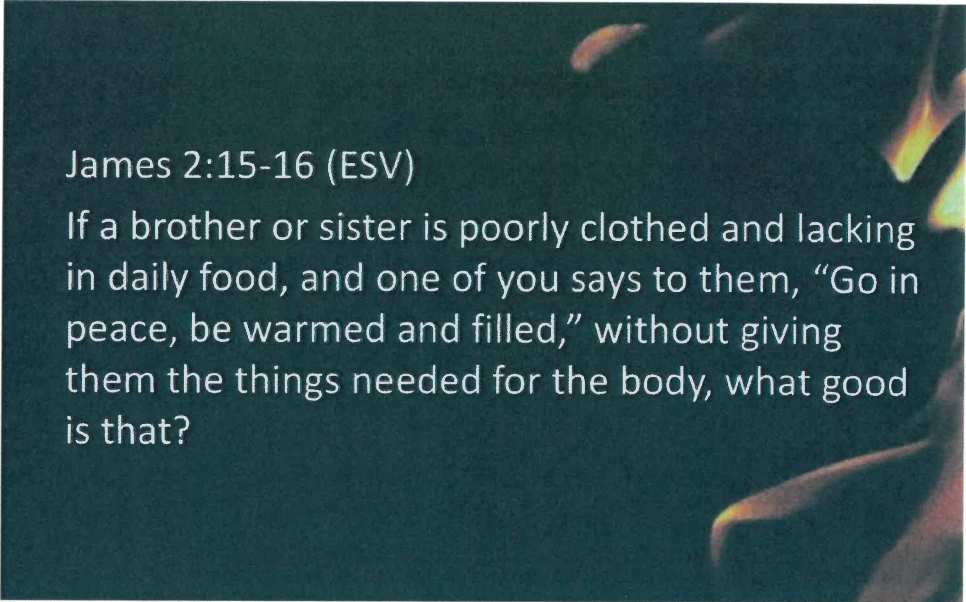
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Emergency Pastoral Care

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





James 2:15-16 (ESV)

If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

