Easter

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; glutenfree 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.

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 4, 2025 10:00 a.m.



Our Savior Lutheran Church

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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.

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 unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

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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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

FIRST READING Acts 9:1-6

¹ Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 30 (sung responsively)

¹ I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lift- | ed me up and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.

² O Lord my God, I cried out to you,

and you restored | me to health.

³ You brought me up, O Lord, | from the dead;

you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

4 Sing praise to the Lord, | all you faithful; give thanks in ho- | ly remembrance.

⁵ God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime.

Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶ While I felt se- | cure, I said,

"I shall never | be disturbed.

⁷ You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong | as the mountains."

Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with fear.

⁸ I cried to | you, O Lord;

I pleaded with | my Lord, saying,

9 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?

Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?

¹⁰ Hear, O Lord, and have mer- cy upon me;

O Lord, be my helper."

¹¹ You have turned my wailing | into dancing;

you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.

12 Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing;

O Lord my God, I will give you | thanks forever.

SECOND READING

Revelation 5:11-14

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered

to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might

and honor and glory and blessing!"

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb

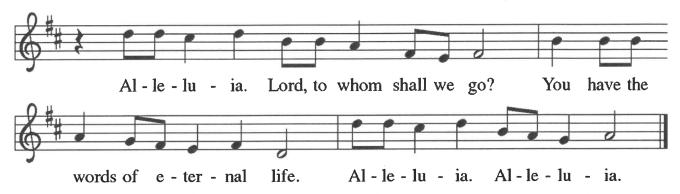
be blessing and honor and glory and might

forever and ever!"

¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshipped.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL John 21:1-19

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

¹ After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught."

¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

SERMON

Hymn of the Day At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (verses 1-4) ELW 362

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.

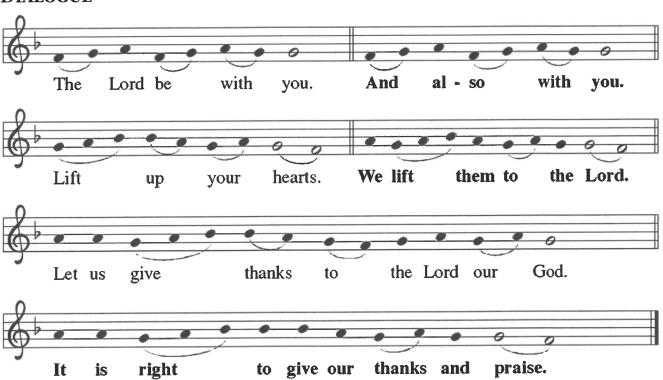
MEAL: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING STATEMENT

OFFERING MUSIC

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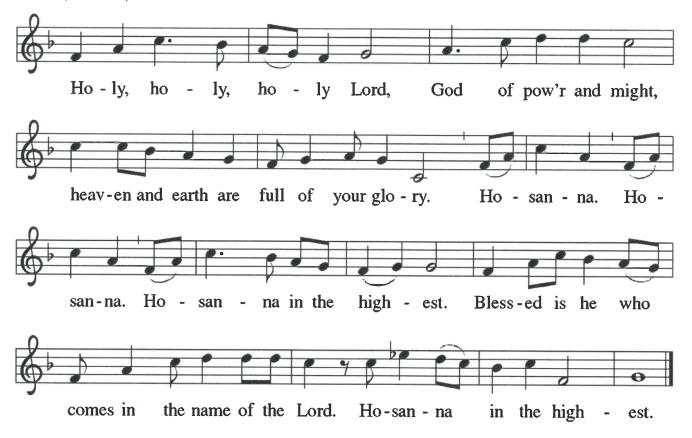
DIALOGUE



PREFACE

It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

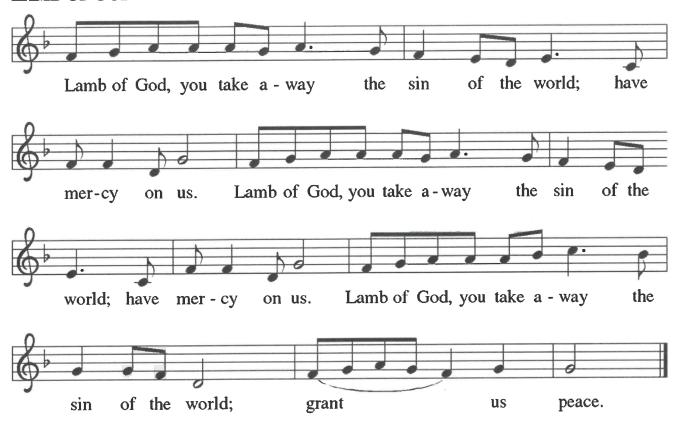
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION AT THE RAIL

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Thee We Adore, O Savior ELW 476

Beautiful Savior ELW 838

O Lord, We Praise You ELW 499

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

How Great Thou Art

ELW 856

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

OSLC Announcements

Thank You!

From Community Outreach Committee: Thank you to all for your generous donations last month for Vine Maple Place. They will be able to refresh their hygiene closet and support their residents. Very much appreciated!



From the Kitchen Crew:

A HUGE thank you to all who provided food, prepared the meal, set up, and helped with clean up for our Easter Brunch. It was truly a dedication of love and a gift to our congregation, friends, and family. Many positive comments were heard. The food kept coming in. The leftovers were put in the freezer to be used for upcoming meals and coffee hour. Thank you for always being willing to help.

Serving in Worship Today

Presider: Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann **Preacher:** Pr. Olaf Baumann **Assisting Minister:** Lori D. **Psalm Cantor:** Nora T. **Pianists:** David Liu **Ushers:** Larry T. and Rob G. **Altar Guild:** Stacy S. Sound/Videography: Gabby G.

Meet Your Neighbors at Coffee & Fellowship Hour TODAY, May 4

TODAY, Sunday, May 4, we'll hold our third "Meet Your Neighbor" gathering during the Coffee and Fellowship Hour after church services. You will be seated at tables with folks who live near you so you can learn who your neighbors are, get to know each other better, and perhaps decide to get together more frequently on your own.

Feedback from the first two meetings was positive, and some groups have already decided to meet on their own as another way to foster friendships and share their faith. These groups were established shortly after the bomb cyclone last November when it would have been helpful to know which OSLC members lived near us so we could perhaps have checked in on them or offered or requested some assistance. We hope to see you there!



Installation of the Stephen Ministers Leader Team on May 18 During worship on Sunday, May 18, the Stephen Ministers Leader Team will be installed. You can find more information about Stephen Ministers in the May Focus.

OSLC Announcements

Faith Formation at OSLC in May

You're invited to attend faith formation classes with Pr. Kristin-Luana every other Thursday in May to learn about bible translations, lectionaries, and *adiaphora*. The first class was on Thursday, May 1. They're held at 12:00-1:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall or 7:00-8:00 p.m. on Zoom:

- Thursday, May 15: What are lectionaries; and how do we use them?
- 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.



Special Presentation on 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 on May 25! He'll provide a presentation on one of OSLC's Global Mission partners, Sole-Family 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.

Preparing for OSLC's Annual Congregational Meeting

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

Join us in the library following worship on Sunday, May 18 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.

Due Date for Committee Reports: Thursday, May 15

For the church's Annual Report to be completed and distributed on May 25, committee chairs and church leaders need to submit their reports on or before Thursday, May 15. Please email your report to Cynthia at office@oslcissaquah.org.

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!



Photo of Kadek Widantara submitted by Ken K.

OSLC Announcements

Alleluia!: A Fundraising Worship with Northwest Afro Praise

Saturday, May 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary

Don't miss this beautiful worship and praise event, a partnership between New Creation Church and Our Savior Lutheran Church. This is a fundraiser for a Christian school (K-12) in Rihalo, Burkina Faso. Bring friends and family; this will be special!



Mourning the Death of Loved Ones:

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

- AJ Culver (former Issaquah mayor)
- **Jean Rhar** (good friend of Lois D.)

+ 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.)
- **Terry N.**, my 55-year-old Down Syndrome son who is suffering from Alzheimer's—my prayer is for a quick end to this because his life is no longer enjoyable (son of Helen & John 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)
- Chris T., who was recently diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and a perforated stomach (husband of the music director at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Savannah, GA, the church of Pr. Lynne, Sue J.'s sister)
- Mary F., prayers for acceptance and adjustment to her new living place
- **Dianne T.,** for her medications to work
- ◆ Judi C., who was recently diagnosed with Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS), for successful treatment and quick healing (former OSLC member)

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY May 4—Third Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m. Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00 a.m. Meet Your Neighbors: Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson

Hall)

12:30 p.m. New Creation Church (Youth Room)

4:30 p.m. Carlin Ma Piano Recital (Sanctuary)

MONDAY MAY 5

3:00 p.m. Companions Bible Study (Online)
7:00 p.m. Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)

7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

TUESDAY MAY 6

7:45 p.m. AA—Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)

WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m. May 7
Memorial Bells Practice (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY MAY 8
9:30 a.m. Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)

10:00 a.m. Al-Anon (Education Room)

10:00 a.m. Worship Planning Committee (Narthex)

SATURDAY MAY 10

10:00 a.m. Master Chorus Eastside Practice (Sanctuary)

NEXT SUNDAY
9:30 a.m.

MAY 11—FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

12:30 p.m. New Creation Church (Youth Room)

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



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