

Epiphany

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.

Third Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, January 26, 2025
10:00 a.m.



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745 Front Street South
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HOLY COMMUNION

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.
Amen.

A reading from the Psalms: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace. (*Psalm 29:3, 11*)

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.
Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.
Glory to you for the Salish Sea, the Sammamish Lake, and the Issaquah Creek. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.**

Praise to you for your saving waters:
Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.
Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this sacrament.
Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation.

**Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears.
 Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.
 Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who
 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 Amen.**

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all
 our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eter-
 nal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW 759

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

HYMN OF PRAISE



☐ Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy, have mer-cy on us; you are seat - ed



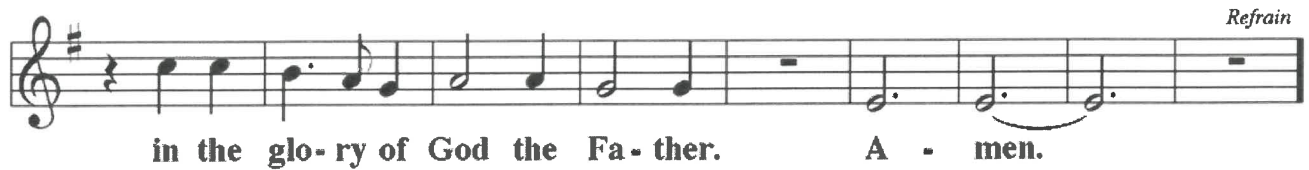
at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

FIRST READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹ All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand, and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people, and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD, and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

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

PSALM 19 (sung responsively)

- ¹ The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.
- ² One day tells its tale | to another,
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.
- ³ Although they have no | words or language,
and their voices | are not heard,
- ⁴ their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of the world,
where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.
- ⁵ It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.
- ⁶ It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of | it
again;
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.
- ⁷ The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.

- ⁸ The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | joice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light | to the eyes.
- ⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous | altogether.
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.
- ¹¹ By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.
- ¹² Who can detect one's | own offenses?
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.
- ¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.
- ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and | my redeemer.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a} But strive for the greater gifts.

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 4:14-21

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

¹⁴ Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Streams of Living Justice

ELW 710

APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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

All Night, All Day—Arranged by Ruth Artman

Choral Ensemble
Jeff S., Piano

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

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al-so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 (C). 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave 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

The Gifts of God for the people of God. Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION AT THE RAIL

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

As We Gather at Your Table ELW 522

Thee We Adore, O Savior ELW 476

I Come with Joy ELW 482

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 661

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

OSLC Announcements

Winter Art Activation

Knitters have begun installing their colorful scarves on the church's trees. This yarn art installation—along with lights—is a bright spot for travelers on Front Street South. Monday Knit-Ins will continue on Mondays through February 10 at 4:00 p.m. in the Narthex.



Seeking a House or Townhouse

Gary H. and his wife Denice are looking for an affordable house or townhouse in the Issaquah/Sammamish area. They also might be looking for a short-term rental. If you know about housing options, please contact Gary; his phone # and email are in the directory. Thanks!



Serving in Worship Today

Presider & Preacher: Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann
Assisting Minister: Connie F.
Pianist: David Liu
Psalm Cantor: Dave C.
Ushers: Larry T. and Don R.
Altar Guild: Barbara F.-S.
Sound/Videography: Jon S. and Gabby G.



Mourning the death of loved ones:

Please keep their family, friends, and loved ones in your prayers.

- ◆ Les Carlson (father of Dave Carlson)
- ◆ Bob Johnson

+ Share & Prayer +

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

- ◆ **Mary F.**, for encouragement, strength, and healing
- ◆ **For people served by the Community Meals Program**
- ◆ **Evy S.**, who is in hospice
- ◆ **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.)
- ◆ **Ruby G.**, who's in the ER with critically low sodium (grandmother of Holly H.)
- ◆ **Rowan H.** is thankful for his successful heart surgery and asks for prayers as he begin treatment for cancer of the bone.
- ◆ **Lena S.**, for health and strength
- ◆ **Ken B.**, for recovery from heart attack (long-time friend of Doug & Dianne T.)
- ◆ **Dianne T.**, prayers for proper treatment for new issues detected
- ◆ **Doris H.**, who is in hospice (cousin's wife of Duane J.)
- ◆ **Amy D.**, for comfort and strength
- ◆ **Deb C.**, successful knee surgery and quick recovery (healing and wholeness)



OSLC Announcements

Meet Your Neighbors at Coffee & Fellowship Hour Next Sunday

From Pr. Kristin-Luana

The bomb cyclone in November made Pastor Olaf and I wonder: Who is my neighbor right here in Issaquah? How many church members live around the parsonage? It would certainly be good to know in an emergency! We could help our siblings in Christ right here and there, and receive help, too!



And so the idea was born to provide an opportunity for church neighbors to connect and get known to each other a bit better. Thanks to Ann Thomas and the fabulous Congregational Care team, we have a pretty good idea now of what church members live close to each other.

We invite you to come to Coffee & Fellowship Hour after church next Sunday, February 2 and meet your neighbor! We will seat people who live in close proximity to each other around the same table and provide you with some fun ice breakers.

We hope that you attend this meeting—which could be the first of many—with a large portion of kindness and curiosity. After all, it is always good to meet your neighbors, and it is especially good to meet your church neighbors with whom you not only share a neighborhood, but also your faith.



Melodies of Love: A Valentine's Recital by David Liu on February 16

On Sunday, February 16 at 4:00 p.m., our talented Parish Musician David Liu will offer a free piano recital in the sanctuary.

We hope you can attend “Melodies of Love: A Valentine's Recital” to hear our beautiful new Schimmel piano in concert. It should be an amazing musical event. Hope to see you there!



Today Pr. Olaf is preaching at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Bellevue.

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.

JANUARY 26—THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

Zadinsky Violin Recital (Sanctuary)

New Creation Church (Youth Room)

MONDAY

10:30 a.m.

3:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

JANUARY 27

Congregational Care Ministry (Library)

Companions Bible Study (Online)

Knit-In (Narthex)

Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)

Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

JANUARY 28

Church Council (Online)

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)

WEDNESDAY

1:30 p.m.

JANUARY 29

Community Meals Program: Kiwanis (Kitchen)

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

JANUARY 30

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)

Al-Anon (Education Room)

FRIDAY

4:30 p.m.

JANUARY 31

OSLC Council Retreat (Anderson Hall)

SATURDAY

7:30 a.m.

FEBRUARY 1

OSLC Council Retreat (Anderson Hall)

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2—FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Meet Your Neighbors: Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

New Creation Church (Youth Room)



Emergency Pastoral Care

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