



Easter

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. Individual servings of bread & wine (red) or juice (white) await you; gluten-free bread is available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 18, 2025
10:00 a.m.



Our Savior Lutheran Church
745 Front Street South
Issaquah, WA 98027
425-392-4169

HOLY COMMUNION

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

PRELUDE

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness—Karl Osterland

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.

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.

**We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a
well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the
parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know
the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the
cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you
shower us again with the water of life.**

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for
all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who
thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the uni-
ty of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

WOV 671

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

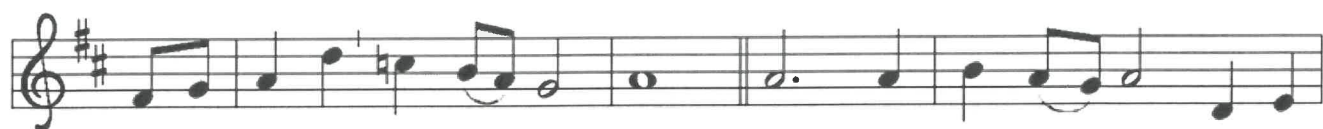


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



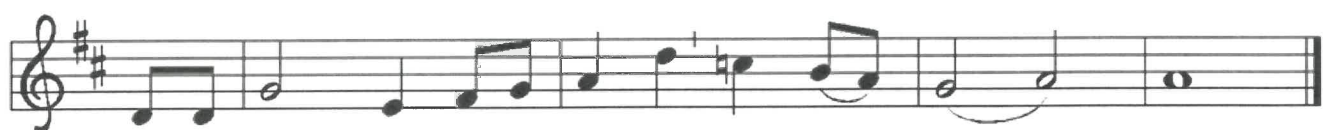
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

FIRST READING

Acts 6:1-7

¹ Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. ² And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³ Therefore, brothers and sisters, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, ⁴ while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." ⁵ What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶ They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷ The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

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

PSALM 148 (sung responsively)

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, heav- | en of heavens,

and you waters a- | bove the heavens.

⁵ Let them praise the name | of the Lord,

who commanded, and they | were created,

⁶ who made them stand fast forev- | er 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, do- | ing 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

Revelation 21:1-6

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth
had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jeru-
salem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her
husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them and be their God;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

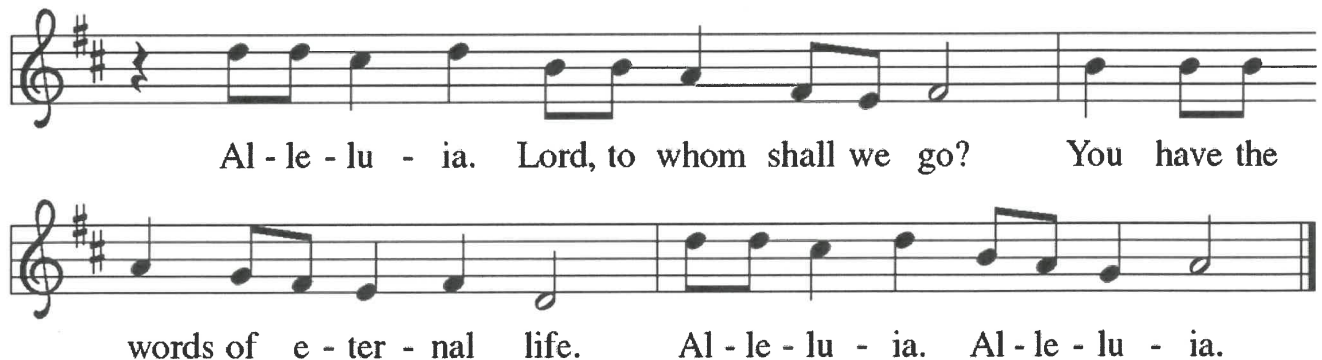
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all
things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶
Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and
the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of
life.”

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. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

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

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

A New Commandment (sing twice)

WOV 664

COMMISSIONING OF THE STEPHEN MINISTRY LAUNCH TEAM

The following people are commissioned as the Stephen Ministry Launch Team: Ann Thomas, Bonnie Brice, Brenda Webb, Jen Winslow, Lori Downey, Sandy Aldworth. We give thanks for their willingness to serve.

In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We rejoice now that these sisters in Christ will lead us as we launch our Stephen Ministry and seek better ways to communicate with each other, our families, and our neighbors.

A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (*1 Corinthians 12:4-7*)

You are to plan and administer the Stephen Ministry program at Our Savior and other local Lutheran Churches. You are to teach Stephen Ministry classes, publicize widely about this ministry, and identify potential lay caregivers and people who might benefit from care.

You are to see that all these efforts bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church. You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation and community.

The presiding minister addresses those being commissioned.

On behalf of your siblings in Christ, I ask you:
Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices
to which you are commissioned?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

The assembly stands. Those being commissioned face the assembly. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, I ask you:
Will you support these, your commissioned leaders,
and will you share in the mutual ministry
that Christ has given to all who are baptized?
We will, and we ask God to help us.

Those being commissioned face the presiding minister, who addresses them.

I now declare you commissioned as the Stephen Ministry Launch Team of this congregation. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.
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.

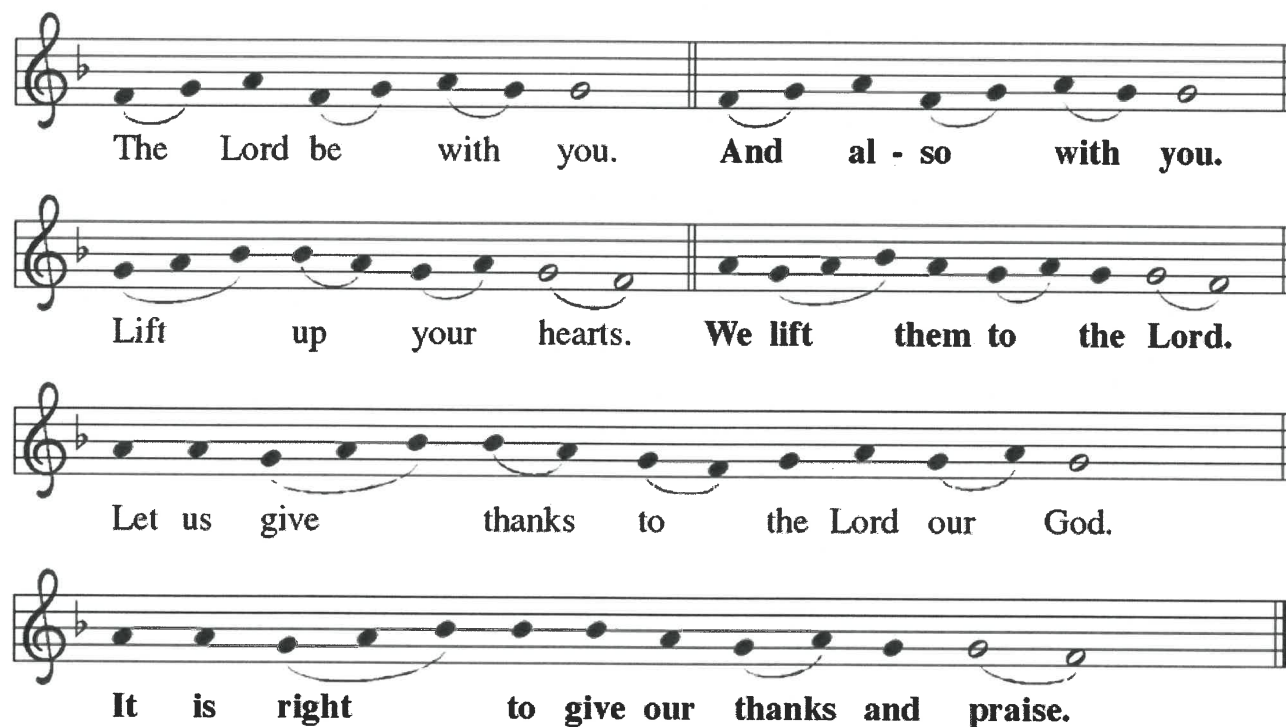
MEAL: GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.

TEMPLE TALK: JEN WINSLOW

OFFERING MUSIC *Beloved Jesus, Here We Stand*—Richard Purvis

OFFERING PRAYER

DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

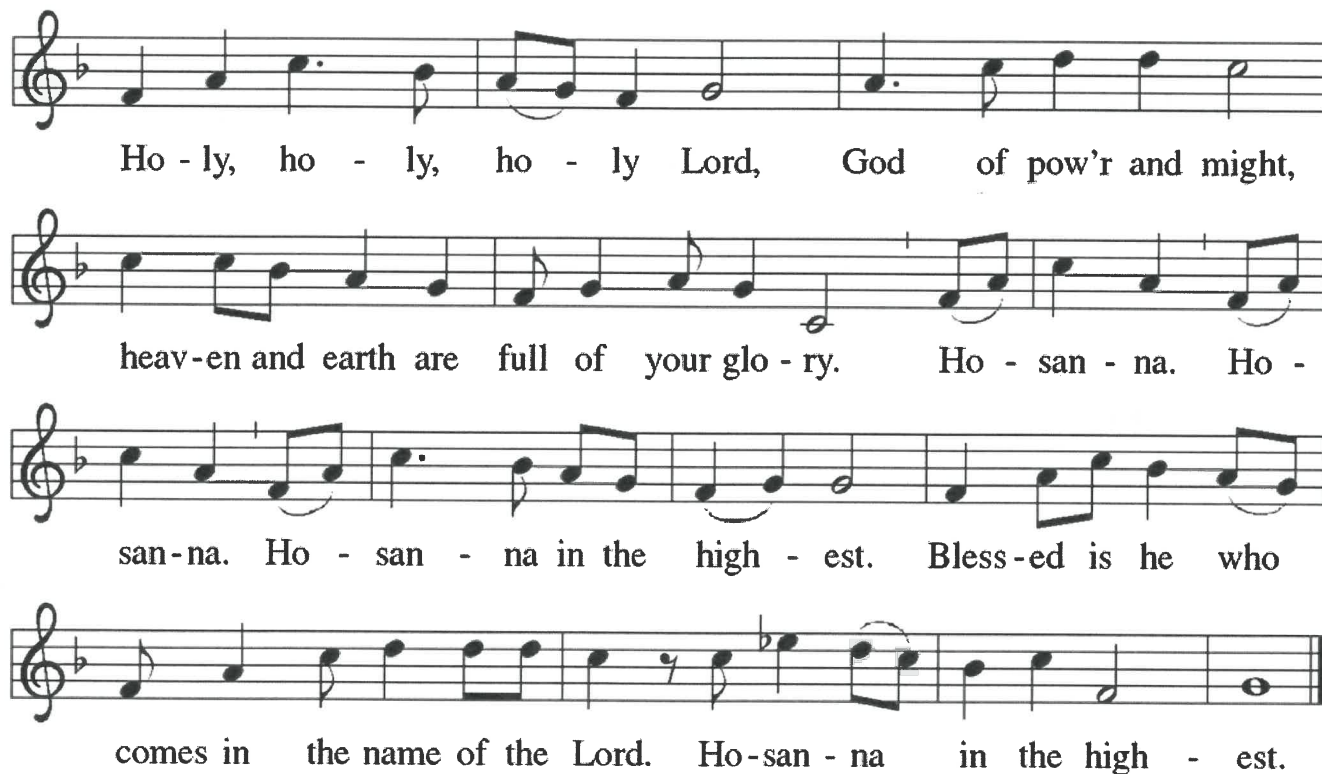
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. 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

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

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

One Bread, One Body **WOV 710**

Blessed Assurance **WOV 699**

What Feast of Love **WOV 701**

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED

Cheryl and Lou N.

Remi, Sienna, Gavin, and Ryan J. and Emily C.

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Praise to You, O God of Mercy

WOV 790

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *O Sing to the Lord* (Brazilian folk tune)—setting by Jeffrey Blersch

Serving in Worship Today

Presider:	Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann
Preacher:	Pr. Olaf Baumann
Assisting Minister:	Anne E.
Psalm Cantor:	Dave C.
Organist:	Jiyoung Lee
Ushers:	Anne E. and Mike A.
Altar Guild:	Jane W.
Sound/Videography:	Jon S.

OSLC Announcements

Food Drive for Issaquah Food Bank TODAY, May 18

TODAY, May 18, the Community Outreach Committee is holding a food drive for the Issaquah Food Bank. The Priority Needs List was inserted in last week's bulletin and weekly emails; there are copies in the narthex. There's a large box and table in the narthex to drop off donations.

Not able to go shopping? There will also be a box for monetary donations. Please make any checks out to Issaquah Food Bank. Cash is good too. Thank you for giving!

The Food Bank is also in need of brown paper grocery bags. They use hundreds each week.



Eastside PRIDE Event

Date: Sunday, June 22nd, 2025

Time: 12:00-2:00 pm

Place: Issaquah Library
10 W Sunset Way
Issaquah, WA

Giveaways- Pride flags, stickers, prepackaged snacks, and activities - face painting, coloring pages, and more. We'll have bubble makers, music, and joy & love to share with the community.

Hosted by Spirit of Peace United Church of Christ, Faith United Methodist Church, and Our Savior Lutheran Church



Mariners Game Group Event—Faith and Family Day

Saturday, August 2 at 1:10 p.m. at T-Mobile Park vs. the Texas Rangers

Come and join your fellow Mariners' fans at a baseball game! Joan Friel, the office administrator at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Kirkland, has secured a block of seats with her work church in the main level behind 1st base, and she is inviting OSLC to join them! Tickets are \$21 each. We'll watch the Seattle Mariners battle our A.L. West rival the Texas Rangers, and then after the game, there'll be a postgame concert and player panel. So grab your seats and enjoy a celebration of faith with your family, friends, and fellow community members! We have to give the Mariners' office final numbers a month in advance; **the registration deadline is Monday, June 30.** Please sign up online at <https://www.hslckirkland.org/ms-game> today! Questions? Contact Joan through the HSLC church office (425-823-2727 or office@hslckirkland.org).



OSLC Announcements

Preparing for OSLC's Annual Congregational Meeting

Budget Hearings: TODAY, Sunday, May 18 & Wednesday, May 21

Join us in the library today following worship to review the proposed 2025-2026 Mission & Ministry Operating Budget. If you can't stay after church, there will be another budget hearing on Wednesday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Get
beach budget
ready

Annual Congregational Meeting: Sunday, June 8

Join us on Sunday, June 8 in Anderson Hall immediately following worship as we set the church's course for next year. Agenda items include voting on the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Mission & Ministry Operating Budget and discussing mission priorities. Your attendance is important, and we hope to see you there!



Special Presentation NEXT Sunday, May 25 During Coffee Hour

Kadek Widantara, who educated us on Bali's unique Hindu religious beliefs last year, will be visiting OSLC again next Sunday, May 25! After worship, he'll provide a presentation on one of OSLC's Global Mission partners, SoleFamily Bali, and their compassionate work so that you can learn about and see OSLC's direct impact.

Also, have you ever heard of *Ogoh Ogoh*, *Nyepi* (the Day of Silence), or *Galungan* and *Kuningan*, the most important Balinese spiritual events? Kadek will explain these fascinating holidays, how each is observed, and their meaning and importance in Balinese religion. Come see why these colorful, elaborate, spiritual holidays are so unique and important to Balinese people.

Final Faith Formation Class

May 29 will be the final class of this faith formation series with Pr. Kristin-Luana at 12:00-1:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall or 7:00-8:00 p.m. on Zoom.

- ♦ **Thursday, May 29:** What are *adiaphora*; and why do we love them?

You can find the Zoom link in the weekly email and the May Focus.



Photo of Kadek Widantara submitted by Ken K.

OSLC Announcements

Jiyoung Lee's Organ Recital

OSLC's former organist Jiyoung Lee invites you to her free organ recital on Friday, May 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church, 7045 120th Ave NE, Kirkland.



Clergy Will Be Mandatory Reporters in Washington

On May 2, 2025, Governor Bob Ferguson signed Washington Senate Bill 5375 into law, designating clergy as mandatory reporters of suspected child abuse or neglect. The law requires clergy to report such suspicions to law enforcement or the Department of Children, Youth, and Families within 48 hours of becoming aware of the potential harm. Notably, this requirement applies even to disclosures made during confessions or counseling sessions. **The law will take effect on July 27, 2025.**

- **Mandatory Reporting:** Clergy members are now legally obligated to report suspected child abuse or neglect.
- **Scope:** This requirement includes any regularly licensed, accredited, or ordained minister, elder, or similarly positioned religious or spiritual leader.
- **Confidentiality:** Reporting is mandatory even for disclosures made during confessions or religious rites. However, clergy cannot be compelled to testify in court or criminal proceedings related to these cases.
- **Time Requirements:** Reports of suspected abuse or neglect must be filed within 48 hours of having reasonable cause to believe that a child has been harmed.

✚ 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.

- ♦ **Rand S.**, dealing with heart issues (Chuck B. and Wendy W.)
- ♦ Prayers for **Miyako G.** on her way to the Glorious Kingdom (Cheryl N.)
- ♦ **Lena S.**, for her complete recovery following hospitalization
- ♦ **Duane J.**, for the healing of neck problems
- ♦ **Peter R.**, who started radiation for the shrinking of his benign brain tumor (OSLC's cleaner)
- ♦ **Mary F.**, prayers for acceptance and adjustment to her new living place
- ♦ **Dianne T.**, for her medications to work
- ♦ **Beverly P.**, for prayers after her recent hospital stay
- ♦ **Diane M.**, prayers for no more infusions and progress towards maintenance

Mourning the Death of Loved Ones:

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

- ♦ **Carl Fetty** (father of Barbara F.-S. and father-in-law of Tom K.)



This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

3:00 p.m.

MAY 18—FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

Budget Hearing (Library)

New Creation Church Conference

MONDAY

3:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

MAY 19

Companions Bible Study (Online)

Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)

Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

MAY 20

Council Executive Committee (Online)

Boy Scout Troop 676 PLC (Anderson Hall)

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m.

MAY 21

Budget Hearing (Online)

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

MAY 22

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)

Al-Anon (Education Room)

SATURDAY

12:00 p.m.

MAY 24

*Funeral Service and Reception for Spirit of Peace Member
(Sanctuary and Anderson Hall)*

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

MAY 25—SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Special Presentation by Kadek Widantara: Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

New Creation Church

*Music lessons are held in all downstairs rooms throughout the week.

Emergency Pastoral Care

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