

Advent

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: "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:

November 23, 2025

Prelude: *Jesus Paid It All*—Victor Labensky

Offering: *Amazing Grace*—Victor Labensky

Postlude: *Glorify Thy Name*—Mark Hayes

First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 30, 2025
10:00 a.m.
WOV Holy Communion Setting Four:
Light of Christ



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

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

People Look East

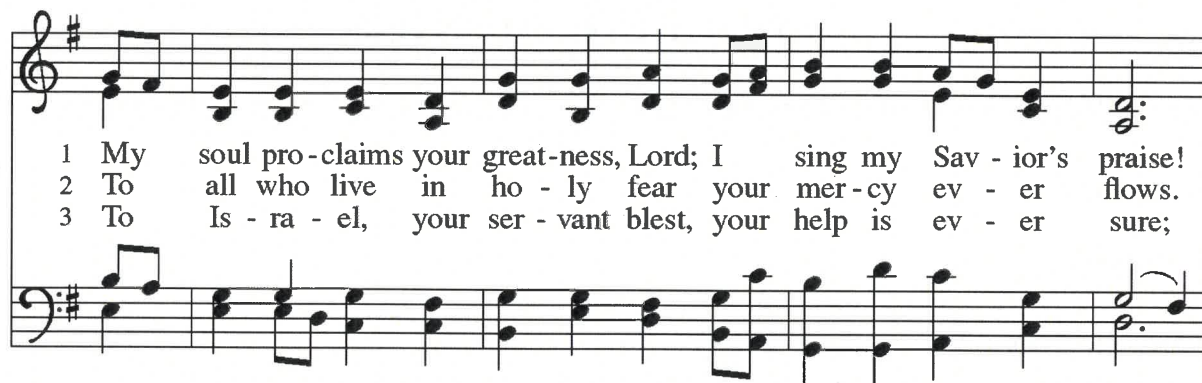
ELW 248

GREETING

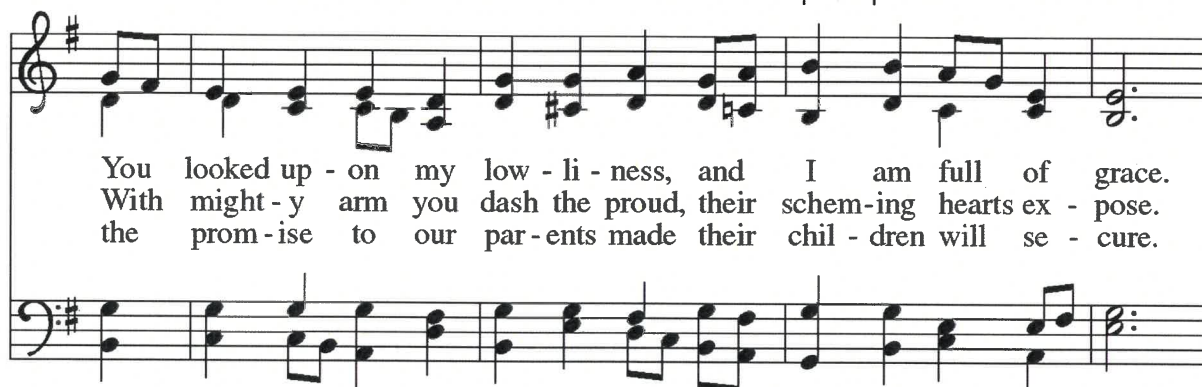
The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

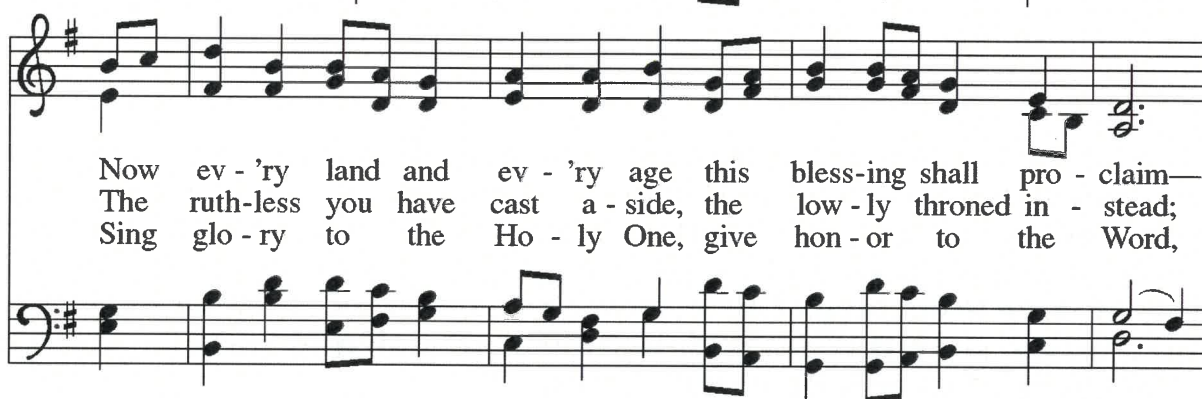
SONG OF PRAISE *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness* ELW 251



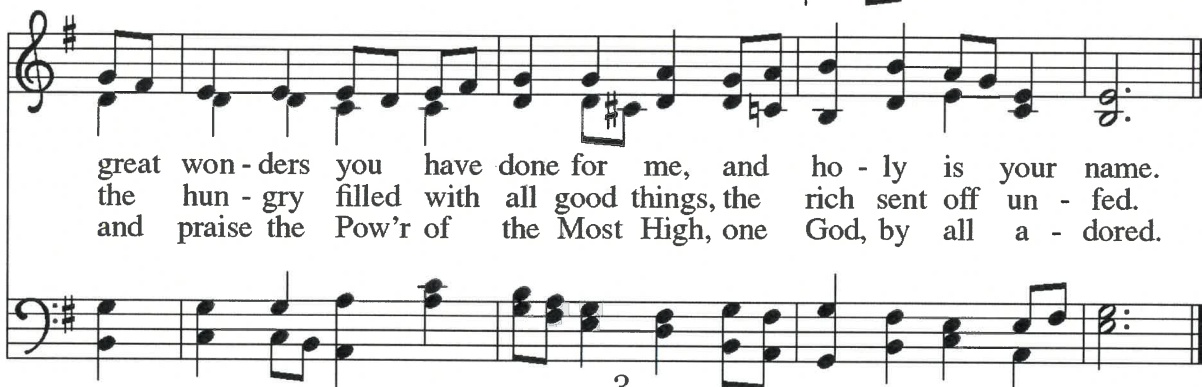
1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav-ior's praise!
2 To all who live in ho-ly fear your mer-cy ev-er flows.
3 To Is-ra-el, your ser-vant blest, your help is ev-er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.
the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—
The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (ELW 240), verse 1
(sing once during processional and once during recessional)



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

PSALM 122 (sung responsively)

- ¹ I was glad when they | said to me,
“Let us go to the house | of the Lord.”
- ² Now our | feet are standing
within your gates, | O Jerusalem.
- ³ Jerusalem is built | as a city
that is at unity | with itself;
- ⁴ to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the Lord.
- ⁵ For there are the | thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the | house of David.
- ⁶ Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem:
“May they pros- | per who love you.
- ⁷ Peace be with- | in your walls
and quietness with- | in your towers.
- ⁸ For the sake of my kindred | and companions,
I pray for | your prosperity.
- ⁹ Because of the house of the | Lord our God,
I will seek to | do you good.”

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 24th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶ “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

ELW 436

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

We are grateful for offerings for the mission of the church. You may give here in the pews, use the QR code in the bulletin, or go online at oslcissaquah.org. Thank you so much for your generosity.



OFFERING MUSIC

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

(As the offering is brought to the altar, we will sing.)

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, fill to the brim our
cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u-nite them with the
prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence,
and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

The musical score consists of six staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and a treble clef. The music is written in a simple, melodic style suitable for congregational singing.

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

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and a triplet of eighth notes on the second staff.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed, 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, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *Now We Join in Celebration* ELW 462

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly ELW 461

As the Grains of Wheat ELW 465

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

♩ Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev- 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who
seek the Lord re - joice, re - joice and
bear Christ's ho - ly name. Send us, O God, with your
prom - is - es, and lead us forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW 551

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

OSLC Announcements

Advent/Christmas Setup Continues TODAY

After worship TODAY, November 30, we'll put up the rest of the Advent and Christmas decorations. The more people who can help, the better! Many hands make light work.

Thank you to those who helped set up the large Christmas tree, Advent wreath, and other decor in the sanctuary last Sunday.

December's Monthly Melody: First Practice TODAY

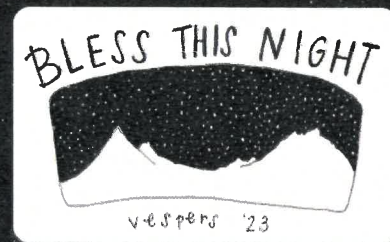
The choir's Monthly Melody selection for December is *In the Bleak Midwinter*. The first practice will be TODAY, November 30 from 11:10 a.m.-noon in the sanctuary. The second practice will be before church on Sunday, December 14 from 9:00-9:40 a.m. in the sanctuary. We'll sing during Offering on Sunday, December 14. You're invited to join us!

Advent Evening Prayer TONIGHT

TONIGHT, Sunday, November 30, we'll have Advent Evening Prayer in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m., followed by treats and fellowship in Anderson Hall at 6:30 p.m. *Bless This Night* is a prayer service that was designed for Holden.

Pr. Mark from St. Luke's Lutheran Church and others from our area have written and composed it. They'll introduce the service at 5:00 p.m., with an opportunity to practice the singing. The prayer service will start at 6:00 p.m.

Advent Evening Prayer



Sunday, November 30, 2025
@ Our Savior Lutheran Church
745 Front St S, Issaquah WA 98027

5pm Preview Session with the Writers
6pm Worship
6:30pm Treats & Fellowship

An Eastside Lutheran Church Community & Partners Event

Final Focus Deadline TOMORROW

Because of the church office being closed on November 27 & 28, you have one more chance to submit items for the December/January Focus issue! Please email any items to office@oslccissaquah.org by **Monday, December 1**. That's when Cynthia will return from Thanksgiving break and start focusing on the Focus. Thanks!

Communion Service at Timber Ridge on December 4

OSLC will lead the Communion Service on Thursday, December 4 at 2:00 p.m. at Timber Ridge Retirement Community.

OSLC Announcements

Christmas Giving Trees with Gift Tags Start TODAY, November 30

Starting TODAY, November 30, you'll see two Christmas trees in the narthex with gift tags, one for Vine Maple Place and one for the OSLC Benevolence Fund.

Please take a tag (or more than one!) and purchase a gift card for either Vine Maple Place or the OSLC Benevolence Fund to give out to people in need. Each tag lists either "Vine Maple Place" or "OSLC" and the amount and type of gift card.

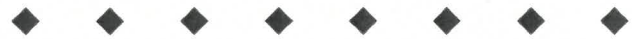
We'll collect the gift cards NEXT Sunday, December 7 and Sunday, December 14. Again, we can't thank you enough for your support of the people in our community.

—Submitted by Cheryl L.



Semi-Annual Meeting NEXT Sunday, December 7

NEXT Sunday, December 7 is OSLC's Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting in Anderson Hall following worship. Agenda items include voting to elect a few new Council members (since some Council terms are expiring on January 1). We hope you can make it to this important meeting!



Coffee Hour Thank You's

Thank you to the Congregational Care Committee and Sharlene F. for the delicious and plentiful treats on November 16. Also, thank you to the Congregational Care Committee for the needed help with setup and cleanup. All you did was greatly appreciated.

This past Sunday, November 23, new member Joyce L. and Ann T. provided yummy treats. Several others brought in additional treats that just appeared on the table. Thank you to Guy M., Chuck B., and all who have helped with clean up. It's such a timesaver and so very helpful.

Please remember to sign up for treats; the signup poster is in the narthex.

There will be no coffee hour after the Christmas Eve service on December 24.

However, Sunday, December 28 will be the chance for anyone who would like to share any holiday treats. Please bring them ready to serve. Also, remember to take home any leftovers and your dish. Thank you!—Submitted by Lois D.

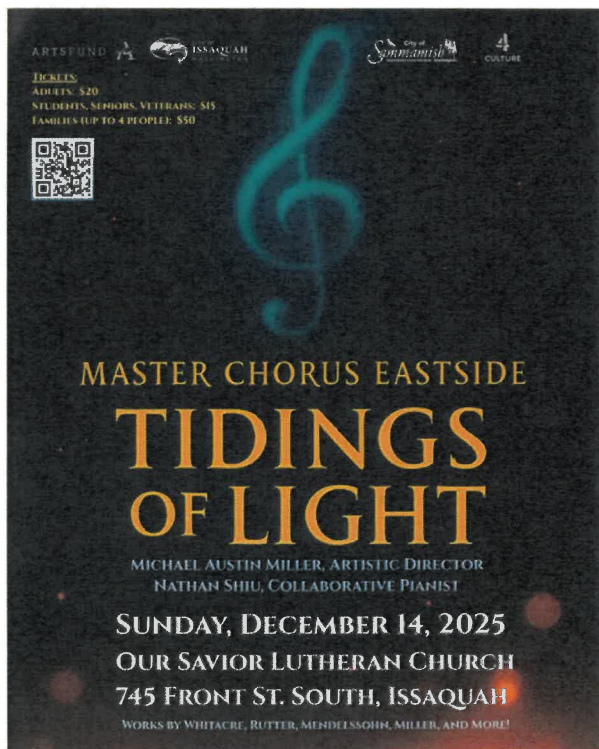
Fill the BIG Coffee Pot NEXT Sunday, December 7!

Please gather your coins and cash to bring to the ingathering NEXT Sunday, December 7. Thanks for your generosity toward our Abundance Budget!



GIVE BOLDLY,
ONE COFFEE AT A TIME

OSLC Announcements



+ 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.

- ◆ **Mary F.**, for healing and comfort
- ◆ **Hannelore M.**, for correct diagnosis, successful treatment, and good healing
- ◆ **Wendy W.**, for her recovery after hip replacement surgery
- ◆ **Dianne T.**, for healing after surgery and for her new infusions to work
- ◆ **Suzanne D.**, for healing her lower back fracture
- ◆ **Carl S.**, to stay positive and for a change of work shift from nights to days (nephew of Anne E.)

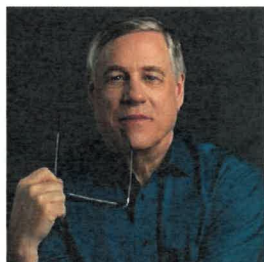


Coffee Hour Reading on Dec. 21

On Sunday, December 21 at 11:15 a.m. (during coffee hour in Anderson Hall), Sammamish writer Chuck Shelton will read from his newest thriller, *Sudarium*.

Sudarium explores what it means to live with integrity and courage as a person of faith. It disrupts stale views about gender among Christians and invites its readers to pursue their spirituality with fresh eyes in the context of radically loving oneself and others. (There's a flyer with the book's synopsis in the narthex.)

After the reading, Chuck is available to answer your questions and sign copies.



Serving in Worship Today

- Presiding Minister:** Pr. Olaf Baumann
Preacher: Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann
Assisting Minister: Lori D.
Pianist: David Liu
Ushers: Ken K. and Bill S.
Altar Guild: Jean P. and Delaney C.
Sound/Video: Jon S.

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 30—FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

Advent/Christmas Setup (Sanctuary and Narthex)

Christmas Giving Trees with Gift Tags (Narthex)

Monthly Melody Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

New Creation Church (Youth Room)

Bless This Night Advent Evening Prayer (Sanctuary and Anderson Hall)

MONDAY

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

3:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 1

Quirky Quilters (Education Room)

Congregational Care Ministry (Library)

Companions Bible Study (Online)

Knitting Group (Narthex)

Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)

Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

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

TUESDAY

7:45 p.m.

DECEMBER 2

AA (Anderson Hall)

WEDNESDAY

10:30 a.m.

DECEMBER 3

Stephen Minister Training Course (Education Room)

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 4

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)

Al-Anon (Education Room)

Searching for the Historical Jesus Video Series (Anderson Hall)

Communion Service at Timber Ridge (OSLC-led) (Timber Ridge Retirement Center)

New Creation Church Bible Study (Library)

Searching for the Historical Jesus Video Series (Online)

SATURDAY

12:00-6:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 6

Peace Phan's Student Winter Piano Recitals (Sanctuary)

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

3:00-5:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 7—SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

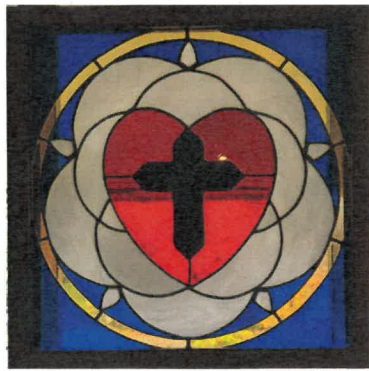
Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting (Anderson Hall)

Christmas Giving Trees with Gift Tags (Narthex)

New Creation Church (Youth Room)

New Creation Church Pastor Appreciation Day (Sanctuary, Anderson Hall, and Kitchen)



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.