

Epiphany

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 a sacrament 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:

January 18, 2026

Prelude: *When a Star Is Shining*—ACS 915

Offering: *Lord We Glorified*—Mark Hayes

Postlude: *Amazing Grace*—Victor Labensky

Third Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, January 25, 2026
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

Listen, God Is Calling: Neno lake Mungu

ELW 513

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

When a Star Is Shining

ACS 915



1 When a star is shin-ing o - ver east - ern hills,
2 Where the world is wait-ing for an un - known day,
3 Lead us on, O Day-star, in the qui - et night;



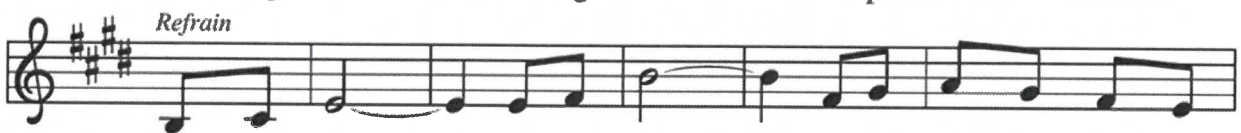
when the air is si - lent, and the clam - or stills,
where a voice for - got - ten cries, "Pre - pare the way!"
guide us through the shad - ow with your gen - tle light;



when the night is wait-ing, and the old hopes rise,
Where an earth - ly pow - er makes the heart turn cold,
show us in a man - ger our re - demp - tion's sign;



then the time has rip - ened and the heart grows wise.
there the gifts are of - fered— in - cense, myrrh, and gold.
bring us to a morn - ing where the prom - ise shines.



Lead us on, lead us on, to a morn - ing where the



prom - ise shines. Lead us on, lead us on,



to a morn - ing where the prom - ise shines.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

¹ There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

PSALM 27:1, 4-9

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴ One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.

⁵ For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶ Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

⁷ Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸ My heart speaks your message—"Seek my face."

Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

ELW 817

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

Choral Ensemble

God is My Shepherd—Gordon Young

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:

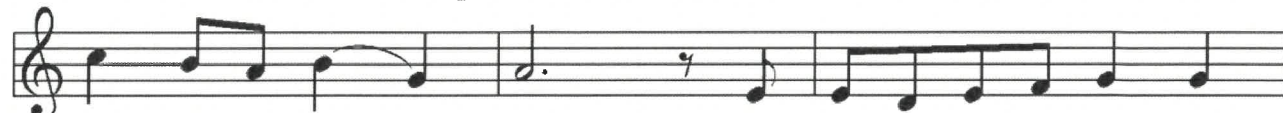
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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:

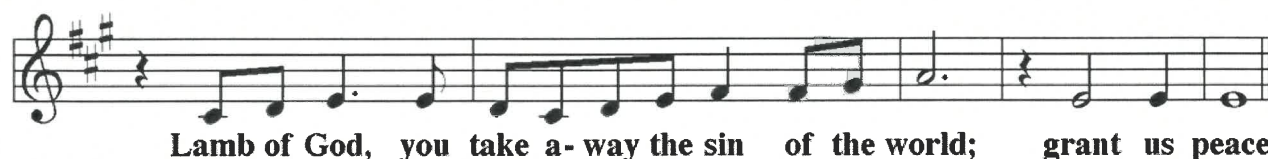
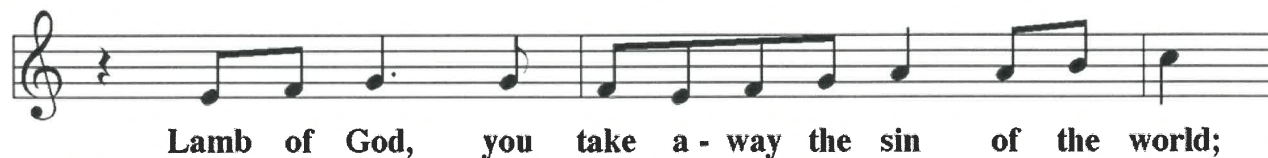
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good. All are welcome at the Lord's table.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION AT THE RAIL

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

As the Grains of Wheat ELW 465

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil ELW 512

This Is Christ's Body ACS 967 (repeat as needed)

This Is Christ's Body

This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with
mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,
bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

The musical notation consists of three staves in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics, with the third staff ending with a double bar line.

Text: Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960

Music: BROKEN AND BLESSED, Anne Krentz Organ

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.

The musical notation for the Post-Communion Canticle consists of six staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. The melody is more rhythmic and varied than the first piece, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The sixth staff ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

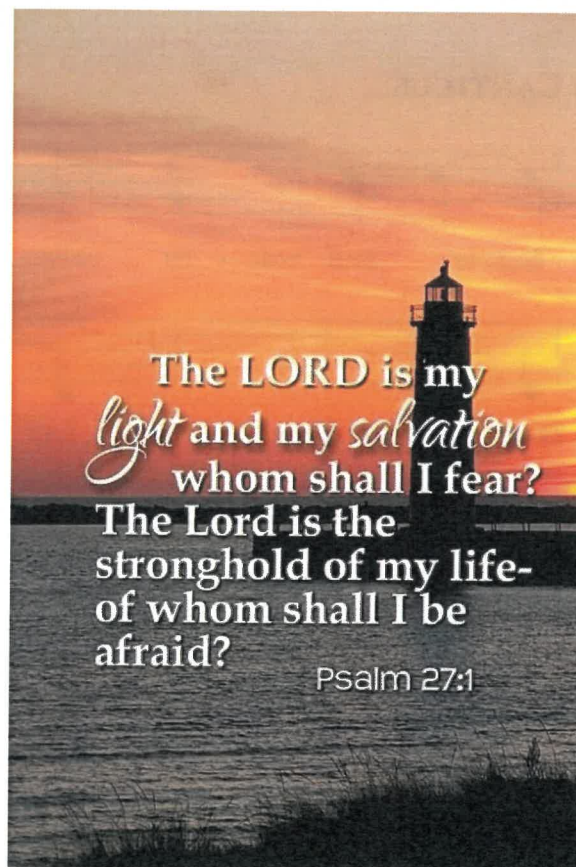
ELW 815

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



OSLC Announcements

**Announcing the 2026 Women's Retreat
March 6-8 at Rainbow Lodge Retreat Center**



Telling Our Story,
Listening for God

We will talk. We will listen. We will wonder. We will be surprised.
From the story of a mug to a story of a room to the story of our lives, we will laugh
(and perhaps get teary) and learn more about ourselves and one another.
In it all, will we hear God?



Pr. Deanna Wildermuth shares a bit of her story. . . .

My life journey has been a cross-country venture: from childhood in Sumner, WA through college at WWU, through early adulthood in Missouri, Oregon, through time spent in Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin and back to Washington. During my life travels I enjoy spending time with family and friends. I love to read, camp, stitch, and cook. Music and singing fill my soul.

My work has been varied: from teaching young children to providing services for the elderly, from administrative work to custodial employ, from wife and mother to student and then to pastor. I served congregations from very small to very large, from rural to small towns to cities to suburbs. I have been solo, an associate, and head of staff. In September 2020, I began serving as Executive Director of Interfaith Coalition in Bellingham, WA, retiring from full-time employment on August 31, 2022. Since retiring, I have served as an interim pastor in two congregations, led women's retreats, facilitated conversation in conflicted congregations, and supported colleagues in transition.

Here is one way I describe my core: I knit, simply defined as using two sticks and a string to create a series of loops and knots built on two stitches with results of extraordinary diversity. Our work as God's people could be similarly defined. When asked, Jesus said it all comes down to two 'stitches': love God and love your neighbor. We knit, putting these two stitches to work in a world that is increasingly diverse; that is our creative call.

Register Now! Registration brochures are available in the OSLC Narthex or on the website at oslcissaquah.org.

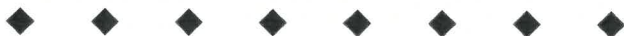
OSLC Announcements

Fill the BIG Coffee Pot Next Sunday, February 1!

January has flown by quickly: next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. Please gather your coins and cash to bring to the ingathering next Sunday, February 1. Thanks for your generosity toward our Abundance Budget!



GIVE BOLDLY,
ONE COFFEE AT A TIME



ELCC Bell Choir Rescheduled

The bells will not be ringing today because of vacancies in the number of ringers. At this time, we are scheduled for Sunday, February 15.—Submitted by Alice L.



Journey of Generosity Retreat Postponed Until Spring

The Journey of Generosity Retreat scheduled for this weekend (January 23 and 24) has been postponed until late spring.—Submitted by Jeff. J.



Final Historical Jesus Class on Thursday, January 29

The last Historical Jesus class will be on Thursday, January 29, at 12:00 p.m. in person in Anderson Hall and 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Bulletin and Focus Deadlines

Please submit your bulletin announcements by **Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.** if you'd like them to appear in the upcoming Sunday's bulletin. For example, if you want an announcement included in the February 1 bulletin, it needs to be emailed to Cynthia at office@oslcissquah.org by Wednesday, January 28.

Also, the Focus newsletter deadline will be the Monday of the last full work week of the month. **The February Focus deadline is tomorrow, Monday, January 26.** The March Focus deadline will be Monday, February 23.

We're implementing this new policy so that I don't receive last-minute submissions, and it's easier to create the layout and finish bulletins and newsletters on time.

Please make sure your announcements or articles are ready to publish as text or image, so that I can copy/paste them in without a lot of editing. Thank you.
—Cynthia Delaney, Parish Administrator



Next Pizza & Conversation Book Study on Monday, February 9

The next monthly Pizza & Conversation Book Study will take place on **Monday, February 9**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Education Room (and on Zoom for snowbirds).

OSLC Announcements



Invitation to Violin Recitals Today, Jan. 25 in the Sanctuary

Anyone in the congregation is invited to stop in and listen to our violin recitals today, January 25. There is one concert at noon and another one at 2 PM, which should wrap up around 3:30. Please feel free to drop in at your pleasure; the students sound terrific with professional piano accompaniment. They will lift your spirits!—Submitted by Debra Zadinsky



Coffee Fellowship Thank You and Update

A special thank you for the tasty cinnamon rolls Brenda and Randy W. provided for coffee hour last Sunday. And heartfelt thanks to those who stayed for coffee hour cleanup this week!—Submitted by Lori D. and Lois D.



You're invited to attend Issaquah Suzuki Strings (ISS) Faculty & Friends Concert on Sunday, February 8 at 1:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. ISS faculty are grateful to rent studio space and teach their students at OSLC; they want to share their music with you.

ISS FACULTY & FRIENDS CONCERT

1:30PM, Sunday, February 8, 2026

Reception to follow

Our Savior Lutheran Church
745 Front Street
Issaquah, WA 98027
1:30-2:30PM

We will be performing works by Clarke, Borodin, Mozart, & Corelli, with a special tribute to our dear friend and colleague, Rafael Howell.

We will be joined by special guests Zachary Limacher and Rachel Swerdlow.



OSLC Announcements

OSLC Visioning Process

Invitation to Join Your Visioning Groups

Thank you for signing up to be part of a Visioning Group. We are grateful for your willingness to listen, reflect, and imagine together as we seek God's guidance for our shared life. The first meeting of each Visioning Group will take place on Zoom. These initial gatherings are not yet about decisions or outcomes. Instead, they are meant to help each group organize itself well and establish a shared way of working together.

At the first meeting, groups will

- get to know one another
- decide when and how to meet next (Zoom or in person)
- clarify the focus and scope of the group's work
- discuss what materials, readings, or preparation may be helpful
- agree on how communication and collaboration will happen

Each Visioning Group has two co-leaders. Please be open to be one of them. Their role is to

- convene and schedule meetings
- help set agendas and coordinate tasks
- share responsibility for organizing readings and documents
- support the group's process so the work is shared and sustainable

ZOOM QR Codes, Date, and Time for Visioning Groups



RIC Exploration Group
Online Meeting: Monday,
January 26, 2026, 5:00 PM

Life of Faith Study Group
Online Meeting: Monday,
February 2, 2026, 5:00 PM



Tiny House Village Group
Online Meeting: Wednesday,
January 28, 2026, 5:00 PM

The Zoom link, Meeting ID, and Passcode for each of these meetings is published in the weekly email.

OSLC Announcements

February's Monthly Melody

The Monthly Melody for February is *Be Still and Know*. We will have practice on February 15 and February 22. We will sing in church on Sunday, March 1.

There will be a chance to learn a new service, *Now the Feast and Celebration*, on Sunday, February 15 after church. We'll start right after service and practice for about 15 minutes.—Submitted by Nora T.



Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Minister: Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann
Preacher: Pr. Olaf Baumann
Assisting Minister: Connie F.
Pianist: David Liu
Ushers: Don R. and Larry T.
Altar Guild: Jane W.
Sound/Video: Jon S.

+ Share & Prayer +

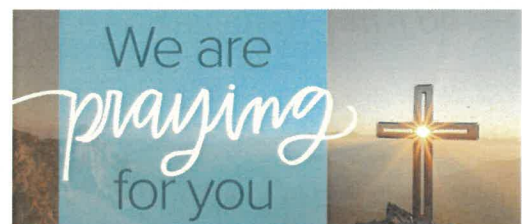
We invite you to include these people in your daily prayers. Please email office@oslcissaquah.org your prayer requests. A complete list of prayers can be found in the Focus newsletter each month.

- ◆ **Mary F.**, for healing and comfort
- ◆ **Hannelore M.**, for correct diagnosis, successful treatment, and good healing
- ◆ **Dianne T.**, for healing of her back
- ◆ **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.** offers thanks and praise for the healing of her spinal fracture

Mourning the Death of Loved Ones

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

- ◆ **Bill Cash, Sr.** (father of Bill Cash, Jr.)



This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

11:30-4:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m.

JANUARY 25—THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee Fellowship (Anderson Hall)

Zadinsky Student Recitals (Sanctuary)

New Creation Church (Youth Room)

MONDAY

10:30 p.m.

3:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

JANUARY 26

Congregational Care Ministry (Library)

Companions Bible Study (Online)

First Visioning Meeting: RIC Exploration Group (Online)

Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)

Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

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

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

JANUARY 27

Church Council (Online)

AA (Anderson Hall)

WEDNESDAY

10:30 a.m.

1:30 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

JANUARY 28

Stephen Minister Training Course (Education Room)

Kiwanis Meal Prep (Connie Fletcher) (Kitchen)

First Visioning Meeting: Tiny House Village Group (Online)

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

JANUARY 29

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)

Al-Anon (Education Room)

***Searching for the Historical Jesus* Video Series (Anderson Hall)**

New Creation Church Bible Study (Library)

***Searching for the Historical Jesus* Video Series (Online)**

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

1:30-7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 1—FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee Fellowship: Meet Your Neighbors (Anderson Hall)

Espresso Your Faith Ingathering (Narthex)

New Creation Church (Youth Room)

Issaquah Suzuki Strings Student Recital (Sanctuary and Anderson Hall)

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.

**'The Light shines in the
darkness, and the darkness
has not overcome it.'**
John 1:5



