



Advent

OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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 around the communion rail. Please follow the guidance of the ushers and form two lines in the center aisle. As space at the rail is available, the right side of sanctuary fills right side of rail from back to front. The left side of sanctuary fills the left side of rail from front to back.

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 Advent
Sunday, December 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

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* ELW 242

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

A In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **A** For the

C Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - be - ing of the

C Lord, have mer - cy.

Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For this ho-ly house, and for all who of-fer here their

C Lord, have mer - cy.

wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, com-fort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

C A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (verse 4) (during processional and recessional)

Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.

He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

MUSICAL OFFERING

Memorial Bells

Reflection on a Huron Carol (16th Century French Carol)—arranged by Derek K. Hakes

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

FIRST READING

Micah 5:2-5a

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
 who are one of the little clans of Judah,
 from you shall come forth for me
 one who is to rule in Israel,
 whose origin is from of old,
 from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
 when she who is in labor has brought forth;
 then the rest of his kindred shall return
 to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
 in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
 And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
 to the ends of the earth,

^{5a} and he shall be the one of peace.

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

PSALM: Luke 1:46b-55 (sung responsively)



⁴⁶ My soul proclaims the greatness | of the Lord,
⁴⁷ **my spirit rejoices in | God my Savior,**
⁴⁸ for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your | lowly servant.
From this day all generations will | call me blessed:
⁴⁹ you, the Almighty, have done great | things for me
and holy | is your name.
⁵⁰ You have mercy on | those who fear you,
from generation to | generation.
⁵¹ You have shown strength | with your arm
and scattered the proud in | their conceit,
⁵² casting down the mighty | from their thrones
and lifting | up the lowly.
⁵³ You have filled the hungry | with good things
and sent the rich | away empty.
⁵⁴ You have come to the aid of your | servant Israel,
to remember the prom- | ise of mercy,
⁵⁵ the promise made | to our forebears,
to Abraham and his chil- | dren forever.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

5 Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,
 “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
 but a body you have prepared for me;
 6 in burnt offerings and sin offerings
 you have taken no pleasure.
 7 Then I said, ‘See, I have come to do your will, O God’
 (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”
 8 When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and of-
 ferings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), 9
 then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to estab-
 lish the second. 10 And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering
 of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-45

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

39 In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, 40
 where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard
 Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy
 Spirit 42 and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is
 the fruit of your womb. 43 And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord
 comes to me? 44 For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb
 leaped for joy. 45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what
 was spoken to her by the Lord.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

ELW 244

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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.

OFFERING STATEMENT

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Memorial Bells

Go Tell It On the Mountain (Spiritual)—Arranged by Susan Geschke

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, fill to the brim our
cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u-nite them with the
prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence,
and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a common time signature. The lyrics are: 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.

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION AT THE RAIL

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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

We Come to the Hungry Feast ELW 479

I Received the Living God ELW 477

Bread of Life from Heaven ELW 474

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

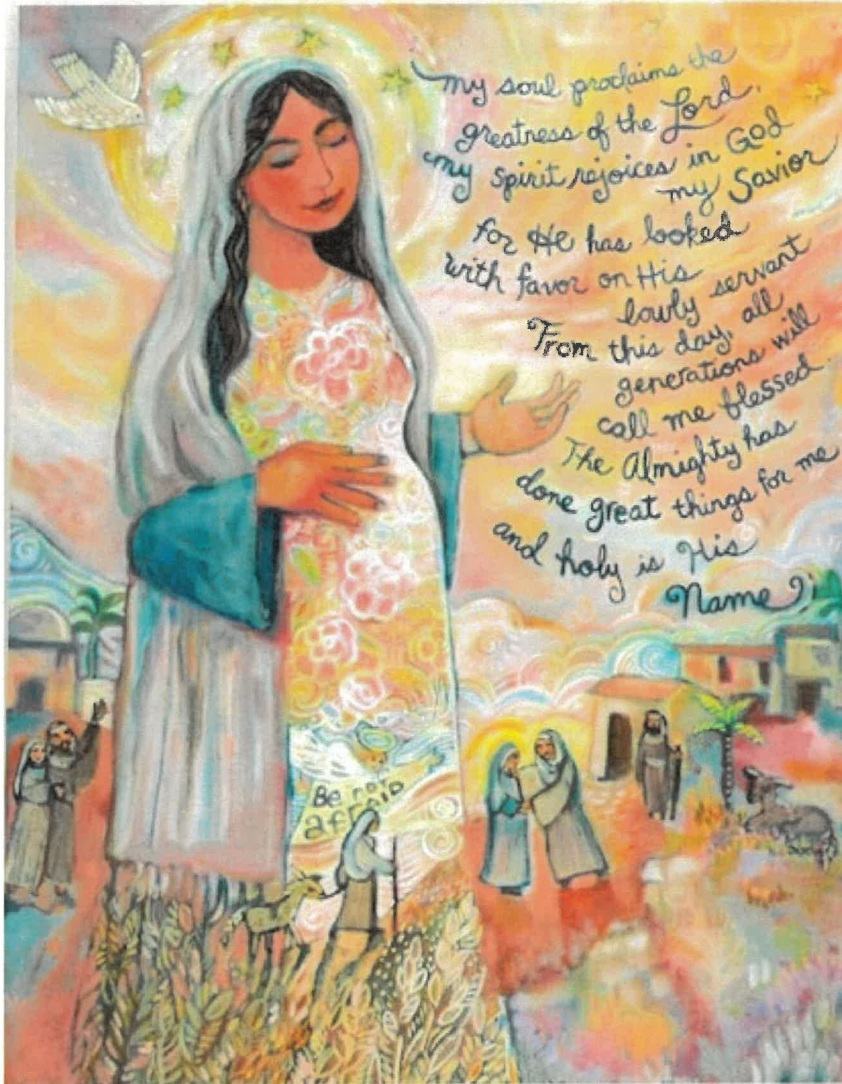
In His Temple Now Behold Him

ELW 417

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Canticle of Mary, by Jen Norton
(JenNortonArtStudio at etsy.com)

OSLC Announcements

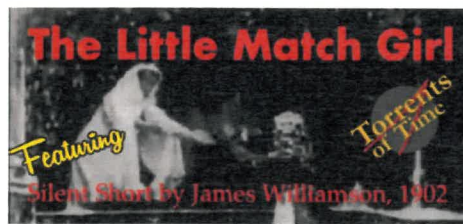
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Tuesday, December 24, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

This traditional Christmas Eve service tells the story of Jesus' birth in word and song. The highlight is the singing of *Silent Night* illuminated by candlelight. Musicians from Issaquah Suzuki Strings will play during the service. Hope you can make it!



Christmas Stories

Here are two YouTube Christmas Stories made by Pr. Olaf for your viewing pleasure. Please like, share, and comment.



OSLC Announcements

Thank You from the Community Outreach Committee



Thank you all for your generous support of our Giving Tree. We collected \$1,060 in gift cards for Vine Maple Place parents to give their youth for Christmas. The organization helps families in need of shelter, mainly women and children. We collected \$750.00 in gift cards to use when church members need assistance and when people stop by the church office to ask for assistance with gas and groceries.

The Community Outreach Committee donated \$1,500 in designated funds to the Issaquah Food Bank in November. Designated funds are funds that members have given just for community outreach purposes. The Food Bank will use the funds to purchase gift cards for their Holiday Gift Barn. Clients will use the gift cards to shop for their children. We also donated \$1,000 in designated funds to Issaquah Community Services. They use the funds to support clients in need of rent and utility assistance.

Again, thank you for your generosity. These gifts will be actively helping people in our community!



OSLC Office Closed: December 25-January 1

The Parish Administrator's office will be closed from Christmas through New Year's Day. Cynthia will return to work on Thursday, January 2. If you need immediate assistance or emergency pastoral care, please contact Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann at 360-912-1245 or Pr. Olaf Baumann at 360-912-1830. Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a great start to 2025!



Communion Services at Timber Ridge

Here are the upcoming dates for the services at Timber Ridge Retirement Community:

- ◆ **Thursday, January 2, 2:00 p.m.**, led by SALC at Timber Ridge
- ◆ **Thursday, February 6, 2:00 p.m.**, led by OSLC at Timber Ridge



OSLC Announcements



✚ 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
- ◆ **Mary F.**, for encouragement, strength, and healing
- ◆ **For people served by the Community Meals Program**
- ◆ **Vicki**, a client of the Meals Program, who is very ill
- ◆ **Evy S.**, who is in hospice
- ◆ **Doris H.**, who was recently diagnosed with brain cancer (cousin's wife of Duane J.)
- ◆ **Florence K.**

You're Invited to the Memorial Service for Jerry Nack

Jerry Nack passed away on November 19. Jerry's memorial service will be on Saturday, January 4 at 2:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church (10021 NE 124th in Kirkland). Jerry's wife Linda wrote to share memorial details and invite all to attend. Linda noted that she and Jerry were OSLC members for 18 years.

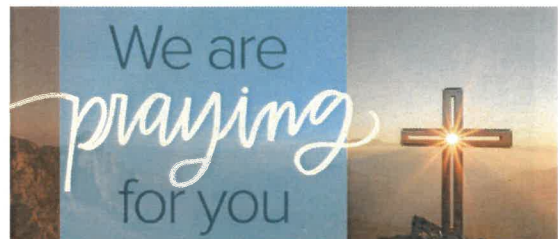
Mourning the death of loved ones:

Please keep their family and friends in your prayers.

- ◆ **Jerry Nack**
- ◆ **Nancy** (mother of Ron S.'s sister-in-law Dana)
- ◆ **Bob Beck**

Serving in Worship Today

Presider: Pr. Olaf Baumann
Preacher: Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann
Assisting Minister: Connie F.
Parish Musician: David Liu
Advent Candle Lighter: Caleb C.
Psalm Cantor: Lori D.
Ushers: Larry T. and Don R.
Altar Guild: Jane W.
Sound/Videography: Jon S. and Tom K.



This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 22—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

New Creation Church (Youth Room)

MONDAY

3:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 23

Companions Bible Study (online)

Knit-Ins (Community Knitting for Art Installation) (Narthex)

Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

TUESDAY

4:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

DECEMBER 24

Spirit of Peace UCC Christmas Eve Worship (SOP Sanctuary)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 25—MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Church Office closed from December 25-January 1.

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m.

DECEMBER 26

Al-Anon (Education Room)

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29—FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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New Creation Church (Youth Room)

Emergency Pastoral Care

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