

Epiphany

OUR SAVIOR  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **MISSION**

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.

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany  
Sunday, February 23, 2025  
10:00 a.m.



**Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
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. (*Psalms 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.

**Illuminate 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**

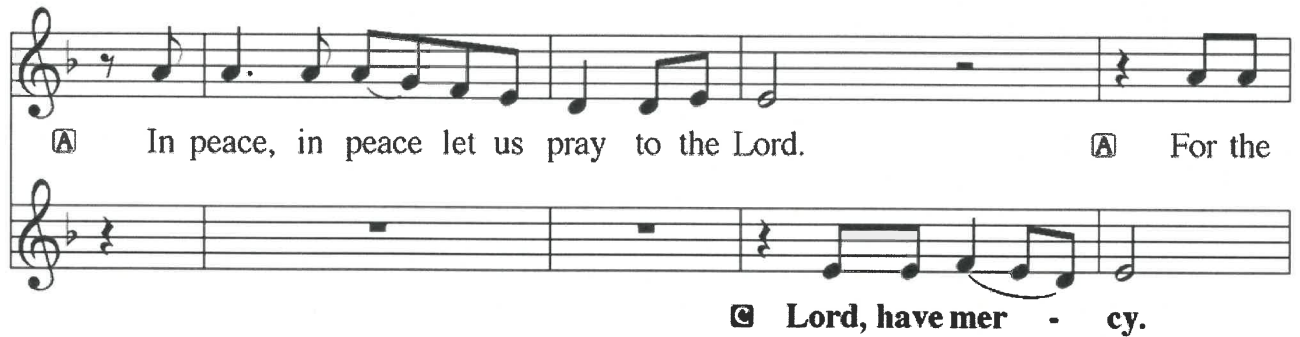
*Dearest Jesus, at Your Word*

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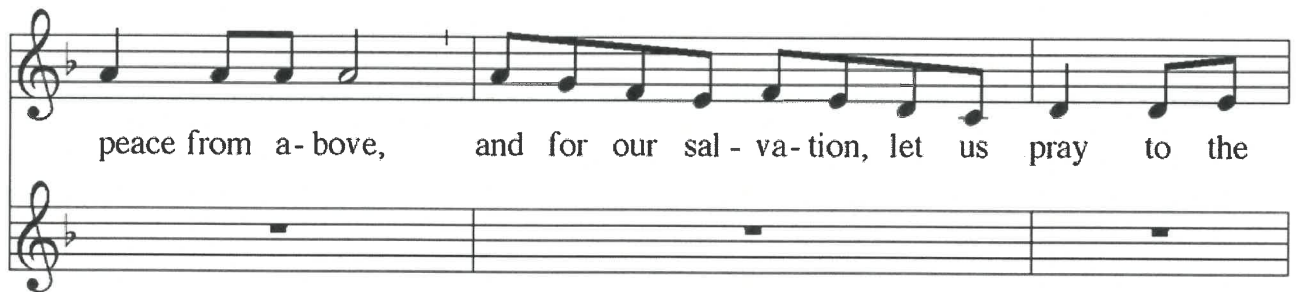
**GREETING**

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.**

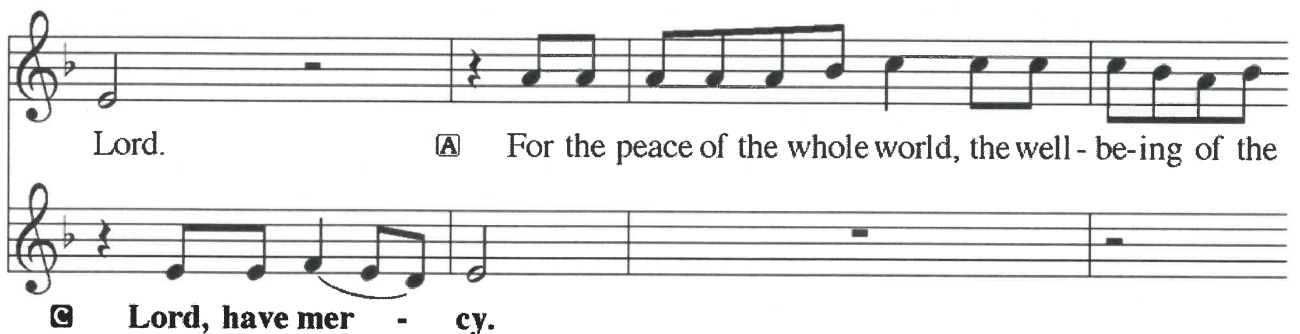
**KYRIE**



**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



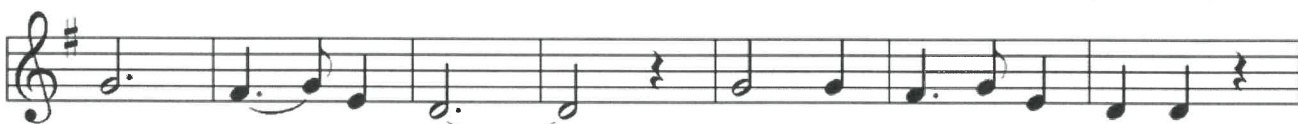
☉ Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

#### FIRST READING

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

<sup>4</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup> And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup> For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup> God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup> So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. <sup>10</sup> You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup> I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.' " <sup>15</sup> And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

#### PSALM 37:1-11, 39-40 (sung responsively)

<sup>1</sup> Do not be provoked by | evildoers;

**do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.**

<sup>2</sup> For they shall soon wither | like the grass,

**and like the green grass | fade away.**

<sup>3</sup> Put your trust in the Lord | and do good;

**dwell in the land and | find safe pasture.**

<sup>4</sup> Take delight | in the Lord,

**who shall give you your | heart's desire.**

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust | in the Lord,

**and see what | God will do.**

<sup>6</sup> The Lord will make your vindication as clear | as the light

**and the justice of your case like the | noonday sun.**

<sup>7</sup> Be still before the Lord and wait | patiently.

**Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds  
 in | evil schemes.**

<sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;

**do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil.**

<sup>9</sup> For evildoers shall | be cut off,

**but those who hope in the Lord shall pos- | sess the land.**

<sup>10</sup> In a little while the wicked shall | be no more;

**even if you search out their place, they will | not be there.**

<sup>11</sup> But the lowly shall pos- | sess the land;

**they will delight in abun- | dance of peace.**

<sup>39</sup> But the deliverance of the righteous comes from | you, O Lord;  
**you are their stronghold in | time of trouble.**

<sup>40</sup> You, O Lord, will help them and | rescue them;  
**you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in  
you | they seek refuge.**

## SECOND READING

Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

<sup>35</sup> But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” <sup>36</sup> Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup> And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as he has chosen and to each kind of seed its own body.

<sup>42</sup> So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup> It is sown a physical body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup> Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup> But it is not the spiritual that is first but the physical and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The first man was from the earth, made of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup> As one of dust, so are those who are of the dust, and as one of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup> Just as we have borne the image of the one of dust, we will also bear the image of the one of heaven.

<sup>50</sup> What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## THE GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>27</sup> “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.



<sup>32</sup> “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup> Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup> “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

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

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*In All Our Grief*

ELW 615

### **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**

**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.**

## 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 a single system. It begins with a treble clef and 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." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes. There are some rests and a triplet of eighth notes in the second staff. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken* ELW 494

*One Bread, One Body* ELW 496

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart: Gift of Finest Wheat* ELW 484

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

### BENEDICTION

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SENDING HYMN**

*Take My Life, That I May Be*

ELW 583

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**

**Serving in Worship Today**

**Presider:** Pr. Olaf Baumann  
**Preacher:** Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann  
**Assisting Minister:** Connie F.  
**Pianist:** David Liu  
**Psalm Cantor:** Wendy W.  
**Ushers:** Don R. and Lois D.  
**Altar Guild:** Jean P. and Delaney C.  
**Sound/Videography:** Jon S.

# OSLC Announcements

## Introductory Book Study Meeting TODAY, February 23: Pick Up Your Book Copy Now!

TODAY, February 23 at 11:30 a.m., Pr. Olaf will facilitate the introductory meeting of the *One Day I Wrote Back* Book Study in Anderson Hall. The six sessions of the book study will be held at noon on Thursdays, February 27-April 3 in Anderson Hall.

The 30 new copies of *One Day I Wrote Back* arrived on Tuesday; those who reserved a book were emailed. The cost per book is **\$13**. Since many books are still available, email Cynthia at [office@oslcissaquah.org](mailto:office@oslcissaquah.org) if you want one, or stop by the office to purchase it.

The books are on the counter in the copier room, along with an envelope with the list of those who reserved a copy. Please mark next to your name (or add your name to the list) when you pick up your copy and place your payment in the envelope. Thanks!



## Meet Your Neighbors Coffee Hour Next Sunday, March 2!

The 2nd Meet Your Neighbors coffee hour will be on March 2 after service. It's a great chance to sit with and get to know your neighbors.



## Mourning the Death of Loved Ones:

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

- ◆ Shirley Witsoe
- ◆ Robert (Bobby) Enloe (twin brother of Dianne T.)
- ◆ Mardell Portin (cousin of Ron S.'s father)
- ◆ Ruby George (grandmother of Holly H.)

## ✦ Share & Prayer ✦

*We invite you to include these people in your daily prayers. Please email your prayer requests to [office@oslcissaquah.org](mailto:office@oslcissaquah.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
- ◆ **Rowan H.** is thankful for his successful heart surgery and asks for prayers as he begins 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
- ◆ **Amy D.**, for comfort and strength
- ◆ **Deb C.**, for successful knee surgery and quick recovery (healing and wholeness)
- ◆ **Melinda N.**, who receives daily chemo treatments for brain cancer (daughter of Cheryl N.)
- ◆ **Skylar H.**, for prayers to heal and get stronger as she struggles in her first weeks of life (granddaughter of the brother of Jan W.)
- ◆ In thanksgiving for the birth of **Sophia Rose** (great-granddaughter of Doug and Dianne T.), and prayers for new mom **Miranda** and new dad **Jack**, as they adjust to parenthood in England
- ◆ Peace and strength for **Deborah E.**, diagnosed with MS (friend of Shelley & Mark H.)
- ◆ Peace and strength for **Tom K.**, due to the return of cancer (friend of Shelley & Mark H.)
- ◆ In thanksgiving for the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of **Andy A.** (father of Shelley H.)

# OSLC Announcements

**Women's Retreat: Don't Forget to Register This Week!**

## **"WANDERING AND WONDERING WITH GOD" 2025 Women's Retreat**

**This is your final week to register** for our annual retreat at Rainbow Lodge in North Bend on March 7-9! Our speakers are Jean Wahlstrom and Pr. Jane Prestbye. Thanks to the women who have already registered. Registration forms are available in the narthex and at [oslcissaquah.org/womens-retreat/](http://oslcissaquah.org/womens-retreat/). **Final registrations and payments are due in the office by February 28.** Thanks!



## **Mark Your Calendar: Lent Is Right Around the Corner**

You're invited to Shrove Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. on March 4 at Mt. Si Lutheran Church (MSLC) in North Bend. MSLC requests that OSLC members bring fruit and sweet bread to share.

**OSLC will have an Ash Wednesday service on March 5 at 7:00 p.m.** For the following Wednesdays in Lent, please join us at 6:00 p.m. for a soup supper and video greeting, followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m.



**Shrove Tuesday  
March 4 @ 6pm  
Fellowship Hall  
of MSLC**

Come enjoy a pancake supper, fellowship and fun as we mark the last evening before the Lenten season begins.

This tradition of gathering for food and fellowship began back in the 6th century. The tradition of eating pancakes began in Britain in the 16th century. This event is for everyone! Let's celebrate together!

The  
*Season  
of Lent*

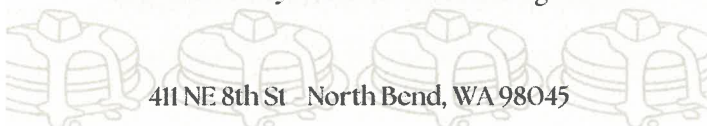
**Wednesday, March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9**

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6:00 PM: Lenten Soup Supper

6:45 PM: Sumud: Video Greetings from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land

7:00 PM: Holden Evening Prayer



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# This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

## TODAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

## **FEBRUARY 23—SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

*Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)*

**Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

**Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)**

**Introductory Book Study Meeting (Anderson Hall)**

*New Creation Church (Youth Room)*

## MONDAY

10:30 a.m.

3:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

## **FEBRUARY 24**

**Congregational Care Ministry (Library)**

**Companions Bible Study (Online)**

*Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)*

*Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)*

## TUESDAY

7:00 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

## **FEBRUARY 25**

**Church Council (Online)**

*AA—Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)*

## THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

## **FEBRUARY 27**

**Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)**

*Al-Anon (Education Room)*

**One Day I Wrote Back Book Study (Anderson Hall)**

## SATURDAY

10:00 a.m.

## **MARCH 1**

*Master Chorus Eastside Rehearsal (Sanctuary)*

## NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

## **MARCH 2—TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

*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.