



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.

**Fourth Sunday of Season of
Creation**
Sunday, September 22, 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 *Partita on Tryggvare kan ingen Vara*—David P. Dahl Carl Kishline

WELCOME Pr. Olaf 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 *Earth and All Stars!* ELW 731

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

Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.
¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.
And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”
²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

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

PSALM 54

¹Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.
²**Hear my prayer, O God;**
give ear to the words of my mouth.
³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.
⁴**Behold, God is my helper;**
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
⁵Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
⁶**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice**
and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.
⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

SECOND READING

James 3:13–4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.⁴

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not

have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The word of the Lord. **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.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

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

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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

SERMON

Pr. Olaf Baumann

HYMN OF THE DAY

Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW 781

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.**

Credit: Adapted From India. Source: *Sinfonia Oecumenica*, Gütersloher Verlagshaus, Gütersloh 1998.
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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.

OFFERING STATEMENT

Pr. Olaf Baumann

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Malincondia Meditazione*—Angelo Maria Trovato Carl Kishline

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.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and a final cadence. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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

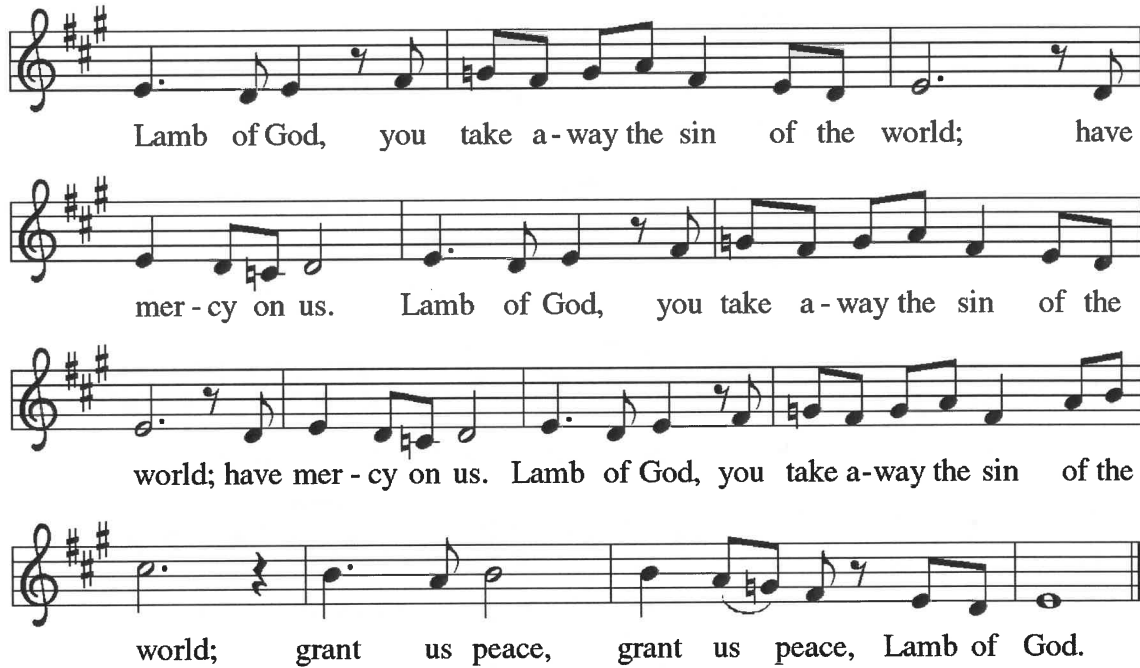
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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

In the Singing (sing 2x) ELW 466

I Come with Joy ELW 482

Beautiful Savior ELW 838

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

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

ELW 763

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

“Whoever welcomes one
of these little children
in my name welcomes me;
and whoever welcomes me
does not welcome me
but the One who sent me.”

MARK 9:37

OSLC Announcements

Season of Creation Events Continue . . .

TODAY, Sunday, September 22

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

Tuesday, September 24

*Cyanotype Botanical Print Workshop with Liz St. Andre, 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 with Liz St. Andre, Anderson Hall, 1:00-3:30 p.m., **registration required**

Sunday, September 29

*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.*

Thursday, October 3

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

Friday, October 4

*Family Workshop: Tree Collages with Janice King, OSLC Anderson Hall, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
*Closing Celebration—Artist Talk, Anderson Hall, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

****Saturday, September 21-Sunday, October 6:
Labyrinth Open, OSLC Meadow**
Lantern illumination nightly from 7:00-9:00 p.m.**



To learn more about events or to RSVP, go to <https://www.issaquaharts.org/sanctuary>. Scroll down to Workshops and Gatherings and click the RSVP tab below the box of the event you want to attend. All events are listed there. **RSVP is not required for free events, but we would love to know you're coming!**

All events are free except for the Cyanotype Botanical Print Workshops on September 24 and 26. Each Cyanotype workshop costs \$85; that fee includes all materials. **Space is limited, and registration is required.** When you click on the Register tab below each Cyanotype Workshop box (example above), you'll be forwarded to Liz's website to register.

OSLC Announcements

**You're Invited to an Evening with Gilbert Kubwimana
on October 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church**

You are invited to

AN EVENING WITH **GILBERT KUBWIMANA**
CO-FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF **LOVE WITH ACTIONS**



Love With Actions is a Kigali, Rwanda-based NGO
serving disabled children and their families.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024 | 7:00 P.M.

SAMMAMISH HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH
22818 SE 8th Street, Sammamish, Washington 98074

Handmade Rwandan crafts will be available for purchase.
All proceeds will benefit Love With Actions.
Attendees will be invited to make a donation to Love With Actions.



Dear friends in ministry:

One of my joys in retirement is working with Love With Actions, a Kigali, Rwanda based NGO supporting disabled children and their families.

Some of you have met Gilbert Kubwimana, the co-founder and executive director of Love With Actions, on previous visits to our East King County cluster meetings. Gilbert will be in Washington state next month. His first stop will be at Whitworth University in Spokane where on October 10th, he will receive the university's Distinguished Community Service Award.

His next stop will be here in Western Washington. I'm grateful to Sammamish Hills for hosting "An Evening with Gilbert Kubwimana," on Sunday, October 13, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. (This will be a one hour event.) . . .

Thanks in advance for publicizing this event. We really, really, appreciate it.

Gratefully,
Larry Thomas



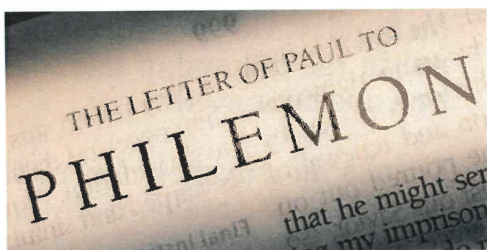
OSLC Announcements

What's Coming Up . . .

Fall Community Game Night, Sunday, TONIGHT, September 22, 5:00-7:00 p.m.: Tonight is the first family game night of the Fall at a local Lutheran Church. If you're looking for a fun evening of playing games, bring a game and a snack to share to **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**, 8501 SE 40th Street, Mercer Island, WA 98040.



Fall Education with Pr. Olaf: "Paul's Letter to Philemon and the Early Church": Thursdays in October and November, 12 p.m. in Anderson Hall and 7 p.m. on Zoom. October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, November 7, 14, 21. Each session will be one hour long.



Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Minister:	Pr. Olaf Baumann
Assisting Minister:	Connie F.
Organist:	Carl Kishline
Ushers:	Ken K. and Larry T.
Altar Guild:	Jane W.
Sound/Videography:	Anne E.

✦ 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
- ◆ **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.)
- ◆ **Steve**, who is recovering from surgery (Nora T.)
- ◆ **Wendy W.**, who is recovering from surgery
- ◆ **Mary F.**, for encouragement, strength, and healing
- ◆ **Renee J.**, with thanksgiving for healing (Connie F.)
- ◆ **Matthew**, who is severely ill and in the hospital (Community Meals Program)
- ◆ **For people served by the Community Meals Program**



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

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

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

9:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
12:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 22—FOURTH SUNDAY OF SEASON OF CREATION

Spirit of Peace UCC
Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)
New Creation Church (Downstairs)
Guided Walk with Issaquah Alps Trails Club (Labyrinth)

MONDAY

10:30 a.m.
3:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 23

Congregational Care Ministry (Library)
Companions Bible Study (online)
Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)
Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

TUESDAY

1:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.
7:45 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 24

Cyanotype Botanical Print Workshop with Liz St. Andre:
registration and fee required (Anderson Hall)
Church Council (online)
AA—Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
12:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 26

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)
Open Studio with Janice King (OSLC Atelier, Ground Floor)
Al-Anon (Education Room)
Wisdom Seekers (formerly Autumn Wisdom) (Anderson Hall)

SATURDAY

1:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 28

Cyanotype Botanical Print Workshop with Liz St. Andre:
registration and fee required (Anderson Hall)

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
12:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 29—FIFTH SUNDAY OF SEASON OF CREATION

Spirit of Peace UCC
Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)
New Creation Church (Downstairs)
Labyrinth Gathering with Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann: Blessed are the Peacemakers (Labyrinth)

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.



