



Our Savior Lutheran

# Second Sunday of Advent

Order of Holy Communion

In Nomine Jesu



Music for Meditation & Prayer

Ringing of the Bells

Prelude

HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG

Greetings & Announcements

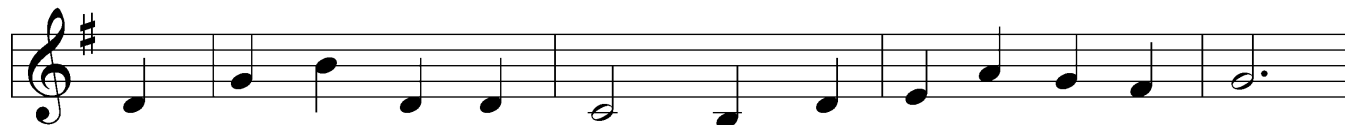
# Hymn of Invocation

## REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS

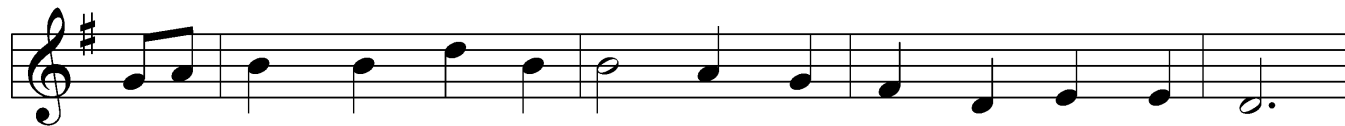
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Choir: 1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;  
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride-groom near;  
 Choir: 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ring bore,  
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.  
 Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.  
 Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.  
 A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.  
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.  
 A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.  
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride-groom is at hand.  
 In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.  
 The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

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(Stand)

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



**C** A - - men

(Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

(Kneel)

# Confession of Sins

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father; beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *(Hebrews 10:22)*

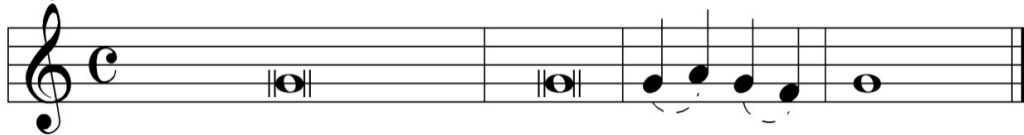
**P** Our help is in the Name of the Lord,



**C** Who made heav'n and earth.

*(Psalm 124:8)*

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,



**C** And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

*(Psalm 32:5)*

**C** *O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserve Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.*

## Absolution

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



**C** A - men.

*(John 20:19-23)*

(Stand)

## Introit

### “POPULUS ZION”

*(Intoned by Laetare with Congregation on Gloria Patri;  
Psalm 80:1, 3, 14, 17; antiphon: Isaiah 62:11b; 30:30, 29)*

Say to the daughter of | Zion,\*

“Behold, your sal- | vation comes.”

The LORD will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,\*

and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock!\*

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.

Restore us, | O God;\*

let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

Turn again, O | God of hosts!\*

Look down from | heaven, and see.

But let your hand be on the man of your | right hand,\*

the son of man whom you have made strong | for yourself!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Say to the daughter of | Zion,\*

“Behold, your sal- | vation comes.”

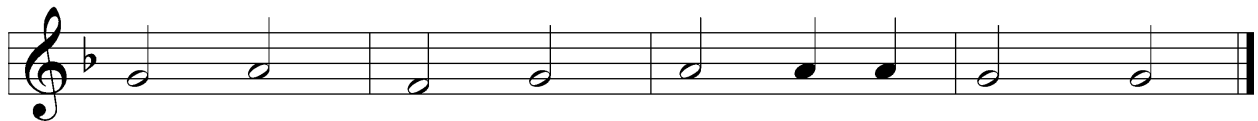
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## Kyrie

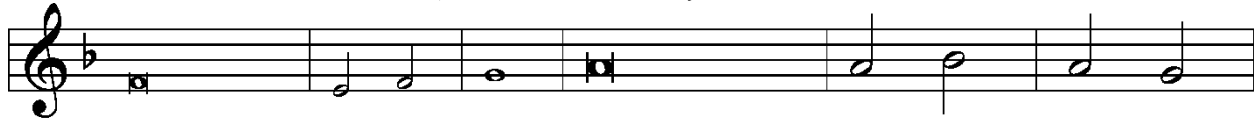


Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

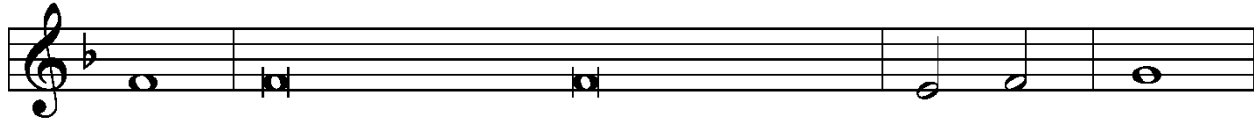


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

# Gloria in Excelsis



**C** Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

(2 Timothy 4:22)

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

(Be Seated)

## Ministry of Music

### I SHALL KNOW HIM WHEN HE COMES

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Jubilate Choir

*I shall know Him when He comes, not with sound of pipe or drum,  
but by the holy harmony which now His coming makes in me.  
He shall wear no royal robe, or a crown of precious gold,  
But He my Lord, my King shall be always, ever be there for me.  
He shall not in castle, warm, live in splendor, safe from harm.  
But in a manger, crude He'll sleep, warmed by the breath of cows and sheep.  
Come, Lord Jesus, tarry not. Find in me a resting spot.  
My heart is open, come dwell within. Let life be born in me again.  
By the holy harmony which His coming makes in me, I shall know Him, I shall know Him,  
I shall know Him when He comes.*

# Old Testament Lesson

## MALACHI 4:1–6

[1] “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. [2] But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. [3] And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

[4] “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

[5] “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. [6] And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

*The final prophet of the Old Testament era affirmed the certainty of the Day of Judgement. For the godless it will be a day of terror and destruction but for believers a day of rescue and redemption. The messianic “Sun of Righteousness” would soon arise who would accomplish the salvation which the prophets had long foretold. The imminence of His coming would be signaled by a new Elijah, John the Baptist, who would proclaim a message of repentance to Israel.*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** *Thanks be to God.*

## Gradual

*(Intoned by Laetare; Psalm 50:2–3a, 5)*

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God | shines forth.\*

Our God comes; he does not keep | silence;

“Gather to me my | faithful ones,\*

who made a covenant with me by | sacrifice!”





# Epistle Reading

## ROMANS 15:4–13

[4] Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. [5] May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, [6] that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. [7] Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. [8] For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, [9] and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." [10] And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." [11] And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." [12] And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." [13] May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

*We who live in the interim between the Savior's first and second comings are called to live hopefully, in eager anticipation of our Lord's triumphant return. Our love for one another in Christ is to serve as the evidence of God's reconciling love for humanity. God's love reaches out to all of mankind with a Gospel of life and hope in our Savior King.*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** *Thanks be to God.*

(Stand)

### Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

# Gospel Reading

## ST. LUKE 21:25–36

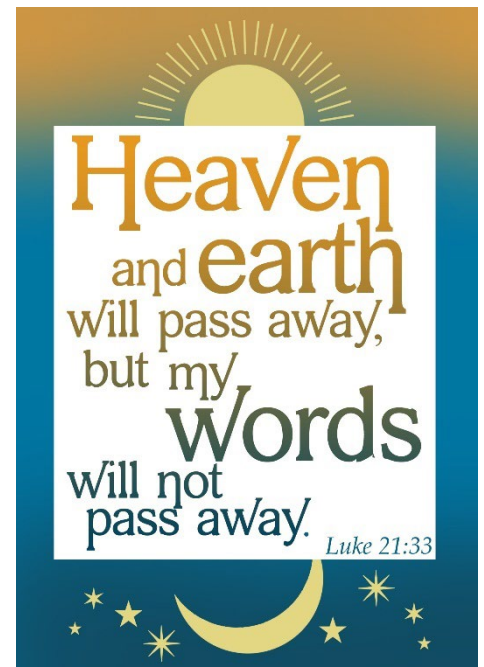
[25] [Jesus said:] “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, [26] people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. [27] And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. [28] Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” [29] And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. [30] As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. [31] So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. [32] Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. [33] Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. [34] “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. [35] For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. [36] But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*Christ's return as Judge will be an event of cosmic significance as all of the universe awaits the coming of the divine Word by which it was created in the beginning. The signs of His coming will resound throughout a creation that had been condemned to decay and death by man's sin. Christians are to be ever watchful, undistracted by the temporary things of this world which will all be swept away when the Lord Jesus comes again. We need not be taken by surprise, having been graciously forewarned by God's Word of the great events that will occur when our Lord and Savior comes again.*



# Nicene Creed

*I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
Begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made,  
Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made;  
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary  
And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried;  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures;  
And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead;  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life,  
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,  
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
Who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
And the life of the world to come. Amen.*

*(Be Seated)*

# Sermon Hymn

## THE CLOUDS OF JUDGMENT GATHER

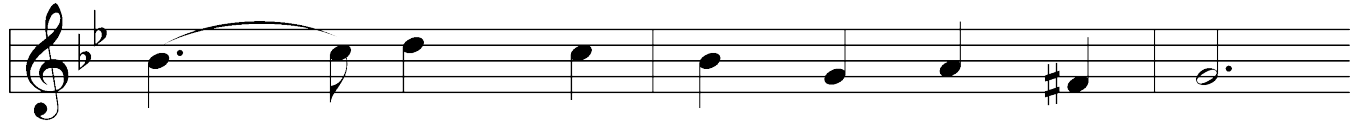
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1 The clouds of judg - ment gath - er, The  
2 A - rise, O true dis - ci - ples; Let  
3 The home of fade - less splen - dor, Of  
4 Oh, hap - py, ho - ly por - tion, Re -



time is grow - ing late; Be so - ber and be  
wrong give way to right, And pen - i - ten - tial  
blooms that bear no thorn, Where they shall dwell as  
lief for all dis - tressed, True vi - sion of true



watch - ful, Our judge is at the gate:  
shad - ow To Je - sus' bless - ed light:  
chil - dren Who here as ex - iles mourn;  
beau - ty, Re - fresh - ment for the blest!



The judge who comes in mer - cy, The  
The light that has no eve - ning, That  
The peace of all the faith - ful, The  
Strive now to win that glo - ry, Toil



judge who comes in might To put an end to  
knows no moon or sun, The light so new and  
calm of all the blest, In - vi - o - late, un -  
now to gain that light; Send hope a - head to



e - vil And di - a - dem the right.  
gold - en, The light that is but one.  
fad - ing, Di - vin - est, sweet - est, best.  
grasp it Till hope be lost in sight.

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*(Stand for Text)*

## Sermon

TEXT: MALACHI 4: 1—6

“THE DAY IS COMING”

*(Stand)*

## Votum

## OFFERTORY

*(Psalm 51:10–12)*



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Offering Prayer

*(Be Seated)*

## Offering

## Voluntary

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# Catechism Hymn

## OUR FATHER, WHO FROM HEAVEN ABOVE

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*The weekly recitation of the scripture and catechism lessons in the Divine Service helps to link us together with the children of our congregation and school who work weekly on the memorization of these texts. In the Divine Service we gather and recall the words of our youth, the words of our confirmation, the words of eternal life. The Catechism is more than a text book. The Catechism is a prayer book which is used throughout our life. The Catechism as a prayer book speaks to all our needs, giving us God's promises so that we might learn to "ask Him as dear children ask their dear Father." The Catechism even gives us the very words with which to pray.*

## Catechism Lesson

- P** A lesson from Titus 3:1 –
- C** *“Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good.”*
- P** What is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Petition of the Lord’s Prayer?
- C** *Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*
- P** What does this mean?
- C** *The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.*
- P** How is God’s will done?
- C** *God’s will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God’s name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.*



(Stand)

# INTERCESSORY PRAYER

## Preface

**Worship Note:** The sound of the Zimbelstern announces the invitation that brings the realms of heaven and voices here on earth to sing the great hymn of praise to our Lord. As the pastor reads “therefore with angels and archangels....” the bells peal in festive celebration.

**P** The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

(Psalm 136)



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

# Sanctus

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,  
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

# Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

**P** Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil;



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

# Words of Institution

(Matthew 26:26-28)

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

(John 20:19)

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

(John 1:29)



**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

(Be Seated)

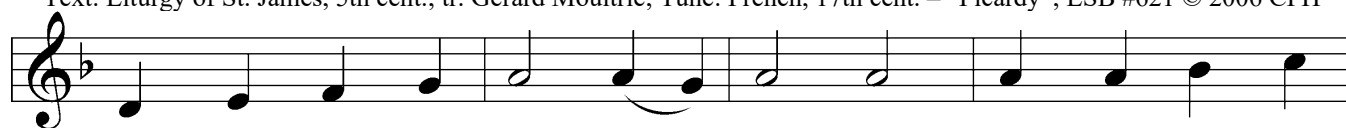
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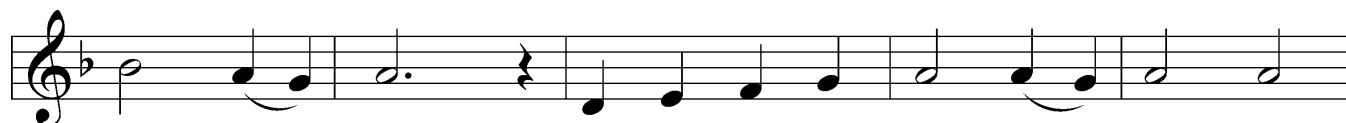
## Distribution Hymns

### LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

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1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and  
2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on  
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard  
4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing  
sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -  
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the  
From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to  
As with cease-less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.  
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
van - quish As the dark-ness clears a - way.  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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# Ministry of Music

## PACEM, DONA NOBIS PACEM

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Jubilate Choir

*Pacem dona nobis pacem. Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem.  
Miserere nobis. Miserere nobis, Agnus Dei.  
Pacem dona nobis pacem. Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem.*

*(Give us peace. Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us, Lamb of God.)*

## RENEW ME, O ETERNAL LIGHT

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1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my  
2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all  
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly  
4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those

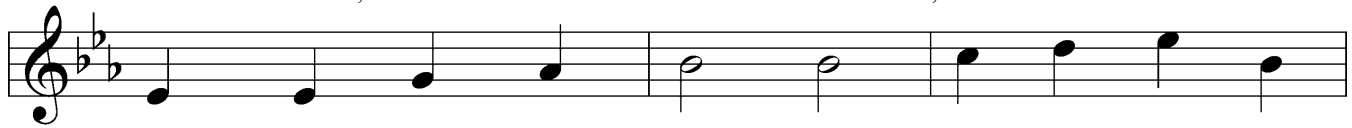
heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the  
my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the  
I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be  
things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You

light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.  
strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.  
my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.  
face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

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# ONCE HE CAME IN BLESSING

Text: Johann Horn; Tune: Michael Weisse – “Gottes Sohn Ist Kommen”; LSB #333 © 2006 CPH



1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -  
 2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He  
 3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y  
 4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -



dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,  
 feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,  
 pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor  
 lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to  
 Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will  
 And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful  
 That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -



save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.  
 nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.  
 shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.  
 fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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# Nunc Dimittis – Song of Simeon

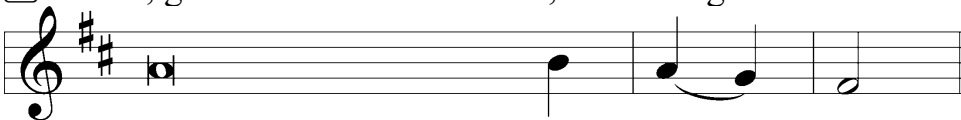
(Luke 2:29–32)



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

**P** Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

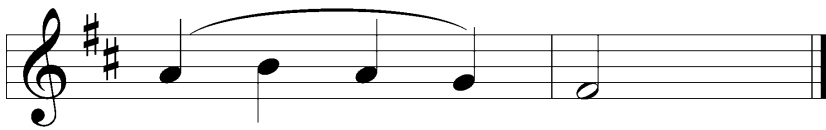


**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

# Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

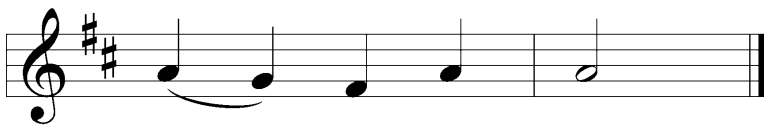
## Salutation and Benedicamus

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

# Closing Hymn

## COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

Text: Charles Wesley; Tune: New Haven, 1835 – “Jefferson”; LSB #338 © 2006 CPH



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;  
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

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# Postlude

## COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

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# Soli Deo Gloria!

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# Welcome!

**Volume LXXVI**

**December 10, 2023**

**Number 50**

*Enter reverently, meditate quietly, worship sincerely, serve Christ faithfully.*

It is our heartfelt prayer that all who worship here this day may encounter the love of our Savior. According to His promise, He is here today reaching out to us in love through Word and Sacrament. If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you have found it here so that we may rejoice in serving the Lord together. If we can be of service to you or your family in any way please do not hesitate to ask.

**LIFE THOUGHTS/PRAYER:** Advent II – No matter what sufferings we carry or how weary we become, Jesus provides hope-filled news about His second coming. Christ has won the victory, and when He returns death and evil will be vanquished. We will be “leaping like calves from the stall” (Malachi 4:1-3). “[S]traighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near” (Luke 21:28). *Prayer: Lord, may my comfort be knowing some things are worth waiting for—even amid suffering! Amen.*

**ATTENDANCE CARDS – MEMBERS (yellow) & VISITORS (blue),** remember to fill out an attendance card listing all in attendance for your family. Please note any changes, otherwise you do not have to fill in the address information each week. It is appreciated if first-time visitors would include their address and phone number. Email and work numbers are helpful for inner-office needs. By filling out a card, your attendance and communing is recorded, and your comments are addressed. It is not necessary to indicate common or individual cup. Place cards in the offering plate or give to an usher on your way out. Thanks!

- *The Cry-Room and the four row spans directly in front of it are reserved for parents with small children. Thank you.*
- *Hearing devices are available from the ushers if you need this assistance.*



**HOLY COMMUNION** will be celebrated next on **Sunday, December 24 at 9:30 AM.**  
“Let a man examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.”  
*1 Corinthians 11:28*

The Word of God teaches that the bread and wine of the Sacrament are the true Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. This precious gift of God’s grace is to be received in a sense of reverent awe after careful self-examination. The Bible defines that self-examination as a personal recognition of the real presence of Christ’s Body and Blood in the Sacrament, and a repentant acknowledgment of my own sinfulness recognizing my absolute dependence upon Christ as the only source of forgiveness for my sin. Scripture further instructs that our participation in Christ’s Body and Blood together is the most profound and powerful way for Christians to acknowledge their unity in the faith. That is to say, when we share in the Body and Blood of Jesus at this altar, we are thereby indicating our common commitment to all of the doctrines of God’s Word as they are taught in this congregation. Because of these Biblical convictions, we respectfully request that visitors, who wish to join us in receiving the Body and Blood of Christ and thereby identify with our confession of Bible truth, speak with one of our pastors before attending the Lord’s Supper.

# Get the OSL App...

**SERMON VIDEOS** are on our app or website at [www.OSL.cc](http://www.OSL.cc) (click MEDIA at the top). CDs of sermons are available for \$2 each. You may also request past sermons and special services on your attendance card.



## BIBLE CLASS & SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS FOR ALL:

### 8:15 AM –

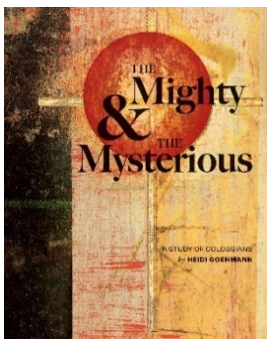
**7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism/Confirmation:** Confirmation students learn together as they develop their faith, learning how to pray, read and study Scripture, and defend their faith. (Pastor Cholak – Youth 4:12 Room)

**Genesis:** The Beginning of All Things – A study of Creation in Scripture, chapters 1-11 (Pastor White - Bible Class Room)

### 10:45 AM – Adults

**The Cost of Discipleship:** This will be an intense study to help each of us understand what it truly means to be a Christian according to the Word of God. Our outline will be based on the life and the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Pastor Bonhoeffer was brutally martyred by the Nazis for his courageous stand against the evil which had engulfed his country. Most Christians remained silent while everything they professed to believe was denied and destroyed. Join us for this important Bible study because it is happening again all around us. Let God call us back to real discipleship. (Pastor White - Bible Class Room)

**Lutheran Confessions:** Our Lutheran Confessions were developed out of a genuine concern with false teachings obscuring the glory and merit of our Savior. These unconditional affirmations are as understandable and poignant today as when they were written. Learn their history and development, as well as their relevance in the daily life of a Christian. Through discussion, you will see how others are asking the same questions and how Scripture offers solid, reliable answers. (James Kriegel, C101)



**NEW Women's Bible Study – *The Mighty and the Mysterious*:** We have started our walk with author Heidi Goehmann through God's Word to the Colossians. Though many things will remain a mystery until we see our Savior face-to-face, readers will discover that God fills them right now in every way, through the mighty and mysterious Body of Christ, the Church. (Family Rm, Church)

**Applying Scripture to Current Events:** This class for young adults will focus on today's headlines and current events and discuss these topics in light of scripture and how the verses covered each week apply to everyday life. (Adam White, C106)

**The Church Militant: God's Work in History:** Picking up from the history of the early Church, we continue the history of how God preserved His Word within the medieval Church and brought about the Reformation in the 16th century. Combining history and theology, we will explore the connections of the Church past and present. (Karl Baughman, Cafeteria)

**Mommy & Me Bible Class (for Moms & babies)** in Room B112 of the ECE building, led by Nicole Spangler.



### **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS AS LISTED – 10:45 AM –**

High School – 4:12 Youth Room

7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – C105

6<sup>th</sup> Grade – C103

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – C113

3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – C116

1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – C115

Kindergarten – B107

3 & 4 yrs – B108

18 mos. – 3 yrs – B111



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of Julie & Bill Lierbo's 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today, by Jackie & Mike Morris, and John and William Lierbo; and by Diana & Mike Stachowiak in honor of their wedding anniversary.

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**2024 Flower Chart** is available to sponsor the church flowers for your special occasions! Each flower arrangement is \$45. You will find the flower clipboard on the hutch in the narthex. Remember to write a "W" if you want the flowers, or "S" to send them to the sick. Thank you!

**UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION:** Remember to log in to your **Breeze** account, and make sure all your contact information is correct – phone numbers, address, email accounts, etc. You can even **add your own PHOTO**. Call the church office if you need help: 713-290-9087.

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**Non-OSL 7th/8th GRADE CONFIRMATION ZOOM—Sundays at 6:00 PM**

**Young Adults Bible Study—Mondays—6PM—OSL Youth Room:** This group is young adults (both married and single). We meet on Monday evenings at 6PM in the 4:12 Lounge (the Youth Room). We'll have snacks and refreshments as we gather to study and visit. Please tell your friends!

**Life With God: New Member Classes on Mondays @ 7pm** – Our adult information class covers the most important teachings of the Bible as they are believed, taught, and confessed in this Lutheran Congregation. The class is designed for anyone considering membership in Our Savior Lutheran Church and for members of the congregation who would like a great review of basic Bible doctrine. It should be particularly interesting for both member and non-member school parents to familiarize yourself with what your kids are learning in class every day. **Class is on Mondays, from 7:00-8:30pm. Babysitting and refreshments are provided.**



**WEEKLY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** –All men are invited on **Wednesday** mornings in the Bible Class Room, at 6:30-7:30 a.m. Contact Channing Wood at [channing@toddyblends.com](mailto:channing@toddyblends.com).

**PASTOR WHITE'S WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** meets from 10:00-12:00, and we are studying *Romans, Chief Part of the New Testament and the Very Purest Gospel*. Make Bible study a regular part of your schedule. Food and fellowship provided of course!

**ZOOM BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS** – Join us for the Word on the Web as we study Mark's Gospel on Thursdays at 7PM. Go to: <https://osl.cc/the-word-on-the-web> to join the study. You need Zoom installed on your phone or computer with microphone and camera to participate.

**SHUT-IN MEMBER VISITS** – *Do you know of someone that is not able to make it to church and wants a visit?* Please contact **Pastor Cholak**: 713-290-9087 or [scholak@osl.cc](mailto:scholak@osl.cc) .



**Calling for Cross-stitchers!** If you are interested in helping make the Chrismon ornaments for our Sunday School children, we are looking for stitchers! The patterns are simple and we will provide you with the materials. If interested, please contact Sarah in the church office.

**Do you crochet or hem?** The Blue Buses are seeing so many moms, we're handing out baby blankets like crazy! If you can help crochet or hem blankets, please contact **Ethelene Marshall**: 713-849-9266 or 713-542-7534.







**Let's Go Caroling!** Christmas Caroling is **December 17th, at 5:00 pm.** This is an event for the whole family! We meet at the church, travel together by bus, then come back to church for snacks and fellowship. Bring a snack to share and come with your voices strong and ready to sing. Jeff Armstrong will lead us as we sing to our shut-in members and spread some Christmas cheer!

**Order Legacy Bricks!** All orders closing on December 31. Bricks will be installed in May. Proceeds benefit the

8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington DC where they learn their responsibilities as Christian citizens.



**CART CREW DRIVERS NEEDED!** Please consider joining a Cart Crew Team! You must be 16 or older and have a valid driver's license. Please contact the church office 713-290-9087, or Andy Adams [aadams@adamsins.com](mailto:aadams@adamsins.com), to add your name to the list.

**GREETERS NEEDED** to serve the Lord with gladness! Get to know your fellow church family. Call Garry Stuhr for information: 281-704-7129.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for audio-visual ministries: If you would like to learn from a "hands on" perspective, call 713-290-9087, leave your name, number, and we will contact you. No experience needed.

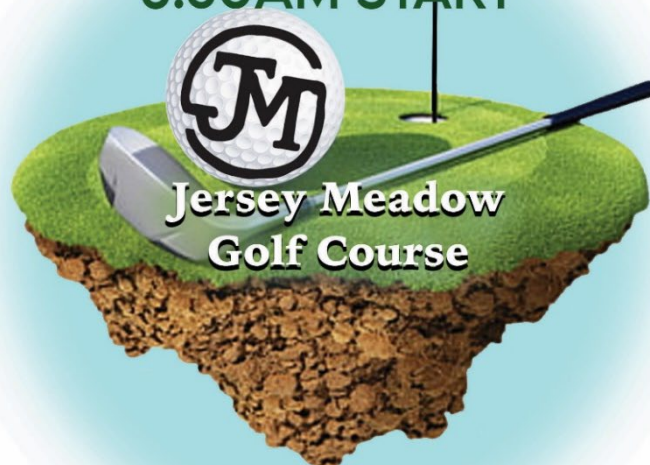
**RECYCLE** Paper in the bin which is in the back parking lot to the north.

**STAMPS** – Cheerful Helpers are collecting stamps trimmed to 1/4". Please put them in the mailbox in Pastor White's Bible Class Room. – Sandi Hall, Human Care Chairman.

**Greeting Cards** are available in the Bible Class Room. Each box is \$6 or \$7. Make checks payable to OSL, with Circle of Grace in the memo.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
SATURDAY, 12.16.23

**OSL MEN ALIVE!**  
20TH ANNUAL CHARITY  
GOLF TOURNAMENT  
8:30AM START



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**MEASURE OF DEVOTION:** Last Sunday, we had 454 people in attendance (last year 340), 570 viewers online.

### Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week .....	\$ 46,929.03
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 49 .....	\$ 1,706,695.83
Tithes & Offerings needed each week .....	\$ 40,600.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 49 .....	\$ 1,989,400.00
General Fund Income to date .....	\$ 4,438,496.99
Special Contributions to date .....	\$ 443,590.03
Eagle Fund (School Fundraising Campaign) Contributions to date .....	\$ 29,365.59

*“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.” Malachi 3:10*

### Those To Serve:

#### Today, Sunday, December 10, at 9:30 AM

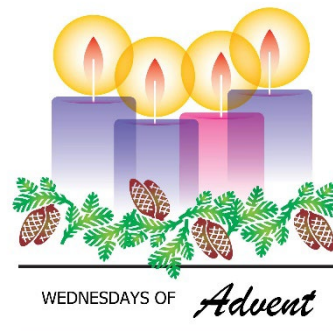
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**USHERS:** Gobrogge Team  
**SOUND:** Blake  
**CARTS:** Downie Team  
**ACOLYTES:** George Baughman / Blake Farr  
**ALTAR GLD:** Lorie Moehlman Team  
**COMM. ASST:** James Kriegel/Ken Wright/Brandon Shipes/Dennis Mueller  
**EVANGELISM:** Team 3 James  
**GREETERS:** TEAM 8: Greenwood / Domann / Peterson  
**MUSIC:** Jubilate Choir  
**VIDEO:** Amélie Boerger / Chad Greenwood / Mitchell Stephens / Adam White / Wesley White

#### Next Week, Sunday, December 17, at 9:30 AM

James Kriegel/ Alvin Fritsche/ Ken Wright/ Brandon Shipes  
 Symcox Team  
 Whiting  
 Gavin Team  
 Paige Lawder / Evan Wood  
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 —  
 Team 4 Robert  
 TEAM 10: Schmidt / Stuhr

#### Advent Wednesday, December 13, at 7:00 PM

**ELDERS:** James Kriegel/ Alvin Fritsche/ Ken Wright/ Brandon Shipes  
**USHERS:** Gobrogge Team  
**SOUND:** Blake  
**CARTS:** Kriegel Team  
**ACOLYTES:** Lucas Downie / Wesley White / Kaden Resendez  
**EVANGELISM:** Team 3 James  
**GREETERS:** TEAM 9: Kemnitz / Kunkel  
**MUSIC:** Laudate Choir  
**VIDEO:** Amélie Boerger / Chad Greenwood / Mitchell Stephens / Adam White / Wesley White



### DON'T FORGET TO TITHE!



*Use the OSL app, free in the App Store. No monthly fee -No set up fee -No hidden fees; Lowest processing rates that continue to drop as your giving increases. All credit and debit cards (including AMEX) are processed at 2.3% + .30 cents per transaction. All ACH donations are 1% with no cents. There is also a “GIVE” link at the top of our website: [www.OSL.cc](http://www.OSL.cc)*



# BRISKET

≡ FUNDRAISER ≡

.....  
\$100 WHOLE • \$50 HALF  
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FRIDAY, DEC 15, 3 PM

PICK UP AFTER SCHOOL

DEADLINE TO ORDER IS MONDAY, DEC 11

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

QTY: WHOLE \_\_\_\_\_ HALF \_\_\_\_\_

CHECKS PAYABLE TO "KAREN BORDAS"

RETURN FORMS TO OSL 8TH GRADER OR OSL SCHOOL OFFICE.

CANNOT GUARENTEE LEAN OR FAT SIDE FOR HALF BRISKET ORDERS.

ORDER BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 11.



# OSL AT A GLANCE

## Sunday, December 10, 2023

Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Confirmation Class-YR	8:15am	Youth Room
<b>Communion</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Church &amp; online</b>
Sunday School	10:45am	
Laudate-Choir Rm	12:00pm	Church Choir Room
<b>LWML Christmas Party-BC</b>	12:30pm	Bible Class Room
Non-OSL Confirmation-Zoom	6:00pm	Zoom online



## Monday, December 11, 2023

8th Grade Brisket Fundraiser Order Deadline - School		
Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML	9:00am	LWML
Young Adults Bible Study-YR	6:00pm	Youth Room
New Member Class-BC	7:00pm	Bible Class Room

## Tuesday, December 12, 2023

<i>Braille</i>	8:30am	<i>Concordia LCMS</i>
Preschool-2nd Grade Christmas Program	6:00pm	Church Sanctuary
Trustees-Maintenance Bldg.	6:30pm	Maintenance Building
3rd-8th Grade Christmas Program	7:00pm	Church Sanctuary
Parish Ed mtg-YR	7:00pm	Youth Room



## Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Men's Bible Study-BC	6:30am	Bible Class Room
Bible Class-BC	10:00am	Bible Class Room
Bulletin Deadline	12:00pm	Church Office
Advent Meal-BC	5:30pm	Bible Class Room
<b>Advent Service</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Church &amp; online</b>



## Thursday, December 14, 2023

Prayer Request printing deadline	3:00pm	Church office
Carillon Ringers	6:15pm	Choir Loft
Elders mtg-BC	7:00pm	Bible Class Room
Jubilate Choir	7:00pm	Choir Loft
Word Web Bible Study-Zoom	7:00pm	<a href="https://osl.cc/the-word-on-the-web">https://osl.cc/the-word-on-the-web</a>

## Friday, December 15, 2023

Newsletter Deadline		
8th Grade Brisket Order Pickup - School	3:00pm	School

## Saturday, December 16, 2023

<i>Men Alive 20th Charity Golf Tournament</i>	8:30am	<i>8502 Rio Grande St., Jersey Village, 77040</i>
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## Sunday, December 17, 2023

Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Confirmation Class-YR	8:15am	Youth Room
<b>Matins</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Church &amp; online</b>
Sunday School	10:45am	
Cantate-Choir Rm	12:00pm	Church Choir Room
Life Team Meeting-BC	12:00pm	Bible Class Room
Sr Youth Meeting-YR	4:00pm	Youth Room
<b>Christmas Caroling - BC</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Bible Class Room</b>
Non-OSL Confirmation-Zoom	6:00pm	Zoom online





# Advent Wednesday

DECEMBER 13 @ 7:00 PM

*I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near: a star shall come out of Jacob,  
and a scepter shall rise out of Israel. Numbers 24:17*

**ADVENT MEAL THIS Wednesday!** We will have a fellowship meal in the Bible Class Room at 5:30 PM, before the service at 7PM. All the cooking will be done by our chef, Diana DeForest, and the following group will setup, serve, and cleanup:

**December 13 – LWML Cheerful Helpers:** *Spaghetti Dinner*

**December 20 – Men Alive:** *Pulled Pork Sandwiches*

*Anyone is welcome to help these groups, too! Thanks for your service to our Lord this Advent Season!*

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## *Order Your Poinsettias*

The Altar Guild will be decorating our church with poinsettias to celebrate the joy of our newborn Savior in memory of loved ones or a special occasion. Your dedication will be printed in a special book that will be handed out at the Christmas services. Use this form and place in the offering plate, mail to us, or email to Jackie at [jlowery@osl.cc](mailto:jlowery@osl.cc). Each poinsettia plant is \$15.00. Checks made out to OSL. Poinsettias will be available for pick up after the New Year's Eve Service. Poinsettia dedication deadline for the book is December 17th.



Yes, I want \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettias @ \$15.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication: \_\_\_\_\_

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# OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN



*Treat your family to a memorable evening that focuses on the true meaning of the holiday, singing your favorite hymns along with the choir and orchestra in a festival of lights. Experience the Christmas Gospel and the joyous announcement of the Birth of our beloved Savior, climaxing in the singing of Silent Night by candlelight along with our family of believers.*

*O Come, Let Us Adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!*

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Choir & Orchestra**  
**Sunday, December 24, at 6:00 pm**  
*(arrive early for the best seating)*

**Christmas Day Communion • Monday, December 25, at 9:30 am**

**New Year's Eve Remembrance • Sunday, December 31, at 7:00 pm**

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