



2026

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



2025

www.oslcissaquah.org

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 21, 2025

Prelude: *Amazing Grace*—Victor Labensky

Postlude: *Glorify Thy Name*—Mark Hayes

**First Sunday of Christmas:
Service of Carols and Prayers**
Sunday, December 28, 2025
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HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING: THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING CAROL *Love Has Come* ELW 292

CREATION PRAYER

CAROL *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (verses 1-2) ELW 257

INCARNATION PRAYER

CAROL *Away in a Manger* ELW 277

PRAYER FOR THE CLOSING YEAR

CAROL *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (verses 1 and 3) ELW 283

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

CAROL *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (verses 1 and 4) ELW 279



THE GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13-23

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³ Now after [the magi] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. ¹⁷ Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸ “A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;

she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” ²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³ There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazarene.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

What Child Is This

ELW 296

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

As the Magi brought presents from the East, we ask you to be generous when you remember the ministries of this congregation. You can give here or go online at www.oslcissaquah.org to use our online giving tool.



OFFERING CAROL

We Three Kings of Orient Are

WOV 646

(We sing as many verses as needed for the offering to be collected.)

OFFERING PRAYER

PREFACE

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered in his name, 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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION AT THE RAIL

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Come to the Table ELW 481

The First Noel ELW 300

Silent Night ELW 281

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING CAROL

Go Tell It on the Mountain

ELW 290

DISMISSAL

Now follow God's call into the world,
and be Agents of Grace.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

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 desert 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.



Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Minister: Pr. Olaf Baumann
Preacher: Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann
Pianist: David Liu
Ushers: Larry T. and Don R.
Altar Guild: Jane W.
Sound/Video: Anne E.

✚ 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.)
- ◆ **Jim U.**, who had skull surgery to remove two cancerous growths, and his wife **Maria** (long-time neighbors of Alice and Lyle L.)
- ◆ **Marlice G.**, for healing of spinal fracture

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)



This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 28—BETWEEN THE YEARS: SERVICE OF CAROLS AND PRAYERS (FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS)

Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee Fellowship (Anderson Hall)

New Creation Church (Youth Room)

MONDAY

3:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 29—CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED.

Companions Bible Study (Online)

TUESDAY

7:45 p.m.

DECEMBER 30—CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED.

AA (Anderson Hall)

WEDNESDAY

1:30 p.m.

9:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 31—CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED.

Kiwanis Community Meal Program (Kitchen)

New Creation Church New Year's Eve Prayer Service (sanctuary)

THURSDAY

JANUARY 1—HAPPY NEW YEAR! CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED.

FRIDAY

JANUARY 2—CHURCH OFFICE REOPENS.

SATURDAY

1:30 p.m.

JANUARY 3

Memorial Service and Dessert Reception for Dave Carlson (Sanctuary and Anderson Hall)

(Reception setup starts at 10:00 a.m.)

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

JANUARY 4—SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee Fellowship (Anderson Hall)

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.