



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.

Second Sunday of Christmas
Sunday, January 5, 2025
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

Angels We Have Heard on High

ELW 289

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 and 4)

ELW 267

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

FIRST READING

Sirach 24:1-12

- ¹ Wisdom praises herself
and tells of her glory in the midst of her people.
² In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth,
and in the presence of his hosts she tells of her glory:
³ “I came forth from the mouth of the Most High
and covered the earth like a mist.
⁴ I encamped in the heights,
and my throne was in a pillar of cloud.
⁵ Alone I compassed the vault of heaven
and traversed the depths of the abyss.
⁶ Over waves of the sea, over all the earth,
and over every people and nation I have held sway.
⁷ Among all these I sought a resting place;
in whose inheritance should I abide?
⁸ “Then the Creator of all things gave me a command,
and my Creator pitched my tent.
He said, ‘Encamp in Jacob,
and in Israel receive your inheritance.’
⁹ Before the ages, in the beginning, he created me,
and for all the ages I shall not cease to be.
¹⁰ In the holy tent I ministered before him,
and so I was established in Zion.
¹¹ Thus in the beloved city he gave me a resting place,
and in Jerusalem was my domain.
¹² I took root in an honored people;
in the portion of the Lord is my inheritance.”

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

PSALM: Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21

- ¹⁵ A holy people and blameless race;
wisdom delivered from a nation of oppressors.
¹⁶ **She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord,
and withstood dread kings with wonders and signs.**
¹⁷ She gave to holy people the reward of their labors;
she guided them along a marvelous way,
**and became a shelter to them by day,
and a starry flame through the night.**
¹⁸ She brought them over the Red Sea,
and led them through deep waters;
¹⁹ **but she drowned their enemies,
and cast them up from the depth of the sea.**
²⁰ Therefore the righteous plundered the ungodly; they sang hymns, O Lord, to your holy
name, and praised with one accord your defending hand;
²¹ **for wisdom opened the mouths of those | who were mute,
and made the tongues of infants speak clearly.**

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

GREETING THE GOSPEL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verse 2)

ELW 257

THE GOSPEL

John 1:1-5; 9-11; 14; 16

(Translation by Ernst Hähnchen, *Hermeneia Commentary*)

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

In the beginning was the Logos, and the Logos was with God, and divine was the Logos. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not comprehended it.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world; he was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet, the world knew him not; he came to his own home, and his own people received him not.

And the word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

And from his fullness have we all received grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

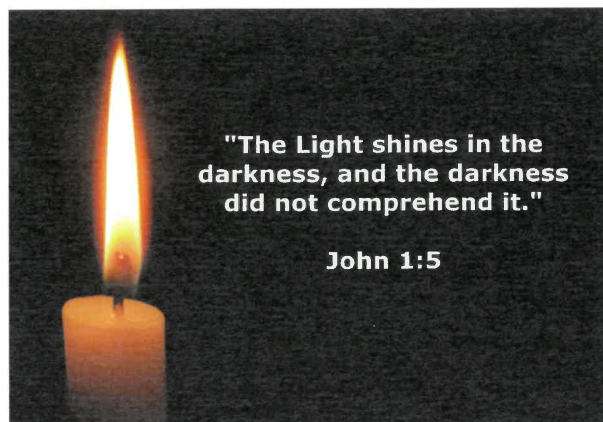
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

From Heaven Above (verses 1-3)

ELW 268



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

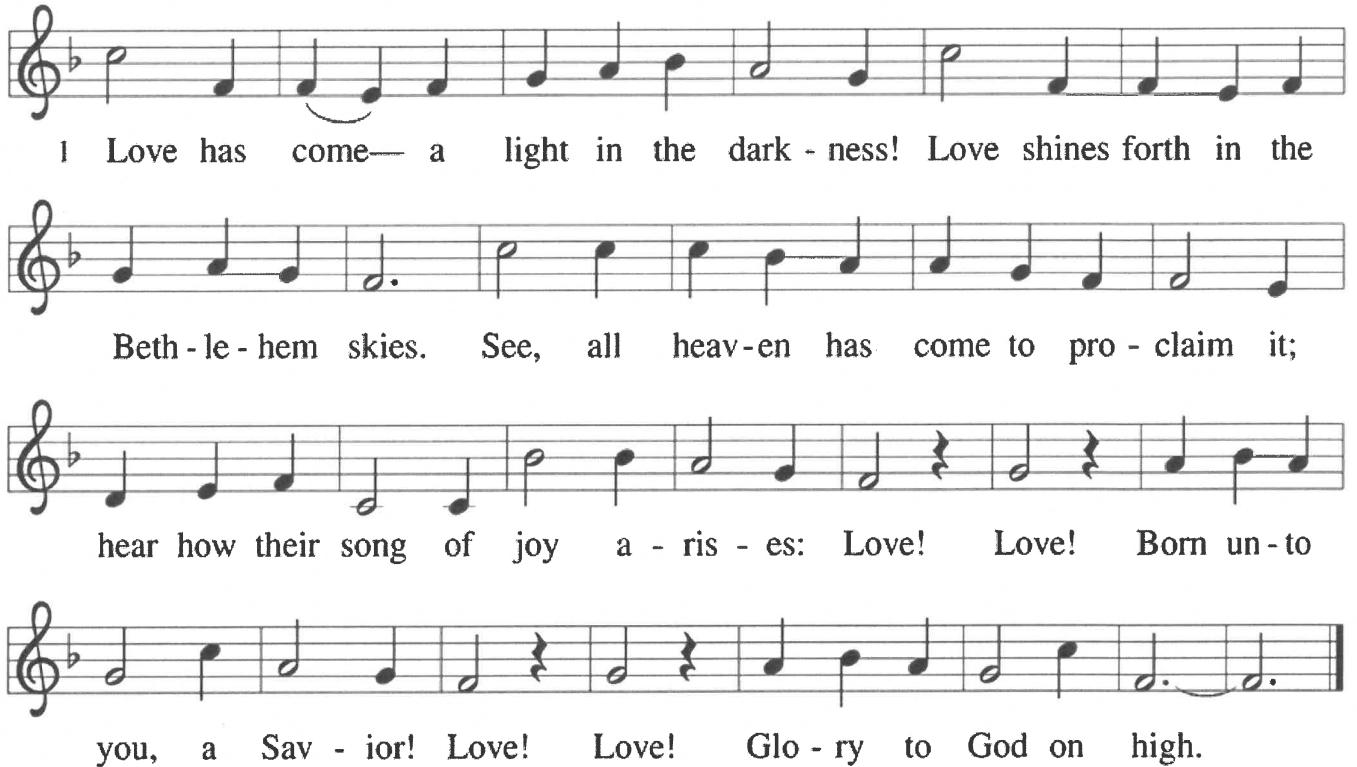
DIALOGUE

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)



1 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

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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COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Love Has Come (verses 2-3) ELW 292

From Heaven Above (verses 12-14) ELW 268

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime ELW 284

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming ELW 272

COMMUNION BLESSING

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

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

Once in Royal David's City

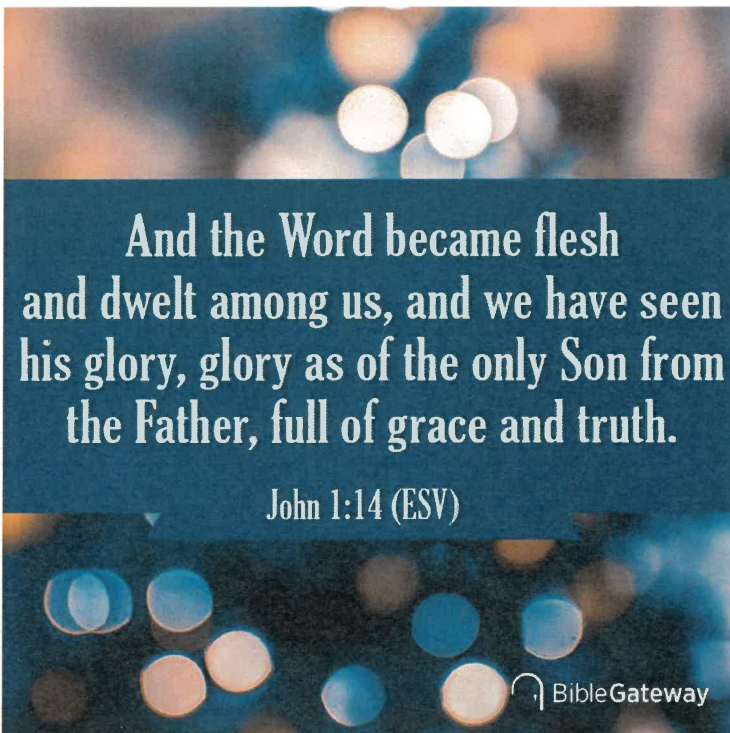
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



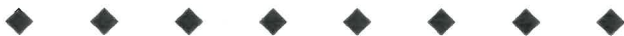
OSLC Announcements

Baptism on Sunday, January 12

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



Pr. Olaf at Mt. Si Lutheran Today
Because Pr. Krista Johnson had a family emergency, Pr. Olaf will lead worship for her today at Mt. Si Lutheran Church in North Bend.



Serving in Worship Today

Presider & Preacher: Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann
Assisting Minister: Anne E.
Parish Musician: David Liu
Ushers: Carl and Judy B.
Altar Guild: Jane W.
Sound/Videography: Jon S.

✚ Share & Prayer ✚

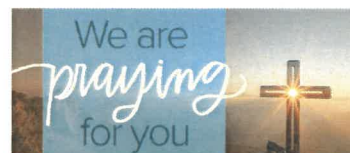
We invite you to include these people in your daily prayers. You can send your prayer requests via email to office@oslccissaquah.org. A complete list of prayers can be found in the Focus newsletter each month.

- ◆ **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.)
- ◆ **Ruby G.**, who's in the ER with critically low sodium (grandmother of Holly H.)

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.

JANUARY 5—SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

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 6

Congregational Care Ministry (Library)

Companions Bible Study (online)

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

Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)

Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

TUESDAY

7:45 p.m.

JANUARY 7

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)

WEDNESDAY

9:30 a.m.

JANUARY 8

Issaquah Garden Club (Anderson Hall and Kitchen)

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

JANUARY 9

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)

Al-Anon (Education Room)

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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.

