



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.

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:

December 14, 2025

Prelude: *Amazing Grace*—Victor Labensky

Postlude: *Glorify Thy Name*—Mark Hayes

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 21, 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. *(Please take a moment of silence to reflect.)*

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

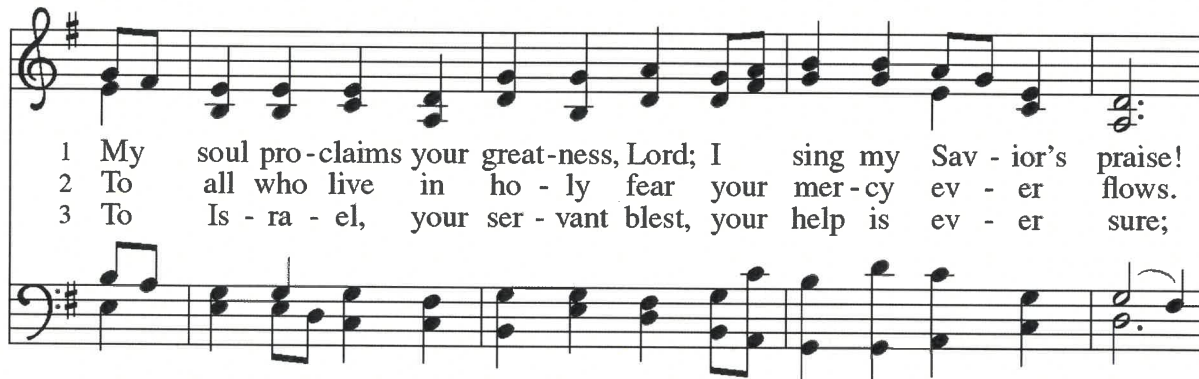
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

ELW 244

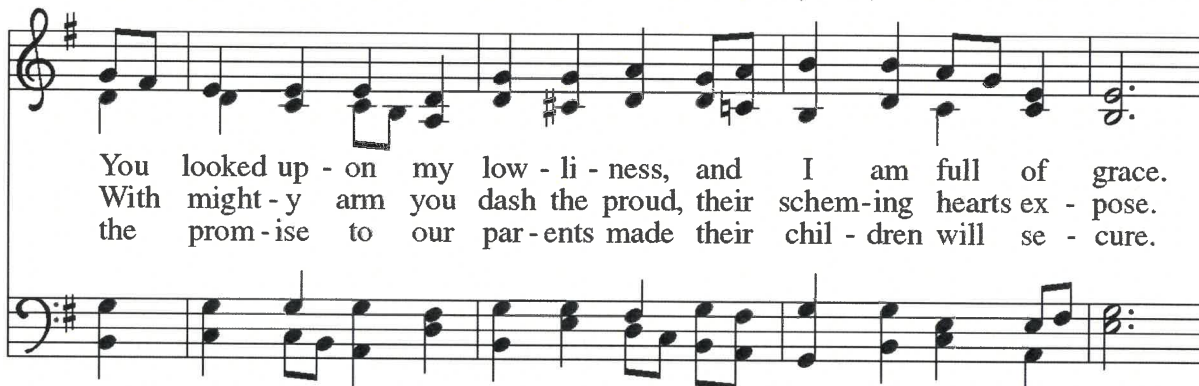
GREETING

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.

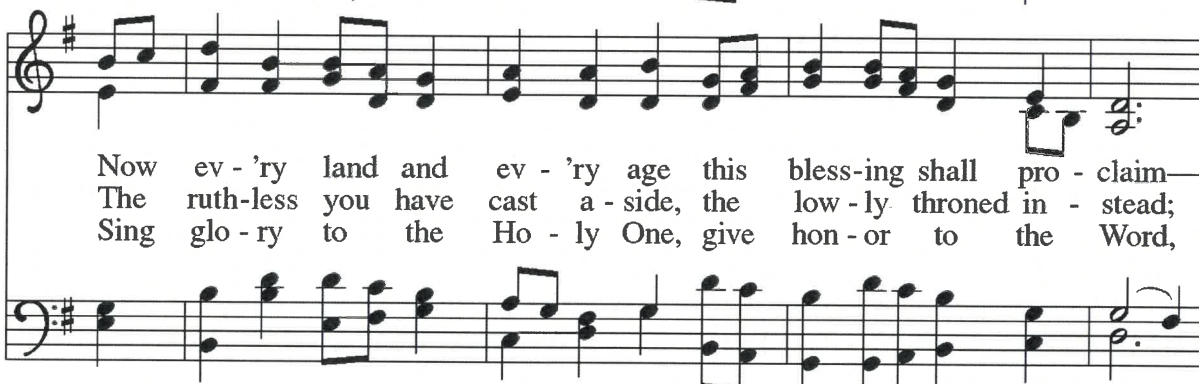
SONG OF PRAISE *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness* ELW 251



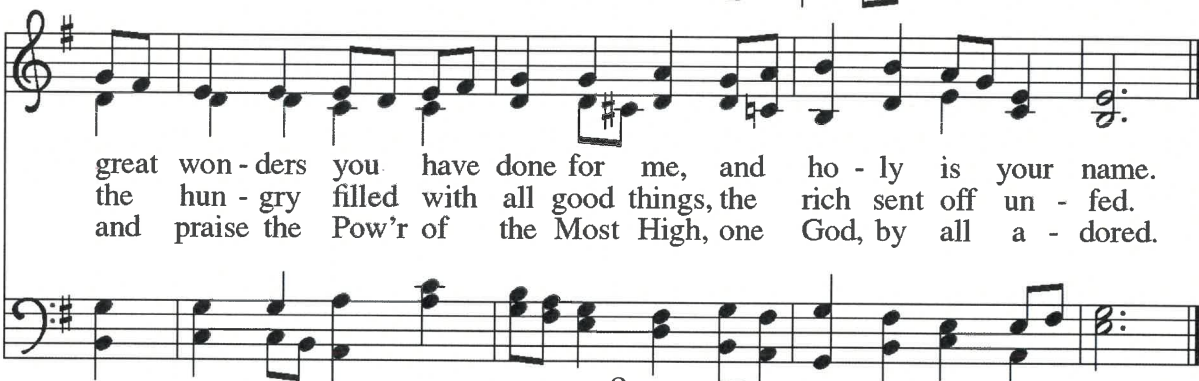
1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.
3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



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 THE ADVENT CANDLE

*Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (ELW 240), verse 4
(Sing once during processional and once during recessional.)*



Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 7:10-16

¹⁰ The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³ Then Isaiah said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

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

PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19 (*sung responsively*)

- ¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.
- ² In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and | come to help us.
- ³ Restore | us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
- ⁴ O Lord | God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your | people pray?
- ⁵ You have fed them with the | bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.
- ⁶ You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.
- ⁷ Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

- ¹⁷ Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,
the one you have made so strong | for yourself.
¹⁸ And so will we never turn a- | way from you;
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.
¹⁹ Restore us, O Lord | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

SECOND READING

Romans 1:1-7

¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³ the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶ including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷ To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

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

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ “Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”
which means, “God is with us.” ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the
angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife ²⁵ but had no marital
relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Savior of the Nations, Come

ELW 263

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 to the dead.

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.

OFFERING PRAYER

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C 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

C 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

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave 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

By Your Hand You Feed Your People ELW 469

Around You, O Lord Jesus ELW 468

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 - jice, re - jice 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.

The musical score consists of six staves of music in treble clef, 7/8 time. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some notes beamed together. There are several rests and dynamic markings throughout the piece.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

On Our Way Rejoicing

ELW 537

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

OSLC Announcements

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 24, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

We hope you can celebrate Christmas Eve with us here at OSLC. This traditionally beautiful worship service tells the story of Jesus' birth in word and song. Musicians from Issaquah Suzuki Strings will play during the service. The highlight is singing *Silent Night* illuminated by candlelight at the end of the service.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christmas CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Issaquah Suzuki Strings

Our Savior Lutheran Church,
745 Front St S, Issaquah WA 98027

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For more information, please call
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www.oslcissaquah.org

Celebrate the season with us and let your heart be filled with light!

OSLC Announcements

Thank You for Your Generous Gift Card Donations

Thank you!

Thank you, everyone, for your incredible generosity! The gift card collection for Vine Maple Place and the OSLC Benevolent Fund was a great success with \$1,645 for Vine Maple Place and \$1,800 for OSLC's Benevolence Fund.

We'll be able to support Vine Maple Place helping kids and families and give them hope. We'll be able to help those who come to our church door or members in need and give them hope. As we wait in this Advent Season, hope shines as a guiding light. Thank you again!—Submitted by Cheryl L., Community Outreach Committee

Sending a BIG thank you to OSLC members for the support given to Vine Maple Place with gift cards in the amount of \$1645! By providing youth with these cards, they can enjoy the experience of getting something they will enjoy and participate in. We are blessed to be a blessing, and the spirit of OSLC members is shining through.—Submitted by Dianne T., Chair of Vine Maple Place Outreach



Visioning Events' Sign-up Sheets

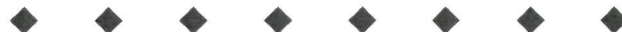
Message from Pr. Olaf: "All sign-up sheets from the Visioning Events will be on the table in the narthex for the next two weeks. Everyone who could not find them has another chance to sign up for something."

Sudarium Reading TODAY, Sunday, December 21

TODAY, December 21 at 11:15 a.m. (during Coffee Fellowship) 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. After the reading, Chuck is available to answer your questions and sign copies.



BETWEEN
Carols and Prayer
THE YEARS
Sunday Service

December 28, 2025

10:00 am

Our Savior Lutheran Church
745 Front St. S, Issaquah, WA 98027



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OSLC Announcements

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.



January 23

Friday evening,
4:30-9:00 p.m.

January 24

Saturday morning,
8:00 a.m.-noon

Meals and refreshments are provided: both Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast.—Submitted by Jeff J.

Pizza & Conversation Book Study

Four-Month Reading and Discussion Plan

Based on Dan McClellan's *The Bible Says So: What We Get Right (and Wrong) About Scripture's Most Controversial Issues*, and facilitated by Pr. Olaf on the 2nd Monday of each month from January through May:

Monday, January 12, 6:00 p.m.

Monday, February 9, 6:00 p.m.

Monday, March 9, 6:00 p.m.

Monday, April 13, 6:00 p.m.

Monday, May 11, 6:00 p.m.

(Final Reflection and Celebration. No pages assigned for this last session.)

Each session, we'll meet in person at OSLC and share a pizza meal; snowbirds can join on Zoom. On a small table in the narthex, you'll find *Pizza and Conversation Book Study* booklets with reading assignments, summaries, and questions; please take one home. More details in the Dec./Jan. Focus.



Coffee Fellowship Thank You's and Reminder

For Sunday, December 14: Thank you to Helen N. for providing not only the doughnuts but also the cheese and salami. We had run low, so it worked out great. Due to the cancellation of the quilters, Vicky J. brought a blueberry cobbler to share with us. LaRue N. also brought in a plate of tasty treats.

Of course, the dynamic clean up volunteers! So many help out in so many different ways that I don't know all the names to thank. Just know the help is noticed and gratefully appreciated.

A reminder: There's no Coffee Fellowship on Christmas Eve. On Sunday, December 28, Coffee Fellowship will be a bit different. We'll provide the coffee and hot water. Anyone who wants to bring any treats is invited to do so. Please have them ready to serve and remember to take them home when done. Thank you. Merry Christmas!—Submitted by Lois D.

OSLC Announcements

Memorial Service for Dave Carlson on Saturday, January 3

The memorial service for Dave Carlson will be on Saturday, January 3 at 1:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, followed by a dessert reception in Anderson Hall.

Reception Coordinator Connie Fletcher is seeking volunteers to help with the reception. Please contact Connie at 206-660-5022 if you'd like to help. Reception setup starts at 10:00 a.m. on January 3.



Obituary for Linda Hines

Linda Hines, a former Shepherd of the Hills' (SHLC) member before SHLC merged with OSLC, died in Omaha, NE on December 2. For years, Linda worked tirelessly to lead and build the Sammamish-based, non-profit organization Songea's Kids that benefited orphaned and at-risk kids in Tanzania.

Linda's obituary can be found at www.gsfuneral.com/obituaries/linda-hines. A memorial gathering is being planned for next year in the Seattle area.



OSLC Office Closed:

December 25-January 1

The Parish Administrator's office will be closed from Christmas through New Year's Day. Cynthia will return to work on Friday, January 2. If you need immediate assistance or emergency pastoral care during that week, please contact Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann at 360-912-1245 or Pr. Olaf Baumann at 360-912-1830. Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a great start to 2026!

✦ 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
- ◆ **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.)
- ◆ **Amy S.**, who needs to be lifted up in prayer (sister of Lisa D.)

Mourning the Death of Loved Ones

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

- ◆ **Linda Hines** (former Shepherd of the Hills member)
- ◆ **Dave Carlson** (husband of Marilyn)



Serving in Worship Today

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Presiding Minister: | Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann |
| Preacher: | Pr. Olaf Baumann |
| Assisting Minister: | Joan F. |
| Pianist: | David Liu |
| Psalm Cantor: | Lori D. |
| Ushers: | Rob G. and Don R. |
| Altar Guild: | Holly H. |
| Sound/Video: | Jon S. |
| Candle Lighter: | Everly S. |

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

11:15 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 21—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee Fellowship (Anderson Hall)

Sudarium Book Reading by Chuck Shelton (Anderson Hall)

New Creation Church (Youth Room)

MONDAY

3:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 22

Companions Bible Study (Online)

Knitting Group (Narthex)

Music lessons are held in all downstairs rooms throughout the week. Music teachers and students will likely take a break for the holidays.

TUESDAY

7:45 p.m.

DECEMBER 23

AA (Anderson Hall)

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY

DECEMBER 25—MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Church office closed.

FRIDAY

DECEMBER 26

Church office closed.

NEXT SUNDAY

DECEMBER 28—BETWEEN THE YEARS: CAROLS AND PRAYER

SUNDAY SERVICE (FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS)

9:30 a.m.

Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)

10:00 a.m.

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship (Anderson Hall)

12:30 p.m.

New Creation Church (Youth Room)

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.

