



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 24, 2025

Prelude: *Nocturne Op. 48 No. 2*—Chopin

Offering Music: *"Pathétique" Sonata Movement 2*—Beethoven

Postlude: *Amazing Grace*—Arr. Victor Labensky

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Sunday, August 31, 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**

### **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**

*Gather Us In*

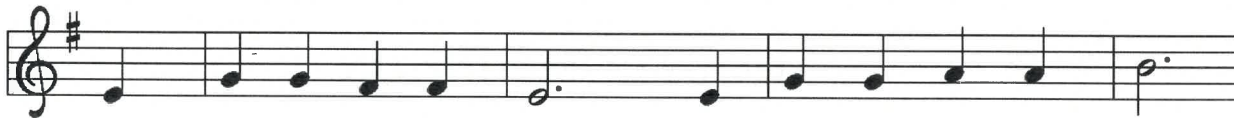
WOV 718

## 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

Proverbs 25:6-7a

- <sup>6</sup> Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great,  
<sup>7a</sup> for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

### PSALM 112

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord  
**and have great delight in God's commandments!**  
<sup>2</sup> Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
**the generation of the upright will be blessed.**  
<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
**and their righteousness will last forever.**  
<sup>4</sup> Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
**the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**  
<sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be generous in lending  
**and to manage their affairs with justice.**  
<sup>6</sup> For they will never be shaken;  
**the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**  
<sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
**their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.**  
<sup>8</sup> Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
**until they see their desire upon their enemies.**  
<sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;  
**they will hold up their head with honor.**  
<sup>10</sup> The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;  
**the desires of the wicked will perish.**

### SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

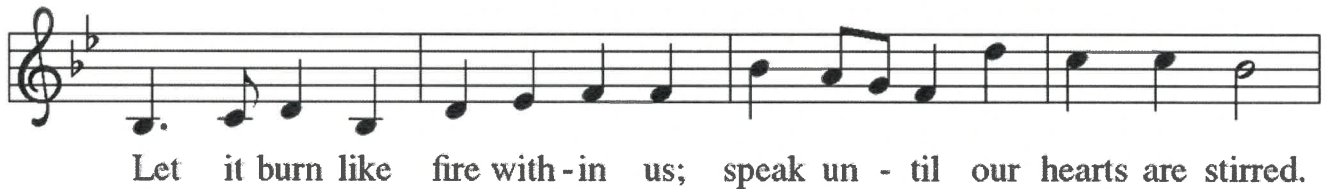
- <sup>1</sup> Let mutual affection continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence,  
"The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.  
What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

<sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### THE GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

<sup>1</sup> On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or

rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*I Exalt Thee* (see insert)

### **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

*As the Grains of Wheat* WOV 705

*Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup* WOV 706

*Blessed Assurance* WOV 699

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

### BENEDICTION

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SENDING HYMN

*Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

WOV 722

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

DO NOT NEGLECT TO SHOW  
HOSPITALITY TO STRANGERS, FOR  
BY SO DOING SOME PEOPLE HAVE  
ENTERTAINED ANGELS WITHOUT  
KNOWING IT.

- HEBREWS 13:2

### **Serving in Worship Today**

**Presiding Minister & Preacher:**

Pr. Olaf Baumann

**Assisting Minister:** Lori D.

**Pianist:** David Liu

**Ushers:** Don R. and Larry T.

**Altar Guild:** Barbara F.-S.

**Sound/Videography:** Jon S.

# OSLC Announcements

## Fill the BIG Coffee Pot NEXT Sunday, September 7

“Espresso Your Faith—one cup at a time.” NEXT Sunday, September 7 is our next “ingathering.” July = \$321.50 and August = \$829.50. Can we beat those numbers this month? Clean out the junk drawer? Check your pockets? How about the ashtray in the car? And, don’t forget, bring whatever you have collected in your coffee-cup-piggy-bank.

Please continue to pray for the projects represented and supported by the 2025-2026 budget. Contact Wendy at [oslc\\_treasurer@hotmail.com](mailto:oslc_treasurer@hotmail.com) if you need help in increasing your electronic giving.

Submitted by  
Wendy Winslow,  
OSLC Treasurer



GIVE BOLDLY,  
ONE COFFEE AT A TIME

## Food Drive NEXT Sunday, September 7

NEXT Sunday, September 7, the Community Outreach Committee will hold a Food Drive for the Issaquah Food Bank. The need continues to grow because of cuts to food benefits and government funding, as well as the increase in the cost of living.

There’s a table in the Narthex to drop food and hygiene donations through September 7. The updated Issaquah Food Bank Priority Needs List was inserted into last week’s bulletin and two weekly emails; copies are also available in the narthex. Your support is greatly appreciated.



## Pr. John Rutsindintwarane to Speak at SHLC on September 12

From an email from St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church: We have an opportunity to hear from an extraordinary pastor, community organizer, visionary, and faith leader. Pastor John Rutsindintwarane will be at Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church on Friday, September 12 at 6:00 p.m. There will be a Zoom option for those who cannot attend in person. Please mark this on your calendar!

Friday, September 12  
6:00 PM



Come to hear and learn from  
Pastor John Rutsindintwarane  
at Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church



# OSLC Announcements

## *Searching for the Historical Jesus Video Series Starts Sept. 25*

Please mark your calendars for The Great Courses' *Searching for the Historical Jesus* Video Series at OSLC on Thursdays from September 25-January 22.

It's presented by Jean-Pierre Isbouts, DLitt (on video); and facilitated by Pr. Olaf at OSLC.

This 15-part series explores the life and times of Jesus of Nazareth within the historical, cultural, and political context of first-century Judea. Rather than focusing solely on theology, Dr. Isbouts examines the "rabbi from Galilee" as a historical figure whose teachings and actions sparked the world's largest religion.

Filmed on location in Israel and Jordan, the course draws on archaeology, the Gospels, Josephus, and recent scholarship to illuminate Jesus's world—Galilee's poverty, Roman exploitation, and the diversity of Jewish thought.

There are 15 Sessions total. Every session features a 20-25 minute video segment followed by a time for questions and discussion led by Pr. Olaf. All sessions are 1 hour long. Starting on Thursday, September 25 at 12 PM in person and 7 PM on Zoom, and ending on January 22.

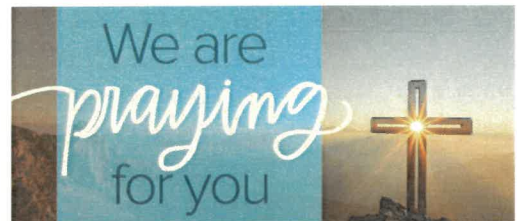
For a detailed outline, follow this QR code to the course page on The Great Courses' webpage.



## ✦ Share & Prayer ✦

*We invite you to include these people in your daily prayers. Please email [office@oslccissaquah.org](mailto:office@oslccissaquah.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
- ◆ **Dave C.**, for healing



## Pastors' Schedules

Pr. Olaf will be preacher and presider today since Pr. Kristin-Luana is preaching at Spirit of Peace.

The OSLC Office will be closed on Monday, September 1 for Labor Day.



# 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 31—TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)*

**Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

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

*New Creation Church (Youth Room)*

## MONDAY

7:00 p.m.

## **SEPTEMBER 1—OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY.**

*Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)*

## TUESDAY

7:45 p.m.

## **SEPTEMBER 2**

*AA (Anderson Hall)*

## THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

2:00 p.m.

## **SEPTEMBER 4**

**Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)**

*Al-Anon (Education Room)*

**Communion Service at Timber Ridge—SALC-led (Timber Ridge Retirement Community)**

## NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

11:10 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

## **SEPTEMBER 7—FIRST SUNDAY IN SEASON OF CREATION**

**(THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST)**

*Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)*

**Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

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

**Food Drive for Issaquah Food Bank (Narthex)**

**Espresso Your Faith Budget Ingathering (Narthex)**

**Monthly Melody Song Practice with the Choir (Sanctuary)**

*New Creation Church (Youth Room)*

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.



*Garden of Peace*  
Isaiah 32:14-18

# **PEACE WITH CREATION**

**SEASON OF CREATION 2025**

**The Season of Creation starts NEXT Sunday, September 7 and lasts through Sunday, October 5.**

**You can read more about this year's "Peace with Creation" theme as well as Season of Creation events in the September Focus newsletter.**

