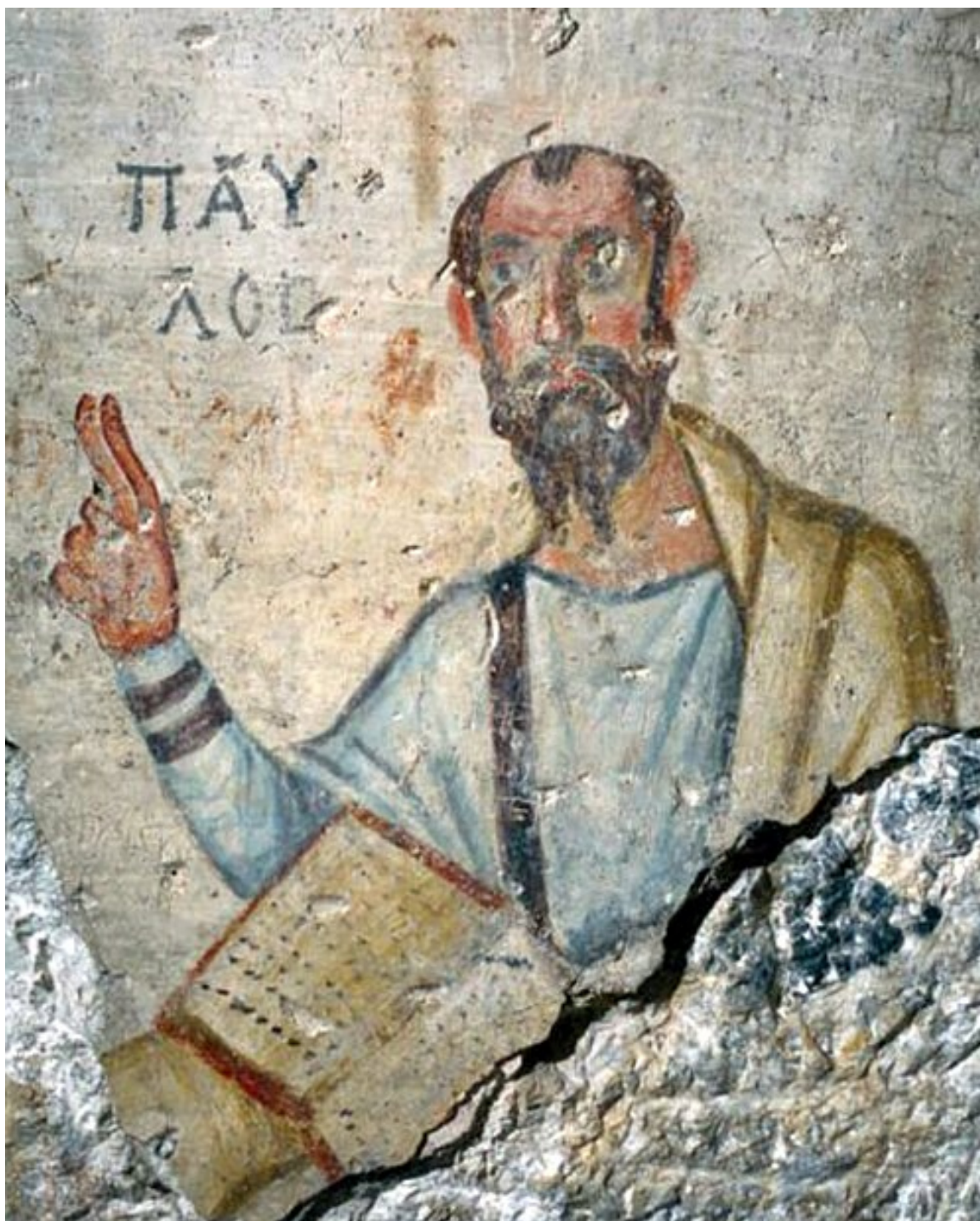




Painting in the Grotto of St. Paul, Ephesus, late 5th century



Preaching Series on Paul's
Letter to the Galatians

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.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 20, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
WOV Holy Communion Setting Five:
Bread of Life



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

BRIEF ORDER FOR 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. (*Silence for Reflection.*)

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

Take My Life That I May Be

ELW 583

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.

KYRIE

Kyrie Eleison. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christe Eleison. **Christ, have mercy.**

Kyrie Eleison. **Lord, have mercy.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al- might- y God and Fa- ther, we



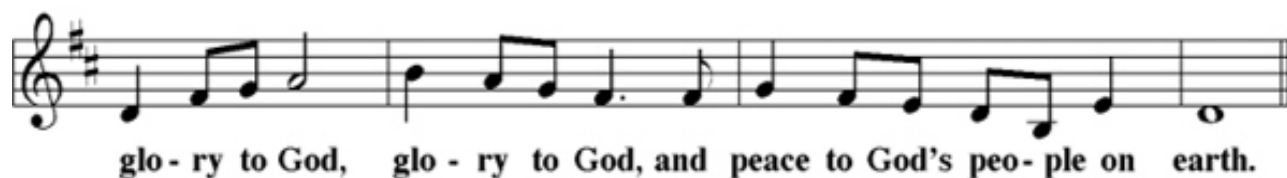
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

READING

Galatians 3:23–4:7

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

¹ My point is this: heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than those who are enslaved, though they are the owners of all the property, ² but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. ³ So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental principles of the world. ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶ And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir through God.

Psalm 145:1-4

¹ I will exalt you, my God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.

² **Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

³ Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!
There is no end to your greatness.

⁴ **One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**

Galatians 4:8-20

⁸ Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to beings that by nature are not gods. ⁹ Now, however, that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and beggarly elemental principles? How can you want to be enslaved to them again? ¹⁰ You are observing special days and months and seasons and years. ¹¹ I am afraid that my work for you may have been wasted.

¹² Brothers and sisters, I beg you: become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You have done me no wrong. ¹³ You know that it was because of a physical infirmity that I first announced the gospel to you; ¹⁴ though my condition put you to the test, you did not scorn or despise me but welcomed me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ What has become of the goodwill you felt? For I testify that, had it been possible, you would have torn out your eyes and given them to me. ¹⁶ Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth? ¹⁷ They make much of you but for no good purpose; they want to exclude you, so that you may make much of them. ¹⁸ It is good to be made much of for a good purpose at all times and not only when I am present with you. ¹⁹ My little children, for whom I am again in the pain of childbirth until Christ is formed in you, ²⁰ I wish I were present with you now and could change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.

Psalm 145:5-8

⁵ I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

⁶ **They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.**

⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

⁸ **The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

²¹ Tell me, you who desire to be subject to the law, will you not listen to the law? ²² For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by an enslaved woman and the other by a free woman. ²³ One, the child of the enslaved woman, was born according to the flesh; the other, the child of the free woman, was born through the promise. ²⁴ Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One woman, in fact, is Hagar, from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery. ²⁵ Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. ²⁶ But the other woman corresponds to the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother. ²⁷ For it is written,

“Rejoice, you childless one, you who bear no children,
burst into song and shout, you who endure no birth pangs,
for the children of the desolate woman are more numerous
than the children of the one who is married.”

²⁸ Now you, my brothers and sisters, are children of the promise, like Isaac. ²⁹ But just as at that time the child who was born according to the flesh persecuted the child who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now also. ³⁰ But what does the scripture say? “Drive out the enslaved woman and her child, for the child of the enslaved woman will not share the inheritance with the child of the free woman.” ³¹ So then, brothers and sisters, we are children, not of an enslaved woman but of the free woman.

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

As Saints of Old

ELW 695

NEW TESTAMENT CHARGE

(Matthew 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34; Luke 10:25-28; John 13:34-35)

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, with all your mind.**

This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

⁴ On these two commandments hang the law and the prophets.

³ I give you a new commandment, you love one another.

Just as I have loved you, also should love one another.

**By this everyone will know you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.**

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, or give online at oslcissaquah.org. Thank you so much for your generosity.



OFFERING MUSIC

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS *The Fruit of the Spirit (sung)*

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness;

The fruit of the Spirit is faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step.

Keep in step with the Spirit.

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step.

Keep in step with the Spirit.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness;

The fruit of the Spirit is faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

OFFERING PRAYER

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to our Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases connected by slurs. The lyrics are printed below the notes, aligned with the syllables. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

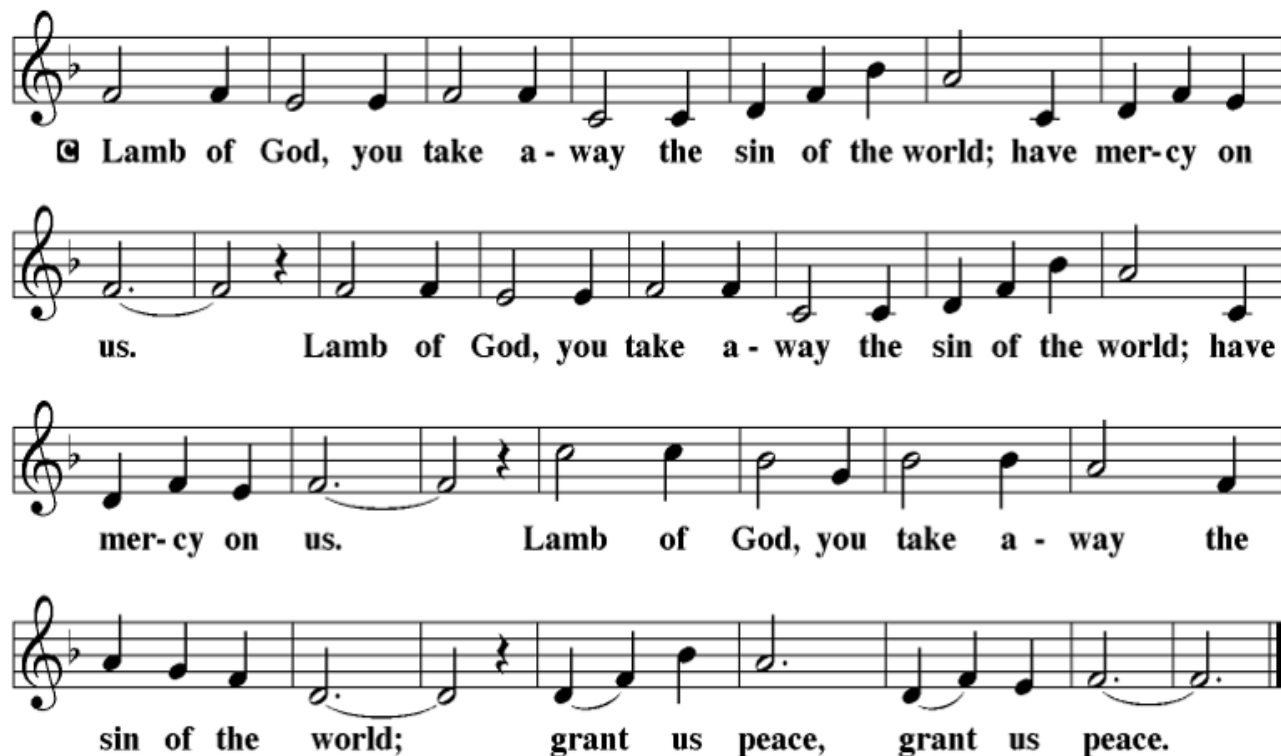
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of creation for God's beloved creatures. Come and share.

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. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Great Is Thy Faithfulness ELW 733

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly ELW 461

In the Singing ELW 466

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 and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Faith of Our Fathers

ELW 812

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choir Practice Schedule

Here's the upcoming Sunday choir practice schedule:

September 20—11:10 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
(after service)

September 27—9:10-9:45 a.m. (before service)

October 4—9:10-9:45 a.m. and sing during church

October 11—No practice

October 18—11:10 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

October 25—9:10-9:45 a.m.

November 1—9:10-9:45 a.m. and sing during church

Please talk with Nora T. if you have any questions.

Weekly Inspiration from Your Life of Faith Team

"The world says, 'The more you take, the more you have.' Christ says, 'The more you give, the more you are.' "

—Frederick Buechner

With love from your Life of Faith Team!

Serving in Worship Today

Presider: Pr. Olaf Baumann
Preacher: Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann
Assisting Minister: Joan F.
Pianist: David Liu
Violinist: Debra Z.
Ushers: Anne E. and Mike A.
Altar Guild: Stacy S.
Sound/Video: Jon S.

Tending the Wild Garden Book Study Continues

Classes continue weekly on Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. or Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

Preparation for the third session

(Thursday, September 24 or Sunday, September 27):

Read through Chapter 2 and write down one memorable sentence in your notebook. Do the daily prompts at the end of chapter 1.



Executive Committee and Church Council Meetings

These meeting dates for September were listed incorrectly in last week's bulletin. The Executive Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 22, and the Church Council will meet on Tuesday, September 29. Sorry for any confusion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephen Ministry Continuing Education on Wednesday, Sept. 23

On Wednesday, September 23, graduates of the SMTC will meet for Continuing Education from 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Education Room for Continuing Education Module 19. Any questions? Please contact Jen W.

Next Pictorial Directory Photo Session Next Sunday, September 27

All members and friends of OSLC are invited to have their photo taken for the new pictorial directory. The first photo session took place after worship last Sunday, September 13. Thanks for participating! Two additional photo sessions are scheduled for Sunday, September 27 and Sunday, October 11.

Photos will be taken in the library by Alice Lewis. Congregational Care Ministry team members will assist you in signing up at the Welcome table in the narthex.

After worship, you will be notified during coffee fellowship when it is your turn, and you will be directed to the library. On your way to the library, you will be asked to review your contact information as it is listed in the current directory and make necessary corrections.

Special arrangements will be made for those unable to come to the church for a photo session and for those unavailable to have their photo taken on one of the three scheduled dates.—Submitted by Ann T.

Bulletin and Focus Changes: New Publishing Program

You'll see simpler formatting and style changes in upcoming bulletins and Focus newsletters. I (Cynthia) created this worship bulletin using Affinity, instead of Publisher (that I've been using comfortably for many years!) since Microsoft is discontinuing Publisher as of October 1. I ask for your patience as I learn the basics and gain creative skills using this more complicated Affinity publishing program. Thanks for your understanding.—Cynthia Delaney, Parish Administrator

Northwest WA Synodical Women's Organization 2026 Fall Retreat at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Everett

Saturday, October 3, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Registration forms can be found on the table in the narthex.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✝ Share & Prayer ✝

We invite you to include these people in your daily prayers. Please email your prayer requests to office@oslcissaquah.org. 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
- ♦ **Bobbie M.**, for a strong heart and successful cancer treatment (grandmother of Holly H.)
- ♦ **Hannelore M.**, for her heart issues (wife of Peter M.)
- ♦ **Shelley H.**, as she works through several health issues (former member)
- ♦ **Jan S.**, who is recovering from health issues (friend of Shelley H.)
- ♦ **Christine W.**, may she feel God's love and guidance as her life moves on without Richard (friend of Anne E. and Mike A.)
- ♦ **Cheryl N.**, for health concerns
- ♦ **Rita H.**, who is undergoing aggressive chemo treatment for cancer (dear friend of Dianne T. and former OSLC member)
- ♦ **Dean V.**, in thanksgiving for a successful surgery and for continued healing (son-in-law of Doug and Dianne T.)
- ♦ **Judy K.**, who's recovering from back surgery (second cousin of Dianne T.)
- ♦ **Marlice G.**, who was recently diagnosed with colon cancer
- ♦ **Marilyn P.**, who had a stroke on July 27 (sister of Rick W.)
- ♦ **Doug T.**, thanksgiving and prayers for continued (husband of Dianne T.)
- ♦ **Corinne**, for a correct diagnosis (daughter of Sandy A.)

Mourning the Death of Loved Ones

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

- ♦ **Jon Pankratz** (brother of Marilyn C.)
- ♦ **Matt Salo** (former OSLC member who died on Aug. 30 after a decade of suffering effects of a hit-and-run bicycle accident)

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.

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

8:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

11:10 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 20—SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Repeat Book Study with Pr. Randy Webb (Anderson Hall)

Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee Fellowship (Anderson Hall)

Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

New Creation Church (Youth Room)

MONDAY

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

10:30 a.m.

3:00 p.m.

5:00-9:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 21

Quirky Quilters (Education Room)

Congregational Care Meeting (Library)

Companions Bible Study (Online)

Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)

RIC Visioning Meeting (Education Room)

Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 22

Executive Committee (Online)

AA Meeting (Anderson Hall)

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m.-2 p.m.

10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 23

Library Reorganization (Library)

Stephen Ministry Continuing Education (Education Room)

AA Meeting (Education Room and Children's Classroom)

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 24

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)

Al-Anon (Education Room)

Tending the Wild Garden Book Study with Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann (Anderson Hall)

New Creation Bible Study (Library)

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30-9:30 a.m.

9:10-9:45 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 27—EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Repeat Book Study with Pr. Randy Webb (Anderson Hall)

Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee Fellowship (Anderson Hall)

New Creation Church (Youth Room)