



Lent

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.

Third Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 23, 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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Compassionate One,
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**
**We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.**
**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.**
**We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.**
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.
**Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**
Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.
In † Christ your sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God's house forever.
Amen.

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

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Sing the Kyrie once before the pastor reads the first prayer, and then sing it once after each prayer.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

- ¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts;
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
- ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
- ³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

- ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
- ⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
- ⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
- ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
- ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
- ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

PSALM 63:1-8

- ¹ O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
**my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary
land where there is no water.**
- ² Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- ³ For your steadfast love is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.
- ⁴ So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.
- ⁵ My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- ⁶ when I remember you up- on my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- ⁷ For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- ⁸ My whole being clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

SECOND READING

¹ Corinthians 10:1-13

¹ I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did, as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” ⁸ We must not engage in sexual immorality, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰ And do not complain, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



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THE GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

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

¹ At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.² [Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?”³ No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶ Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the man working the vineyard, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.’”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

ELW 335

NICENE CREED

We confess our faith in the words of the 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERING PRAYER

MEDITATION ON JESUS

“[Jesus] took upon himself all human passions, excluding sin. That is: he hungered who gives food to all the living. He thirsted who gives the water of life to his believers. He felt weariness who is the rest of the weary. He slept who always kept Israel vigilant. He wept who wiped away every tear from all eyes. . . . He took on our passible body, so that he who is impassible might suffer with the passible body and he who is immortal might die with the mortal body, to free us who are guilty.”

—Gregory of Skevra (12th/13th centuries), *On True Faith and Pure Conduct in the Virtues*, 15-17

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. All creation sings your praise. Sun, moon, and stars reflect your glory. Mountains, lakes, and forests declare your wonders. . . . With hearts full of memories and hopes, we break this bread and share this cup, remembering the death and resurrection of Christ, and his promise to be with us always as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O Divine Lover, you are the breath within us. You are our heart's desire. You are our priceless treasure. You are the garden of paradise. Come down, O Love divine. Come among us, O passionate Fire. Come within us, O Spirit of unity. Come, Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts, which we are about to receive from your bounty. Bless our table and the feast we share. Bless us with gladness of heart. Come, Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit.

At this table make us your body. Form us to be people of justice and peace. Fill us with gratitude and generosity, that we may bear the fruit of love in word and deed.

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

All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.

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. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

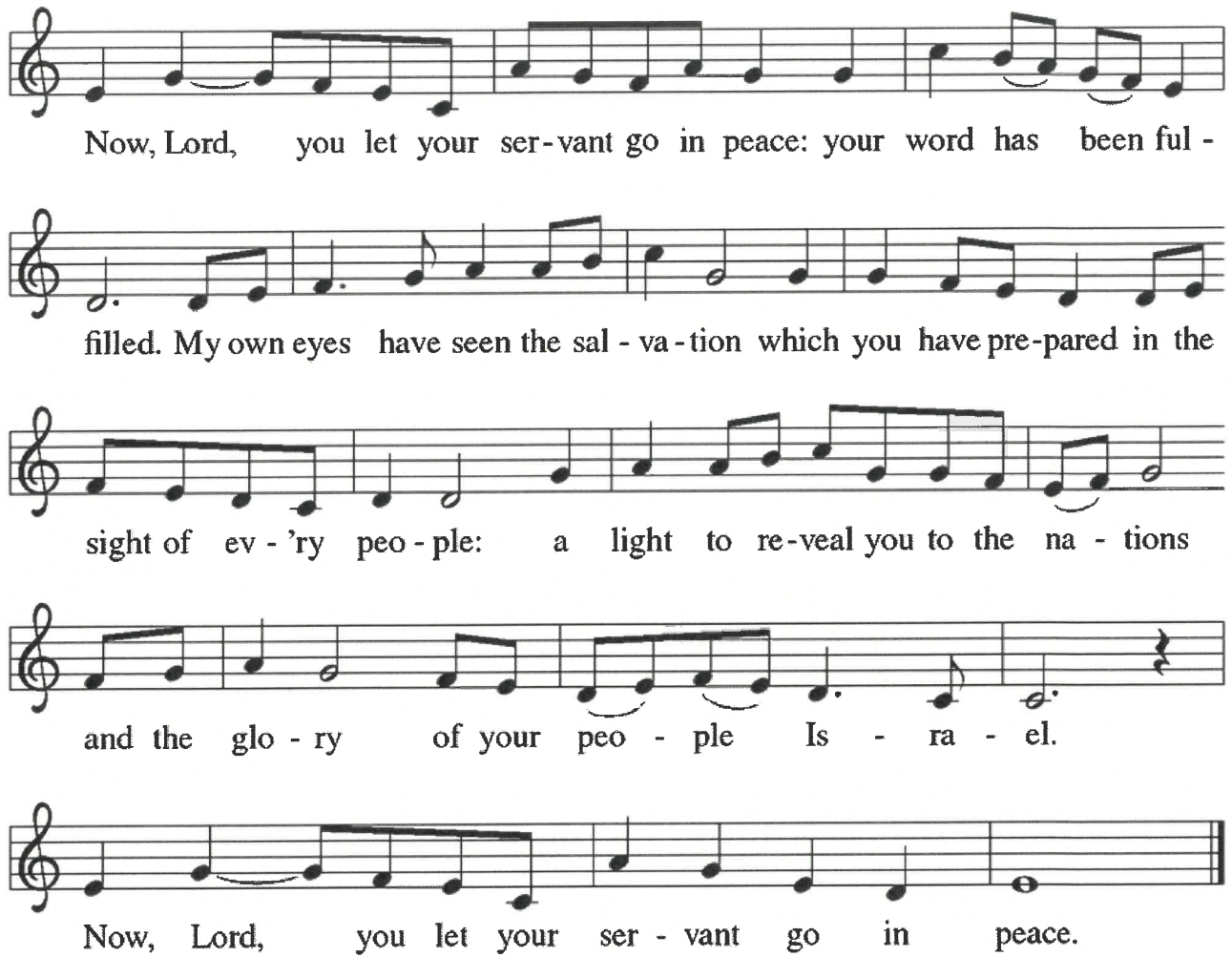
COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Here Is Bread ELW 483

For the Bread Which You Have Broken ELW 494

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer ELW 618

AFTER COMMUNION: SIMEON'S SONG *Now, Lord*



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

ELW 534

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

OSLC Announcements

Hygiene Donation Drive for Vine Maple Place NEXT Sunday, March 30

NEXT Sunday, March 30, the Community Outreach Committee will collect hygiene and home care items for Vine Maple Place. Vine Maple Place is a non-profit organization in Maple Valley that's working to help homeless families with housing and other services. Families are having a difficult time affording hygiene supplies, and their Hygiene Closet is running out of supplies.



The list of essential hygiene and home care items is inserted in this bulletin so you can take it with you when you go shopping. Please help us support women and children by bringing your donations to church on March 30. There's also a box in the Narthex if you'd like to drop off items before March 30. Please give generously! Thank you!



Seeking Volunteers for the Performing Arts Festival of the Eastside at St. Andrew's

Do you like to spend time with kids and listen to classical music? The Performing Arts Festival of the Eastside, hosted by St. Andrew's Lutheran Church (SALC) in Bellevue (one of our cluster churches), is looking for volunteers for this GREAT music festival! The musicians are kids—ages 8-18—who play piano, strings, and woodwinds.

This year it's being held from Tuesday, April 22-Saturday, April 26 (the week after Easter). Adults are there to help adjudicators and families. Volunteers do get a nice lunch!

The festival needs adults who can help out for a four-hour morning or afternoon shift that week. Joyce Arnold at SALC is the volunteer chair. You may have met Joyce at the Women's Retreat! For more information, email Joyce at VolunteerChair@pafenorthwest.org, check out the website pafenorthwest.org, or you can also talk with Debra Zadinsky.

Easter Brunch

**Sunday, April 20 at
11:00 a.m. in Anderson
Hall following worship**

Volunteers are needed to help create a festive, delicious Easter Brunch! If you can donate food, set up, cook, serve, and/or clean up, please contact Suzanne D'Errico at 425-445-6892 to sign up. On Saturday, April 19 at 10:30 a.m., volunteers will set up and cook. Thanks!



OSLC Announcements

Soup Supper and Holden Evening Prayer Continue on Wednesdays

On Wednesdays through April 9, please join us at 6:00 p.m. for a soup supper in Anderson Hall. At 6:45 p.m., we'll listen to a video greeting and devotion titled "Sumud Lenten Series 2025," with a theme for each week, created by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. At 7:00 p.m., Holden Evening Prayer will be in the sanctuary. Hope you can make it!



Serving in Worship Today

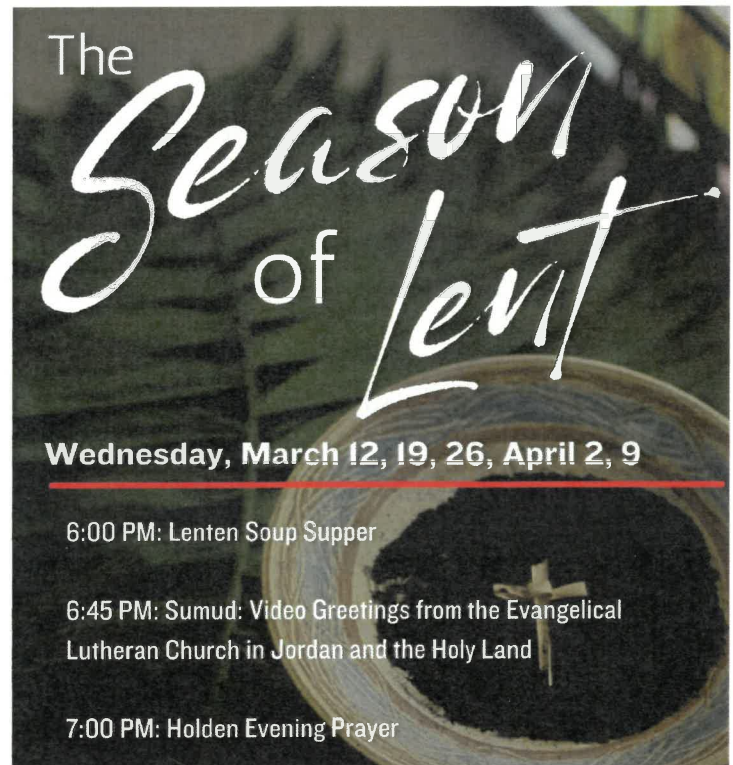
Presider: Pr. Olaf Baumann
Preacher: Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann
Assisting Minister: Connie F.
Pianist: David Liu
Ushers: Larry T. and Don R.
Altar Guild: Jean P. and Delaney C.
Sound/Videography: Gabby G. and Jon S.



Celebration of Life Gathering for Larry Harbolt on May 3

The family of Larry Harbolt is hosting a Celebration of Life gathering for Larry on Saturday, May 3 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Light refreshments will be served along with some great storytelling about Larry. This is a casual event, and the wearing of Seahawk colors is encouraged. All are welcome!

Here is the link to Larry's obituary:
<https://cadycremationservices.com/obituaries/laurence-ray-harbolt/>



The
Season of Lent

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

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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

10:00 AM **APRIL 13**
Palm/Passion Sun.

7:00 PM **APRIL 17**
Maundy Thursday

7:00 PM **APRIL 18**
Good Friday

10:00 AM **APRIL 20**
Easter Sunday



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OSLC Announcements

During Coffee Hour TODAY, Learn about Eastside Lutheran Church Community

TODAY, Sunday, March 23, during coffee and fellowship hour we'll hear from Carolyn Ferris, a representative from the Eastside Lutheran Cluster about the ELCC, Eastside Lutheran Church Community. A cluster is a regional grouping of churches, all belonging to the same synod. The ELCC is an exploration of how closely cluster churches can cooperate with each other. Hope you can make it!



Budget Requests Due by Friday, March 28

Budget preparation for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026) is underway. Emails and forms went out to point persons for committees and ministries. Please contact me (Wendy) if I missed you in the distribution, or if you know of or wish for something to be included in this upcoming budget. Please submit budget requests by Friday, March 28 to oslc_treasurer@hotmail.com.



Mourning the Death of Loved Ones:

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

- ◆ Larry Harbolt (son of Ray & Carol Harbolt)
- ◆ Shirley Witsoe
- ◆ Robert (Bobby) Enloe (twin brother of Dianne T.)

✝ Share & Prayer ✝

We invite you to include these people in your daily prayers. Please email office@oslcissaquah.org your prayer requests. 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
- ◆ **Dianne T.**, for her medications to work
- ◆ **Melinda N.**, who receives daily chemo treatments for brain cancer (daughter of Cheryl N.)
- ◆ 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.)
- ◆ **Sandy A.**, for the healing of her paralyzed vocal chord
- ◆ **Judi C.**, who was recently diagnosed with Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS), for successful treatment and quick healing (former OSLC member)
- ◆ **Peter R.**, who starts radiation for the shrinking of his brain tumor (OSLC's cleaner)
- ◆ **Lena S.**, for her complete recovery following hospitalization
- ◆ **Duane J.**, for the healing of neck problems



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.

MARCH 23—THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

**Presentation about Eastside Lutheran Church Community:
Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)**

Zadinsky Violin Class (Sanctuary)

New Creation Church (Youth Room)

MONDAY

3:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

MARCH 24

Companions Bible Study (Online)

Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)

Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

MARCH 25

Church Council (Online)

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

MARCH 26

Renters' Spreadsheet Meeting (Narthex)

Eastside Ministerial Meeting (Anderson Hall)

Lenten Soup Supper (Anderson Hall)

Holden Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

MARCH 27

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)

Al-Anon (Education Room)

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

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

MARCH 30—FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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.

