



Christmas

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.

First Sunday of Christmas
Sunday, December 29, 2024
10:00 a.m.



Our Savior Lutheran Church
745 Front Street South
Issaquah, WA 98027
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HOLY COMMUNION

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Amid the troubles and fears of this world, let us confess our sin and welcome God's forgiveness, grace, and love.

Silence is kept for reflection

Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.

Forgive our lack of faith and trust.

Your Son was born in the poverty of a stable.

Forgive our neglect of the poor.

The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem.

Forgive our selfishness and complacency.

With great joy the angels proclaimed, "Do not fear. For I bring you good news of great joy. Today is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

In † Jesus, who is Savior, Christ, and Lord, our sins are forgiven. May you know the peace which the angels sang from the heavens. Indeed, God's forgiveness is good news of great joy!

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

The First Noel

ELW 300

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Joy to the World (verses 1-2)

ELW 267

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

¹⁸ Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹ His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰ Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife and say, “May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the loan that she made to the LORD,” and then they would return to their home.

²⁶ Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

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

PSALM 148

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

² **Praise the LORD, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³ Praise the LORD, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴ **Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
who commanded, and they were created,

⁶ **who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸ **fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God’s will;**

⁹ mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰ **wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

¹² **young men and maidens,
old and young together.**

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴ **The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful
servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD.
Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:12-17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

GREETING THE GOSPEL*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (verse 1)

ELW 257

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:41-52

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

⁴¹ Now every year [Jesus's] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents were unaware of this. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you." ⁴⁹ He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them, and his mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favor.

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

SERMON**HYMN OF THE DAY***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

ELW 270

APOSTLE'S CREED

Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostle's 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.

OFFERING STATEMENT

OFFERING MUSIC

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.

PREFACE

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

LOVE HAS COME (VERSE 1) (ELW 292)



I Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE: CHRISTMAS

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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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Love Has Come (verses 2-3) ELW 292

O Little Town of Bethlehem ELW 279

It Came upon the Midnight Clear ELW 282

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly ELW 276

COMMUNION BLESSING

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD: CHRISTMAS

Holy God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor,
at the birth of time your Word brought light into the world,
and throughout the ages, you proclaim newness of life.

For your wondrous Word, we thank you, O God.

We thank you, O God.

In the fullness of time, your Word became flesh,
to shine in our world's darkness,
to speak peace to all people,
and to welcome us as members of your family.

For your loving Word, we adore you, O God.

We adore you, O God.

Grant us now the gift of your Spirit,
that held, nourished, and protected by your Word,
we may live as your children,
bearing your goodness throughout the world.

For your powerful Word, we praise you, O God.

We praise you, O God.

All glory to you, holy God,
now and forever.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Go Tell It on the Mountain

ELW 290

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Serving in Worship Today

Presider:	Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann
Preacher:	Pr. Olaf Baumann
Assisting Minister:	Lori D.
Parish Musician:	David Liu
Ushers:	Ken K. and Bill S.
Altar Guild:	Holly H.
Sound/Videography:	Jon S. and Gabby G.

OSLC Announcements

Baptism on Sunday, January 12

On January 12, 2025 (Baptism of our Lord), we will baptize Gavin J. during our worship service. We hope you can attend this sacred event!



OSLC Office Hours Resume on January 2

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. Happy New Year!



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



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.

✦ 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.**, who moved to a rehab facility in Snoqualmie
- ◆ **Cheryl N.** gives many thanks for the healing of her eyes and the removal of her leg cancer
- ◆ **Melinda N.**, with thanksgiving for the recent MRI showing that her tumor is shrinking within days of asking for prayers, and she is going through more chemotherapy (daughter of Cheryl & Lou N.)

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)



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 29—FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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 30

Companions Bible Study (online)

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

Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

TUESDAY

7:45 p.m.

9:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 31

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)

New Creation Church New Year's Eve Worship Service (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 1—HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m.

JANUARY 2

Al-Anon (Education Room)

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 5—SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

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