



OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Stephen Ministry Sunday/
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026

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:

April 19, 2026

Prelude: *One Thing Remains*—Arr. Victor Labensky

Offering: *How Great Thou Art*—Arr. Victor Labensky

Postlude: *Jesus Paid It All*—Arr. Victor Labensky

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Sunday, April 26, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
Now the Feast and Celebration—
Marty Haugen



Our Savior Lutheran Church
745 Front Street South
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HOLY COMMUNION

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Thine is the Glory

ELW 376

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of
 God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

⁴² [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

PSALM 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

² **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
 and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O LORD,
 and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear
 no evil;
 for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
 you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
 and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹ It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²² “He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

THE GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

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

[Jesus said:] ¹ “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW 764

INSTALLATION OF OSLC STEPHEN MINISTRY

WORDS OF THANKS

Jen Winslow

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS

Ann, Barbara, Jen, and Sandy have been trained to become Stephen Ministers. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these siblings will engage in compassionate and healing conversations with people in need of Christian care.

A reading from First Corinthians (1 Corinthians 12:4-7): There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

You are to see that the OSLC Stephen Ministry bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church. You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:

Will you accept your commission and faithfully carry out the duties of a Stephen Minister?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these, your new Stephen Ministers and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Please stand as you are able and stretch out a hand in blessing. All class participants, please come forward for the laying on of hands.

Jesus, you are the model caregiver. Teach Ann, Barbara, Jen, and Sandy to care as you care. Fill each of them with your Holy Spirit and guide them to follow your example in ministry.

They will face challenges, and we, as a congregation, commit to lifting them up regularly in prayer. Remind them to depend on you and to allow your Spirit to work from within as they serve as your instruments of care.

As we send them out to walk alongside others who are hurting, we ask you, Jesus, to continue to grow their faith in you. Bless each of them with the special gifts needed to be the best caregivers they can be. Bless each person they will be called upon to care for. We ask this in your name. **Amen.**

I now declare you commissioned as Stephen Ministers of this congregation.

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 Vineyards Be Fruitful
Offering Song

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and 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 with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. 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

Holy, Holy, Holy
Great Thanksgiving



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is
yours, O God, now and for ev - er.
A - men.

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

Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION AT THE RAIL

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

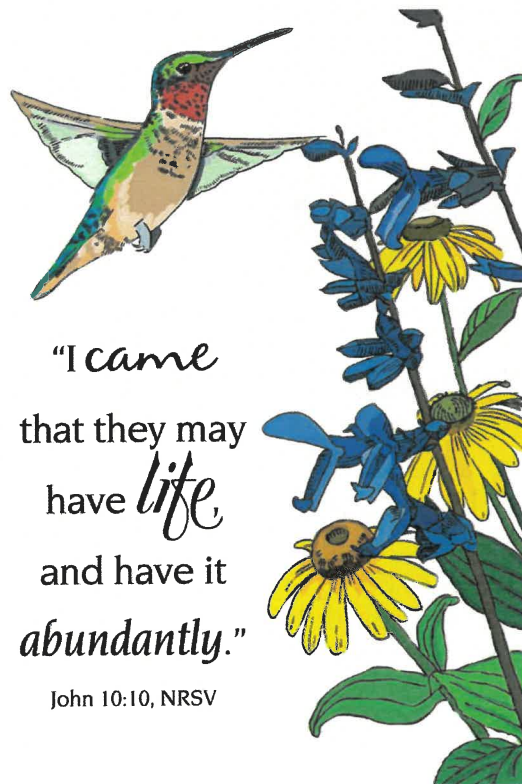
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



*"I came
that they may
have *life*
and have it
abundantly."*

John 10:10, NRSV

Announcements

NW WA Synod Gathering May 30

NW Washington Synod Gathering

**Life in God's Garden:
Seeds of Generosity**

Saturday, May 30 | 9am-5pm

Worship
Workshops
Rev. Tim Brown, Keynote
Lunch included
\$40/person

at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lynnwood
& Lynnwood Neighborhood Center

lutheransnw.org/events



Volunteers Needed for 2026 Day of Service on Saturday, May 2

You're invited to volunteer at one of 30+ local service opportunities during the Day of Service on Saturday, May 2. Issaquah Volunteer Litter Cleanup (organized by Jon Smith) is one of many choices. For details about these 30+ local volunteer opportunities, or to sign up online, go to www.dayofservice.info. Here's the QR code to sign up via Sign-Up Genius:



Stephen Ministry Sunday: Thank You, Commissioning, and Celebration

Here are the names of those who will be honored during worship today:

Twelve Supporters/Volunteers:

Cynthia D., Debby B., Guy M., Jan W., Joan F., John S., Pastor Kristin-Luana, Larry T., Lori D., Pastor Olaf, Randy W., Rick W.

Thirteen Students:

Ann T., Barbara F-S., Bonnie B., Brenda W., Doug F., Jane W., Jen W., Joyce L., Ken K., Randy W., Sandy A., Sue F., Wendy W.

Stephen Ministry Launch Team:

All members of the Congregational Care Ministry: Ann T., Bonnie B., Brenda W., Jen W., Lori D., Sandy A.

New Stephen Ministers: Ann T., Barbara F-S., Jen W., Sandy A.

Thank you for supporting Stephen Ministry and celebrating the commissioning of four Stephen Ministers. You're invited to the celebration in Anderson Hall following the service.



May Focus Deadline: April 27

The deadline for articles, reports, and photos for the May Focus newsletter is **tomorrow, Monday, April 27**. Please email submissions to Cynthia at office@oslcssaquah.org. Thanks!

Announcements

Volunteers & Clothing Donations Needed for Spring Clothing Fest

Community Clothing Closet (CCC) is preparing for its big donation & distribution event in April: **Spring Clothing Fest** at Pickering Barn in Issaquah!

April 27—Donation Day & Set Up
April 28—Invited Free Shopping Day
April 29—Community Free Shopping Day

CCC encourages OSLC members and friends to volunteer at the Spring Clothing Fest. There are many ways to help! The Sign-Up Genius link is in the weekly email. Details about donating clothes on April 27 and/or shopping on April 29 are below.



Our biggest Free Clothing Event of the year is coming April 27–29, and as part of our inner circle, you're among the first to hear about it. See details below:

Want to donate? Come on Monday, April 27 from 12-5 pm

✓ We gladly accept: Clean, gently used, and new spring and summer clothes for men, women, and kids in all sizes. Please help us by sorting and labeling bags as:

- Women's tops, women's bottoms, girls tops, girls bottoms
- Men's tops, men's bottoms, boys tops, boys bottoms
- Accessories (hats, purses, lightweight scarves, belts, etc)

✗ We do not accept:

- Stained, torn, or heavily worn items
- Used undergarments, swim/body suits, or socks (new only)
- Infant and toddler clothing and accessories
- Any shoes, jewelry, or housewares



Example

Want to shop? Choose today how you'll shop on April 29

Option 1: Pre-register for a timeslot

- Register for a spot from 9 am-1:30 pm
- Know exactly when you'll shop
- 30 minutes to shop, 30-item limit

OR

Option 2: General Admission

- Doors open at 3 pm and will close at 5 pm
- Room capacity will be managed at the door
- Limit: Fill one 13-gallon bag (we provide)

[Click to pre-register](#) for a timeslot to shop or scan the QR Code.



Come during general admission hours. Line up and wait your turn to enter.

Final Monday of Line Dancing Series with Renata

Tomorrow, Monday, April 27 at 11:00 a.m. is the final line dancing class of this four-week series in Anderson Hall. You can register using the QR code below, or it's fine to show up and register in person. Classes are \$10 or pay what you can.



Join our fun and welcoming one-hour class!

- Easy, simple steps
- Open to adults of all ages
- Move at your own pace

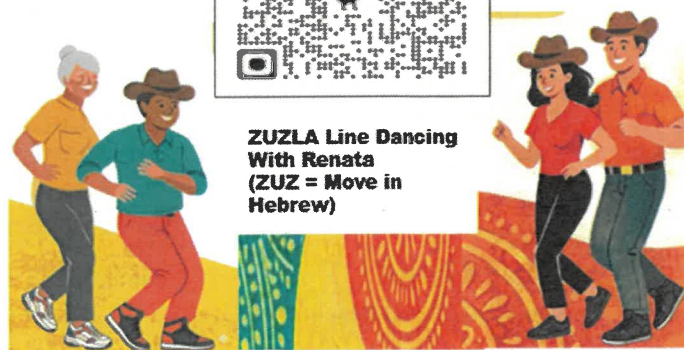
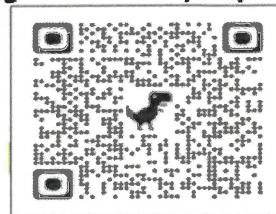


Starting: April 6th - Monday at 11am
4-Week Series
Cost: \$10 per class
 (If \$10 is difficult, pay what you can.)

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

Wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes (No Cowboy Boots Allowed)

Register to secure your place



ZUZLA Line Dancing With Renata
(ZUZ = Move in Hebrew)



Our partners
ISSAQUAH
 Food & Clothing Bank



Announcements

Choir Practice Update

We will be singing *Shine, Jesus, Shine* on Sunday, May 10 during worship.

- ◆ There's no choir practice on Sunday, April 26.
- ◆ Choir practice will be on Sunday, May 3 from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
- ◆ Choir practice will happen before church (starting at 9:10 a.m.) on Sunday, May 10.

—Submitted by Nora T.



Memorial Service for Florence Kinnune

Long-time church member Florence Kinnune died on Friday, April 17. She was a charter member of Our Savior Lutheran Church when the congregation was officially organized in March 1961.

The Kinnune Family has chosen Tuesday, July 28 at 11:00 a.m. for Florence's memorial service. More details about the service and reception will be forthcoming.



Serving in Worship Today

President: Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann
Preacher: Pr. Olaf Baumann
Assisting Minister: Connie F.
Pianist: David Liu
Ushers: Don R. and Bill S.
Altar Guild: Barbara F-S.
Sound/Video: Jon S.

✝ Share & Prayer ✝

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

- ◆ **Mary F.**, for healing and comfort
- ◆ **Dianne T.**, for healing and pain relief
- ◆ **Suzanne D.**, for healing her lower back fracture
- ◆ **Jim U.**, who had skull surgery to remove two cancerous growths, and his wife **Maria** (long-time neighbors of Alice and Lyle L.)
- ◆ **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.)
- ◆ **Barbara H.**, for healing (wife of Rowan H.)
- ◆ **Peter R.**, for a quick recovery following hip surgery (OSLC's cleaner)

Mourning the Death of Loved Ones

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

- ◆ **Sam Hansen** (OSLC member)
- ◆ **Laurie Rye** (Shepherd of the Hills member)
- ◆ **Terry Nychay** (son of Helen and John)
- ◆ **Florence Kinnune** (OSLC charter member)



This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

APRIL 26—STEPHEN MINISTRY SUNDAY/FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:30 a.m.

Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)

10:00 a.m.

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00 a.m.

Stephen Ministry Celebration: Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

12:30 p.m.

New Creation Church (Youth Room)

MONDAY

APRIL 27

11:00 a.m.

Line Dancing with Renata (Anderson Hall)

3:00 p.m.

Companions Bible Study (Online)

7:00 p.m.

Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)

7:00 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

TUESDAY

APRIL 28

7:00 p.m.

Church Council Meeting (Online)

7:45 p.m.

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)

THURSDAY

APRIL 30

9:30 a.m.

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)

10:00 a.m.

Al-Anon (Education Room)

10:00 a.m.

Library Reorganization (Library)

6:00 p.m.

New Creation Bible Study (Library)

NEXT SUNDAY

MAY 3—FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:30 a.m.

Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)

10:00 a.m.

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

12:30 p.m.

New Creation Church (Youth Room)



Emergency Pastoral Care

For emergency pastoral care, please contact Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann at 360-912-1245 or Pr. Olaf Baumann at 360-912-1830.

