



OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH



PEACE WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

Garden of Peace
Isaiah 32:14-18



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:

September 14, 2025

Prelude: *Pathetique, Movement 2*—Beethoven

Offering Music: *Amazing Grace*—Arr. Victor Labensky

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

**Third Sunday of Season of Creation/
15th Sunday after Pentecost**
Sunday, September 21, 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 looks upon us in compassion,
forgives our sin,
and heals our lives.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Have mercy, O God,
**against you, you alone,
we have sinned.**

**In your compassion,
cleanse us from our sin
and take away our guilt.
Create in us a new heart
and give us a steadfast spirit.**

**Do not cast us away,
but fill us with your Holy Spirit
and restore your joy within us.
Amen.**

As tender as parent to child,
so deep is God's compassion for you.
As high as heaven is above earth,
so vast is God's love for you.
As far as east is from west,
so far God removes your sin from you,
renewing your life through Jesus Christ.
Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.
Blessed be God forever.

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.

SONG OF PRAISE



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE SEASON

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

FIRST READING

Numbers 22:21-35

²¹ So Balaam got up in the morning, saddled his donkey, and went with the officials of Moab.

²² God's anger was kindled because he was going, and the angel of the LORD took his stand in the road as his adversary. Now he was riding on the donkey, and his two servants were with him. ²³ The donkey saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road, with a drawn sword in his hand, so the donkey turned off the road and went into the field, and Balaam struck the donkey, to turn it back onto the road. ²⁴ Then the angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, with a wall on either side. ²⁵ When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, it scraped against the wall and scraped Balaam's foot against the wall, so he struck it again. ²⁶ Then the angel of the LORD went ahead and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right or to the left. ²⁷ When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, it lay down under Balaam, and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the donkey with his staff. ²⁸ Then the LORD opened the mouth of the donkey, and it said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?" ²⁹ Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you have made a fool of me! I wish I had a sword in my hand! I would kill you right now!" ³⁰ But the donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey, which you have ridden all your life to this day? Have I been in the habit of treating you this way?" And he said, "No."

³¹ Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road, with his drawn sword in his hand, and he bowed down, falling on his face. ³² The angel of the LORD said to him, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? I have come out as an adversary because your way is perverse before me. ³³ The donkey saw me and turned away from me these three times. If it had not turned away from me, surely just now I would have killed you and let it live." ³⁴ Then Balaam said to the angel of the LORD, "I have sinned, for I did not know that you were standing in the road to oppose me. Now therefore, if it is displeasing to you, I will return home." ³⁵ The angel of the LORD said to Balaam, "Go with the men, but speak only what I tell you to speak." So Balaam went on with the officials of Balak.

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



PSALM 113

¹ Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord;
praise the name of the Lord.

² Let the name of the Lord be blessed,
from this time forth forevermore.

³ From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the Lord be praised.

⁴ The Lord is high above all nations;
God's glory above the heavens.

⁵ Who is like the Lord our God,
who sits enthroned on high,

⁶ but stoops to behold
the heavens and the earth?

⁷ The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

⁸ enthroning them with the rulers,
with the rulers of the people.

⁹ The Lord makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-4

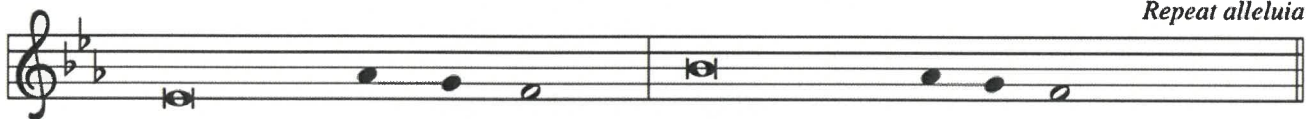
¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



Repeat alleluia

Our hearts burn with - in us as you open to us the scriptures.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 6:43-44

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

⁴³ “No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; ⁴⁴ for each tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a bramble bush.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

ELW 777

ISAIAH 32:14-18

¹⁴ For the palace will be forsaken,
the populous city deserted;
**the hill and the watchtower
will become dens forever,**
the joy of wild asses,
a pasture for flocks;

¹⁵ **until a spirit from on high is poured out on us,
and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field is deemed a forest.**

¹⁶ Then justice will dwell in the wilderness
and righteousness abide in the fruitful field.

¹⁷ **The effect of righteousness will be peace,
and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever.**

¹⁸ My people will abide in a peaceful habitation,
in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

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

For the Beauty of the Earth—Arr. Hopson

Choral Ensemble
David Liu, Piano

OFFERING PRAYER

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

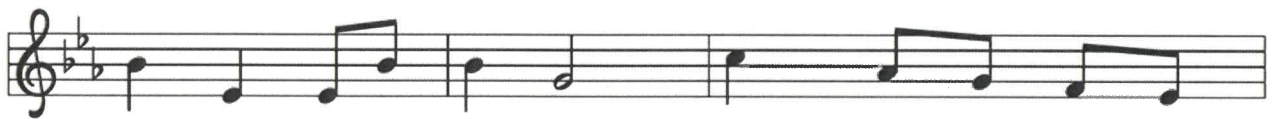
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



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



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

O God triune, how majestic
is your name in all the earth. . . .

Sustained by these wonders,
we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory. . . .

Receiving this mystery,
we mortals sing our song:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory. . . .

Gathered around this table,
we your children unite in this song:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory. . . .

Empowered by your promises,
we rise from our deaths
to praise you again:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

Amen, and amen.
Amen, and amen.

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

BE KNOWN TO US



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



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



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



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

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

You Are the Way ELW 758

Now We Join in Celebration ELW 462

Praise and Thanksgiving ELW 689

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

O God of Mercy, God of Light

ELW 714

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

OSLC Announcements

***Searching for the Historical Jesus* Video Series Starts THIS Thursday, September 25**

The Great Courses' *Searching for the Historical Jesus* Video Series starts THIS Thursday, September 25 at 12 p.m. in Anderson Hall and 7 p.m. on Zoom and ends on Thursday, January 22. All sessions are 1 hour long.

It's presented by Jean-Pierre Isbouts, DLitt (on video); and facilitated by Pr. Olaf at OSLC. Every session features a 20-25 minute video segment followed by a time for questions and discussion led by Pr. Olaf.

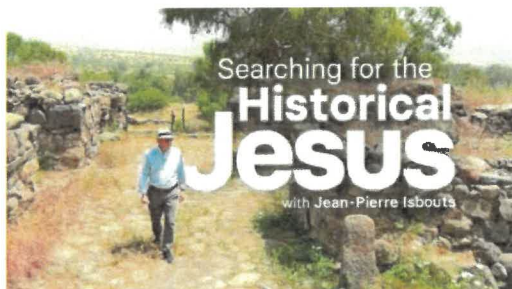
This 15-part series explores the life and times of Jesus of Nazareth within the historical, cultural, and political context of first-century Judea. Rather than focusing solely on theology, Dr. Isbouts examines the "rabbi from Galilee" as a historical figure whose teachings and actions sparked the world's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

Course Update from Pr. Olaf:

For the *Searching for the Historical Jesus* course, we'll be meeting on Thursdays at 12:00 p.m. (in person) and 7:00 p.m. (Zoom).

Before our sessions, please download the book. If you didn't get a printed copy of the questions, download the questions with the second QR code. Also, take a look at the chapter in the book about the upcoming session.



Use this QR Code to download the book.



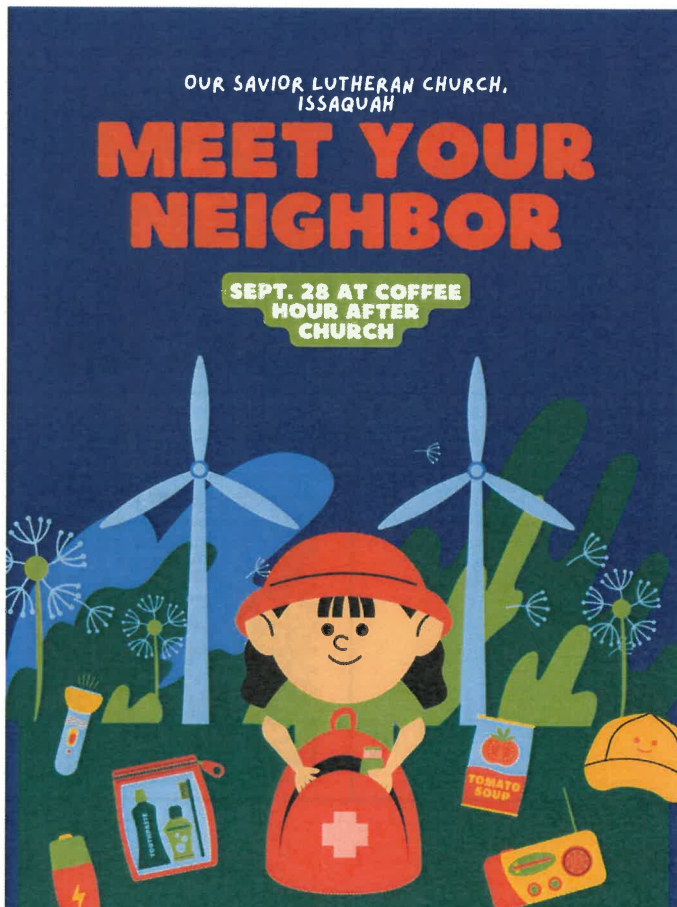
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OSLC Announcements

Meet Your Neighbor at Coffee & Fellowship Hour NEXT Sunday, September 28

NEXT Sunday, September 28, we will hold another “Meet Your Neighbor” gathering during the Coffee and Fellowship Hour after church services. You can sit 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. These gatherings have been enjoyable, and some groups have already decided to meet on their own as another way to foster friendships and share their faith.



TODAY, Sunday, Sept. 21: Peace Rock Painting for Families with Children

Peace Rock Painting

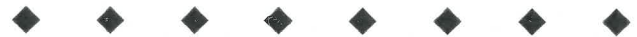
For Families with Children

Sunday, September 21, 2025, 3 PM

Anderson Hall



Sunday morning Peace Rock Painting continues as usual TODAY, September 21 at 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall.



**October Focus Deadline:
TOMORROW, Monday, Sept. 22**

TOMORROW, Monday, September 22 is the deadline for submitting articles, announcements, and photos for the October Focus newsletter. Adding your photos to the Focus makes it more fun and engaging. Please submit items to Cynthia at office@oslcissaquah.org. Thanks!

OSLC Announcements

Memorial Service for Odrun Pickering on October 3

Odrun Pickering, a former OSLC member, passed away a few days ago. She was 94 years old. On Friday, October 3 at 11:00 a.m., her family will hold a gathering in the narthex with a memory slide show and viewing. At 11:30 a.m., there will be a memorial service in the sanctuary. Following the service, she will be buried at Hillside Cemetery in Issaquah.



Fill the BIG Coffee Pot on Sunday, October 5!

On Sunday, September 7 we received \$281 for Espresso Your Faith. THANK YOU for your generosity!

Please continue to gather your coins and cash since the next ingathering for our Abundance Budget will be on Sunday, October 5.



GIVE BOLDLY,
ONE COFFEE AT A TIME



Thank You for Your Generous Food Drive Donations

Thank you for your generous donations to the Issaquah Food Bank on September 7. The food and \$135 cash donations will help the food bank address the rising need in our community.

Submitted by the Community Outreach Committee



✦ 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.**, 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.

- ◆ **Dave Carlson** (husband of Marilyn)
- ◆ **Ann Baseler** (mother of Randy B.)
- ◆ **Odrun Pickering** (former member)



Serving in Worship Today

- Presiding Minister:** Pr. Olaf Baumann
- Preacher:** Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann
- Assisting Minister:** Joan F.
- Pianist:** David Liu
- Ushers:** Anne E. and Don R.
- Altar Guild:** Stacy S.
- Sound/Videography:** Tom K. and Anne E.

ELCC and NW Synod Announcements

Confirmation Class Starting Soon

Exciting news! The Eastside Lutheran Church Community (ELCC) is starting a joint Confirmation Class. The group will usually meet every second Sunday of the month from 4-7 p.m. If you know a youth who might be interested in this program, please let Pr. Kristin-Luana know.



Shared Trips 2025-2026

Details from Doug Johnson, Director of Youth and Family Ministries,
Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church & Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church

Synod-wide Fall Youth Retreat

November 7-9, 2025, Middle and high school youth, Black Diamond Camp, Auburn
If people are interested, I would love for our group to travel together and even room together during the fall retreat. If you are interested in partnering, let the group know.

Synod-wide Spring Elementary Retreat

March 2026 TBD (likely March 13-14), Elementary-age children, Camp Lutherwood, Bellingham

This is a yearly synod-wide retreat for elementary age children. More information will be coming this winter.

May Youth Weekend at Holden Village

May 2026 TBD (14-17 or 22-24), Current 8-12 grade youth

Last year a few of our congregations partnered in registering and traveling together for the May Youth Weekend. Please consider if you would be interested in partnering this year. More information will be coming late fall or early winter.

Summer Mission Trip—Lantern Hill, Mexico

June 26-July 2, 2026, Cost: \$700 per person plus airfare and other accommodations (additional hotels, shuttles, etc.); Who can come: All ages, an intergenerational mission trip!

This is not your normal mission trip. You, as a participant, will be part of the leadership and planning of this trip, using your gifts and talents to help shape what we do over the course of our time with the wonderful people of Lantern Hill. The main goal of this trip is to learn and grow in relationship with the people of Lantern Hill, not to come and “fix” their problems. During the course of the trip, you could help to prep a meal in the kitchen, tutor a student, play games or soccer with the kids, help build, or whatever you and our team decides in partnership with the people of Lantern Hill! While you are there you will experience the people, the community, the food, and the hospitality of the Lantern Hill Community. If you want to know more, you are invited to join an informational Zoom Meeting on October 7 at 6:30 p.m.

For more details, including Zoom link, email Doug at doug@salc.church or doug@shlc.org.

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

**SEPTEMBER 21—THIRD SUNDAY OF SEASON OF CREATION
(15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST)**

9:30 a.m. *Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)*
10:00 a.m. **Worship Service (Sanctuary)**
11:00 a.m. **Coffee & Fellowship Hour with Peace Rock Painting
(Anderson Hall)**
12:30 p.m. *New Creation Church (Youth Room)*
3:00 p.m. **Peace Rock Painting for Families (Anderson Hall)**

MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 22

10:30 a.m. **Congregational Care Ministry (Library)**
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

SEPTEMBER 23

7:00 p.m. **Council Executive Committee (Online)**
7:45 p.m. *AA (Anderson Hall)*

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 25

9:30 a.m. **Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)**
10:00 a.m. *Al-Anon (Education Room)*
6:00 p.m. *New Creation Church Bible Study (Library)*

NEXT SUNDAY

**SEPTEMBER 28—FOURTH SUNDAY OF SEASON OF CREATION
(16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST)**

9:30 a.m. *Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)*
10:00 a.m. **Worship Service (Sanctuary)**
11:00 a.m. **Coffee & Fellowship Hour with Peace Rock Painting
(Anderson Hall)**
12:30 p.m. *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.

