



OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sundays after Pentecost



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: "50"

The term *Pentecost* comes from a Greek word meaning "fiftieth." It refers to the festival celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover. In Christian tradition, Pentecost represents fulfillment of the promise that Christ will baptize his followers with the Holy Spirit.

LAST SUNDAY'S MUSIC CHOICES

Parish Musician David Liu often changes his choices for prelude, postlude, and offering music last minute, as the Spirit guides him. Here are last Sunday's choices:

August 10, 2025

Prelude: *Jesus Paid It All*—Arr. Victor Labenske

Offering Music: *Nocturne Op. 9, No. 2*—Chopin

Postlude: *Nocturne Op. 48, No. 1*—Chopin

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 17, 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 AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,
**you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of † Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River

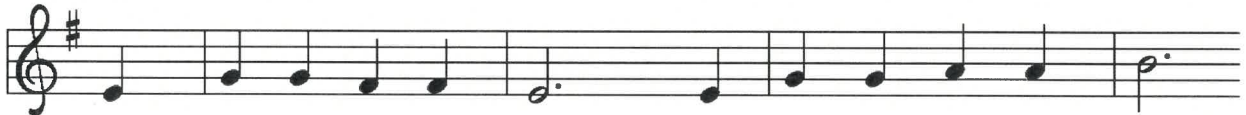
ELW 423

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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³ Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" ²⁶ How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷ They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

PSALM 82

¹ God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

² "How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?

³ Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

⁴ rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.

⁵ They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶ Now I say to you, 'You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;

⁷ nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.'"

⁸ Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.



SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-56

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

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹ “I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

By Gracious Powers

ELW 626

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, 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

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, 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

The kingdom of God is set before you.

Eat and rejoice.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION AT THE RAIL

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness ELW 488

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart ELW 484

United at the Table ELW 498

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessings

ELW 545

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

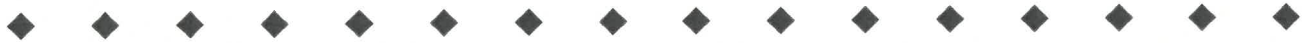
Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Minister & Preacher:	Pr. Jim Kruse
Assisting Minister:	Joan F.
Pianist:	David Liu
Ushers:	Rob G. and Bill S.
Altar Guild:	Jane W.
Sound/Videography:	Jon S.

OSLC Announcements

Thank You for Your Generosity!

The KidVantage Donation Drive was a HUGE success last Sunday, August 10. THANK YOU, OSLC MEMBERS! What great support from our members who brought items in as well as \$\$\$ donations of \$330 that bought additional items on their list. HUGE boxes of diapers and wipes were donated to create a FULL two tables for delivery. The \$330 bought blankets, infant clothing, formula, and premie and infant diapers: all sizes and many boxes plus wipes. Community Outreach Committee's budgeted amount of \$500 bought formula and personal care items. Delivery was made on Monday, August 11 at 7:00 p.m. after all clients of the day were helped. The photo that was taken of all donations will appear in the September Focus. Your Outreach Committee at work with the help of all. —Submitted by Dianne T.



Final Beach Church NEXT Wednesday, August 20!

We hope to see you at Beach Church on August 20 at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a dish and a beach chair.

Beach Church
at Lake Sammamish
Wednesdays, August 6, 13, 20, 6-7:30PM

We meet for potluck, grilled hotdogs, and smores; games and a swim; devotions and songs.

This is an intergenerational event for members and friends of Issaquah and Eastside churches.

Please bring a dish! Consider bringing your own table setting to reduce trash and recycle. And bring beach games, of course!

Directions: Drive West on E Lake Sammamish PKWY SE; just after Lake Sammamish Park Boat Loading Ramp Road, turn left on SE 44th St and drive to the Lakeshore.

OSLC Announcements

Thank You for Filling the BIG Coffee Pot on August 3

Sunday, August 3 was the 2nd of 12 “in-gatherings” for the coffee pot. We received \$829.50 in checks, bills, and change for Espresso Your Faith. Wow! THANK YOU for your generosity!

The next in-gathering for our Abundance Budget will be on Sunday, September 7.



Eleven Children Need Sponsors

Songea’s Kids has 11 children who need a sponsor so they can continue in school and help to support their parent or caregiver and siblings. These children are vulnerable or orphans and need our protection and support.

The children we support there who need to be remembered by name are Catherine, Sadafina, Theofrida, Fatina, Matha, Jackline, Hamadi, Yasini, and Shadracki.

Ashirafa has lost her mother this year and is in therapy to help her walk after a childhood accident. She is now 10 years old.

—Submitted by Paula S. and Steve K.

For more info.: www.songeaskids.org



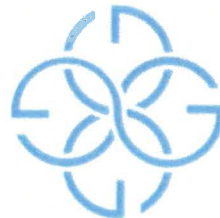
Building Hope - Transforming Lives

An all-volunteer, nonprofit dedicated to transforming the lives of orphans and vulnerable children in southern Tanzania.

Journey of Generosity Retreat

Journey of Generosity: Filled with meaning—free from pressure.

Most people who talk to you about money want something from you. Generous Giving is privately funded, so you will never be asked for money at our retreat. We want to give you the gift of conversation. We want to provide a pressure-free environment for you to listen to God and draw closer to Him. We don't want something from you – we want something for you.



September 5, Friday evening, 4:30-9:00 p.m.
September 6, Saturday morning, 8:00 a.m.-noon

Meals and refreshments are provided—both Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast. For more information, please contact Jeff Jewell at jewellvp21@gmail.com or 206-859-1304.



Lost and Found Items

Please check these spots and claim anything that’s yours:

- In Anderson Hall, there’s a gray bin labeled “lost items please claim” with items that don’t belong in OSLC’s kitchen: thick plastic cups, a blue blender bottle, a quart jar, etc.
- In the narthex, the Lost and Found shelf (in the large wood cabinet next to the offices) has reading glasses, music, a book, jewelry, etc. Jackets and a scarf are nearby on hangers, with water bottles and items above.

OSLC Announcements

Coffee Hour Help Needed TODAY, August 17

Since Lois D. will be out of town from August 8-19, we need extra coffee hour help TODAY, August 17. Volunteers are needed for coffee setup, hosting, and cleanup.



Pastors' Schedules

Pr. Kristin-Luana and Pr. Olaf are on vacation until Saturday, August 23 (while the new parsonage floor is installed).

TODAY, August 17, Pr. Jim Kruse is the guest preacher (while the pastors are away).

NEXT Sunday, August 24, Pr. Kristin-Luana will preach and preside here, and Pr. Olaf will preach at Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church.



OSLC Office Closed on Friday, August 22

The OSLC office will be closed on Friday, August 22. Cynthia is taking that day off (along with August 15) to spend time with her family before school starts. Thanks for your understanding.



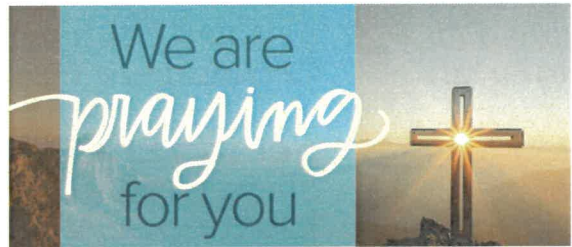
September Focus Newsletter Deadline: August 25

Monday, August 25 is the deadline for submitting articles, announcements, and photos for the September Focus. Please email your submissions to Cynthia at office@oslcissaquah.org. Thanks!

+ 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.

- ◆ **Lena S.**, for her complete recovery following hospitalization
- ◆ **Mary F.**, for healing and comfort
- ◆ **Dianne T.**, for her medications to work
- ◆ **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.

- ◆ **Marlene Pickering** (long-time, active member)
- ◆ **Tommie Troutman** (long-time, active member)
- ◆ **Beth Thompson** (long-time friend of Sandy A.)

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

AUGUST 17—TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR. KRUSE)

Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

ELCC Outdoor Community Worship (Ebright Creek Park)

Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

New Creation Church (Youth Room)

MONDAY

7:00 p.m.

AUGUST 18

Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

TUESDAY

7:45 p.m.

AUGUST 19

AA (Anderson Hall)

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

AUGUST 20

Beach Church at Lake Sammamish (Lake Sammamish Site)

Boy Scout Troop 676 PLC (Anderson Hall)

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

AUGUST 21

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)

Al-Anon (Education Room)

Community Meal Prep (Kitchen)

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

AUGUST 24—ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

New Creation Church (Youth Room)

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

Emergency Pastoral Care

Since Pr. Olaf and Pr. Kristin-Luana will be out of town until Saturday, August 23, please contact Pr. Krista Johnson at 206-473-7460 for emergency pastoral care.

Therefore,
since we are **surrounded** by
SO GREAT a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside
EVERY WEIGHT and SIN
which clings so closely,
and let us run with
ENDURANCE
the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the
FOUNDER & PERFECTER
of our faith, **JOY**
who for the **JOY**
that was set before him,
endured the cross,
despising the shame,
and is seated
at the right hand
of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12: 1-2

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