

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 25, 2026

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

Postlude: *Amazing Grace*—Victor Labensky

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, February 1, 2026
10:00 a.m.
*WOV Holy Communion Setting Four:
Light of Christ*



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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

God Is Here!

ELW 526

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;



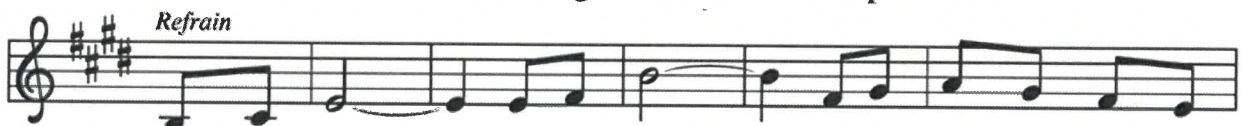
when the air is si - lent, and the clam - or stills,
where a voice for - got - ten cries, "Pre - pare the way!"
guide us through the shad - ow with your gen - tle light;



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

Micah 6:1-8

- ¹ Hear what the LORD says:
Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.
- ² Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.
- ³ “O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
- ⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.
- ⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”
- ⁶ “With what shall I come before the LORD
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
- ⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
- ⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

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

PSALM 15

- ¹ Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?
- ² Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,
who speaks the truth from his heart,
- ³ there is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend;
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected,
but he honors those who fear the Lord.
 5 He has sworn to do no wrong
and does not take back his word.
 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain,
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
 7 Whoever does these things
shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
 and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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 5:21-26

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

²¹ “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder,’ and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²² But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment, and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council, and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Streams of Living Justice

ELW 710

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

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 of a single treble clef. The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,'. The second staff continues with 'Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are'. The third staff contains 'full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The fourth staff contains 'Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the'. The fifth staff concludes with 'Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and a triplet in 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

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




☉ 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

Come to the Table ELW 481

O Bread of Life from Heaven ELW 480

I Received the Living God ELW 477

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.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

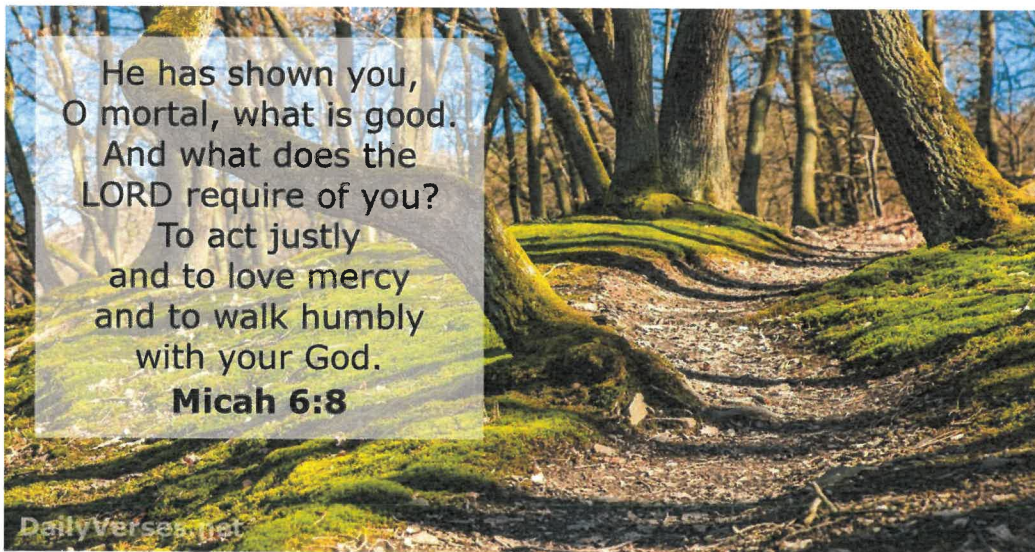
Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

ELW 534

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE



Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Minister: Pr. Olaf Baumann
Preacher: Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann
Assisting Minister: Jen W.
Pianist: David Liu
Ushers: Lois D. and Larry T.
Altar Guild: Barbara Fetty-Solders
Sound/Video: Jon S.

OSLC Announcements

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



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 narthex or on the website at oslcissaquah.org. The deadline is February 15.

OSLC Announcements

Fill the BIG Coffee Pot Today, Sunday, February 1!

Please gather your coins and cash to bring to the ingathering today, Sunday, February 1. Thanks for your generosity toward our Abundance Budget!



GIVE BOLDLY,
ONE COFFEE AT A TIME

Bible Views and the News Series Starts Thursday, February 12

Rev. Dr. Randy Webb will facilitate a six-session series titled Bible Views and the News starting on Thursday, February 12. The series will look at some of the key scriptures we have as followers of Jesus. It will be live at noon in Anderson Hall and at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom on Thursdays from February 12 through March 19. The first class is titled, "What must I do?"

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Today, February 1 is Meet Your Neighbor at Coffee Fellowship!



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Lent Is Around the Corner!

Ash Wednesday Service on February 18 at Noon

OSLC's Ash Wednesday service will be at noon on Wednesday, February 18 in the sanctuary, and it will be livestreamed. You may also attend the UCC Spirit of Peace's 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday service in their worship space downstairs.



Pizza and Prayer Starts on Wednesday, February 25

On five Wednesdays during Lent, starting on February 25, you're invited to Pizza and Prayer at OSLC. At 6:15 p.m., we'll share a pizza meal in Anderson Hall. At 7:00 p.m., we'll have Holden Evening Prayer in the sanctuary.

OSLC Announcements

Next Men's Group Meeting: Beer and Bible on February 4

On Wednesday, February 4, the Men's Group will have a Beer and Bible meeting in the library from 7:00-9:00 p.m.



Coffee Fellowship Thank You and Update

Special thanks to Jan H. for bringing coffee fellowship treats on Sunday as well as helping with clean up after. And thank you to Gary H. for bringing sweet dates and Sharlene F. for bringing yummy muffins.

Chuck, Jean, and Vicky helped immensely in the kitchen with cleanup. And thank you to the unnamed helpers and contributors to coffee fellowship this past Sunday. Blessings abound!—Submitted by Lori D.



You're invited to attend the Issaquah Suzuki Strings (ISS) Faculty & Friends Concert next 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.



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.



Next Pizza & Conversation Book Study on Monday, February 9

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

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
- ◆ **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
- ◆ **Janice E.**, 94 years old, is in rehab because she fell and broke her back, and also has issues with vision (long-time family friend of Ron S.)



OSLC Visioning Process

The first meeting of the Life of Faith Study Group will be tomorrow, Monday, February 2. Here is the QR code:

Life of Faith Study Group

Online Meeting: Monday, February 2, 2026, 5:00 PM



The Zoom link, Meeting ID, and Passcode for this meeting is published in the weekly email.

Mourning the Death of Loved Ones

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

- ◆ **Michael** (the brother of Ron S.'s sister-in-law Dana)
- ◆ **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.

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)

MONDAY

9:00 a.m.

3:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2

Quirky Quilters (Education Room)

Companions Bible Study (Online)

First Visioning Meeting: Life of Faith Study Group (Online)

Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)

Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

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

TUESDAY

7:45 p.m.

FEBRUARY 3

AA (Anderson Hall)

WEDNESDAY

10:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 4

Stephen Minister Training Course (Education Room)

Men's Group: Beer and Bible (Library)

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

2:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 5

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)

Al-Anon (Education Room)

Timber Ridge Communion Service (Timber Ridge Community)

New Creation Church Bible Study (Library)

SATURDAY

1:00-5:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 7

Boy Scout Troop 676 Board of Reviews (Library)

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 8—FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

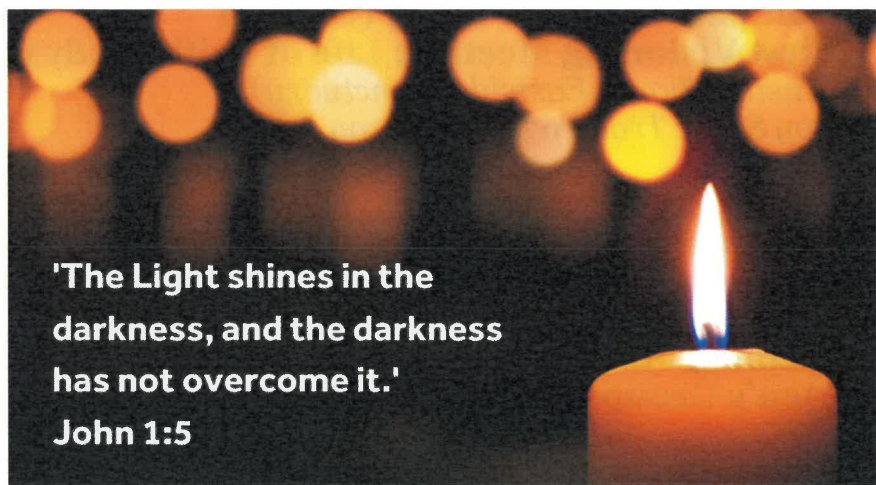
Coffee Fellowship (Anderson Hall)

New Creation Church (Youth Room)

Issaquah Suzuki Strings Faculty & Friends Concert (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