



Our Savior Lutheran Church

Second Sunday in Advent

Order of Matins

In Nomine Jesu



Music for Meditation & Prayer

Ring of the Bells

Prelude

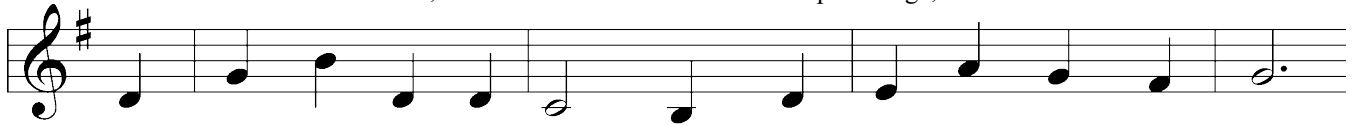
HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG

Greetings & Announcements

Hymn of Invocation

REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS

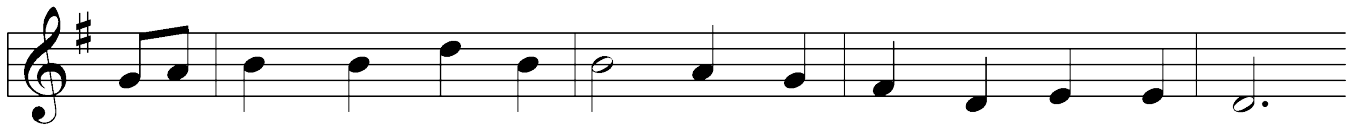
Text: Laurentius Laurenti; Tune: Swedish – “Haf Trones Lampa Färdig”; LSB #515 © 2006 CPH



- 1 Re - joice, re-joyce, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride-groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ings 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



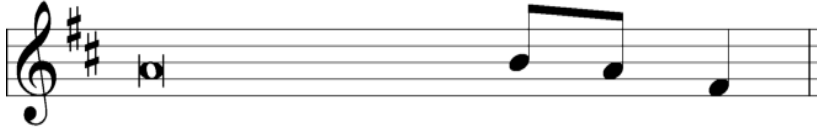
Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride-groom is at hand.
In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

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(Stand)
Versicles

P O Lord, open thou my lips,

(Psalm 51:15)



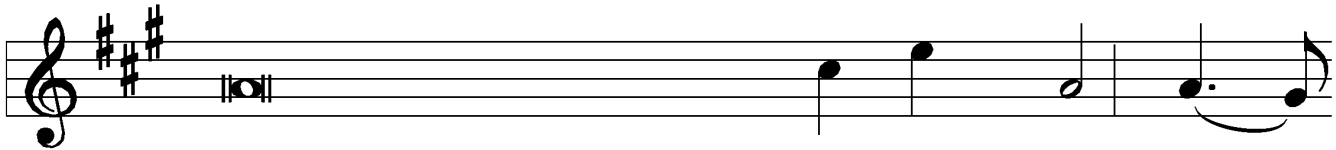
C And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

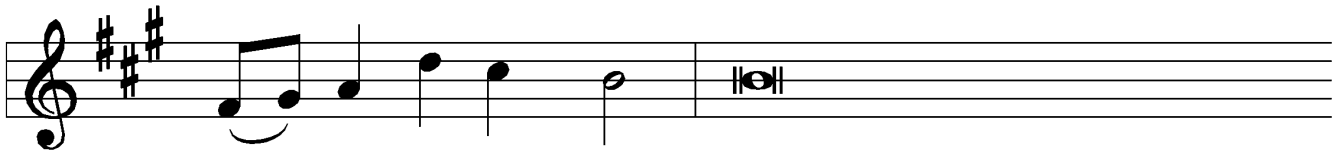
(Psalm 70:1)



C Make haste to help me, O Lord.



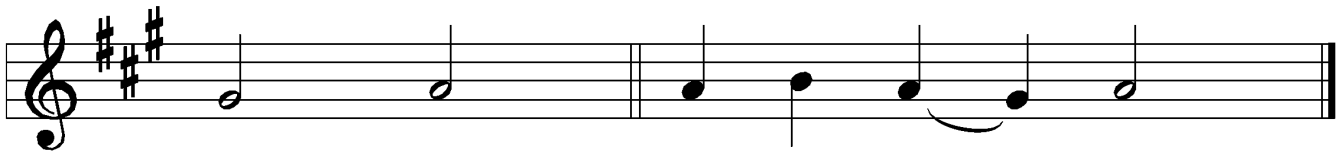
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and



to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is



now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end.



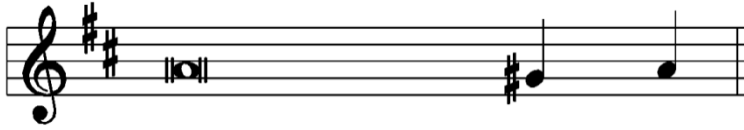
A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia!

Invitatory

P Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:

(Psalm 95:6)



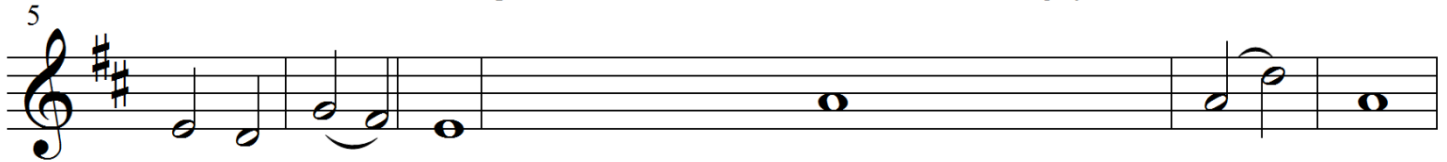
C For He is our Mak - er.

Venite Exultemus Domino

(Psalm 95:1-7)



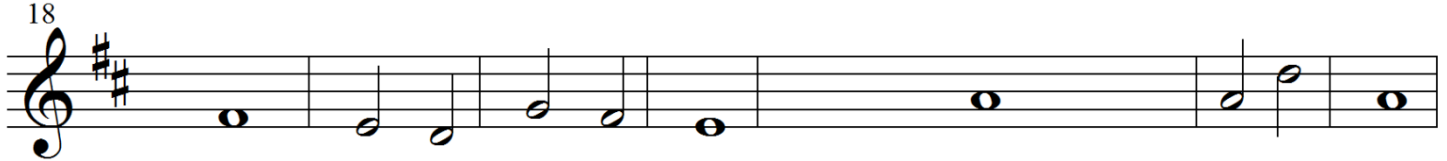
Oh, come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come before His presence with thanks - giv - ing:



and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God:



and a great King a - bove all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth:



the strength of the hills is His al - so. The sea is His, and He made it:

32 and His hands formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and bow down:

39 let us kneel before the Lord, our Mak - er. For He is our God:

46 and we are people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

50 Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

57 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with-out end. A - men.

Give ear,



O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!



Psalmody

POPULUS ZION

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

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 | heav’n 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.”
The Lord will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,*
 and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.

(Be Seated)

Hymn of the Day

THE CLOUDS OF JUDGMENT GATHER

Text: Bernard of Cluny, 12th cent.; Tune: Welsh – “Llangloffan”; LSB #513 © 2006 CPH

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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Old Testament Reading

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 But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



C Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

Epistle Reading

ROMANS 15:4-13

[4] For 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,

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.

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.

P But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



C Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

(Stand)

Gospel Reading

ST. LUKE 21:25-36

[25] “And 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.”

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.

P But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



C Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

(Be Seated; Children may gather in front of the altar at this time)

Children's Hymn

AWAY IN A MANGER

Text: Philadelphia, 1885; Tune: James R. Murray – “Away in a Manger”; LSB #364 © 2006 CPH

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

The stars in the sky _____ looked down where He lay,
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

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Children's Sermon

LO, HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING

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Exercise 7, Part 1

The first staff of music is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains the following notes: a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on G4, an eighth note on F4, an eighth note on E4, a quarter note on D4, and a half note on C4.

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(Stand for Text)

Sermon

Text: Hebrews 12:25-29

"WHOM THE LORD LOVES"

(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

LO, HE COMES

Catechism Hymn

OUR FATHER, WHO FROM HEAVEN ABOVE

Text & Tune: Martin Luther – “Vater Unser”; LSB #766 st. 4 © 2006 CPH



4 Your gra-cious will on earth be done As it is done be -
fore Your throne, That pa-tient - ly we may o - bey Through -
out our lives all that You say. Curb flesh and blood and ev - 'ry
ill That sets it - self a - gainst Your will.

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Catechism Lesson

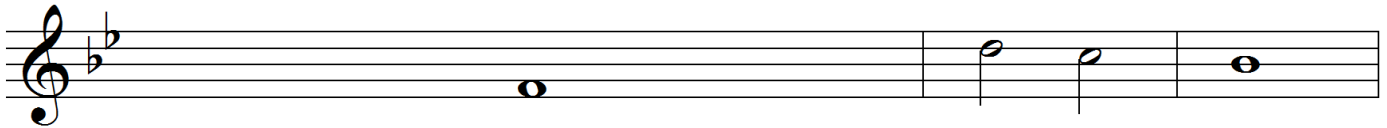
- P** What is the 3rd Petition of The Lord's Prayer?
- C** *Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*
- P** What does this mean?
- C** *The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.*
- P** How is God's will done?
- 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.*
- P** A lesson from Romans 7:18 –
- C** *“For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.”*

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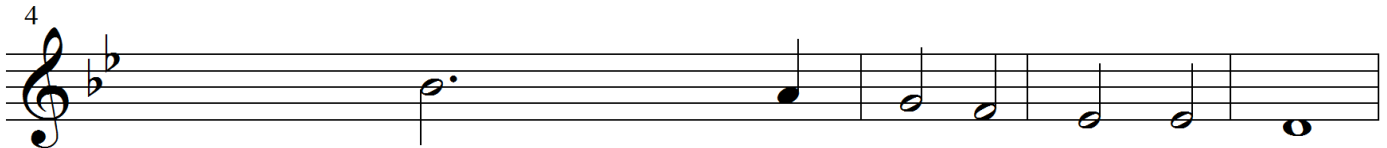
The Canticle - Te Deum Laudamus



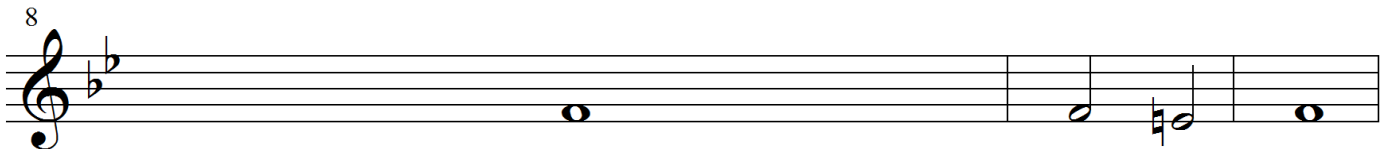
("We Praise Thee O Lord" is one of the most ancient and glorious hymns of the Church. Tradition indicates that it was composed by Ambrose of Milan on the occasion of the baptism of St. Augustine in A.D. 387. The "Te Deum" is an exalted song of praise and thanksgiving to God the Father and God the Son, based upon the outline of the Apostle's Creed. Martin Luther thought so highly of this great hymn that he suggested it be included among the basic creedal statements of Christendom. This morning we are blessed to add our voices to a grand chorus of saints and angels across the centuries in singing the praises of our wondrous God.)



1. We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
3. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
5. The noble army of martyrs praise Thee;



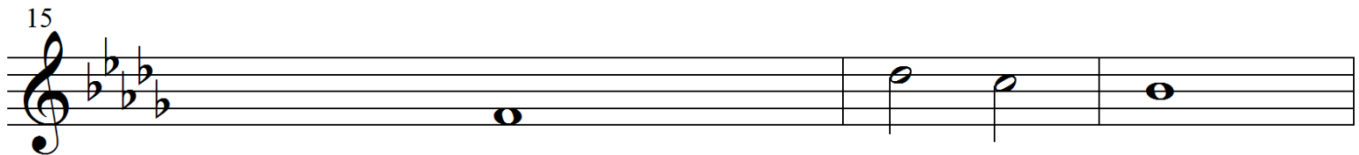
1. All the earth doth worship Thee, the Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.
3. Heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Thy glo - ry.
5. The holy Church throughout all the world doth ac - knowl-edge Thee:



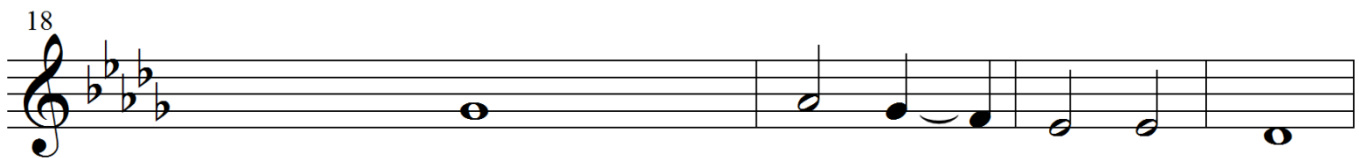
2. To Thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers there - in;
4. The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee;
6. The Father of an infinite majesty; Thine adorable true and on - ly Son,
7. Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.



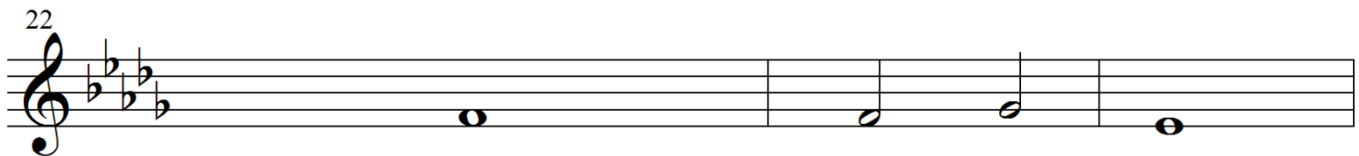
2. To Thee cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
4. The goodly fellowship of the proph - ets praise Thee;
6. also the Holy Ghost, the Com - fort - er.
7. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



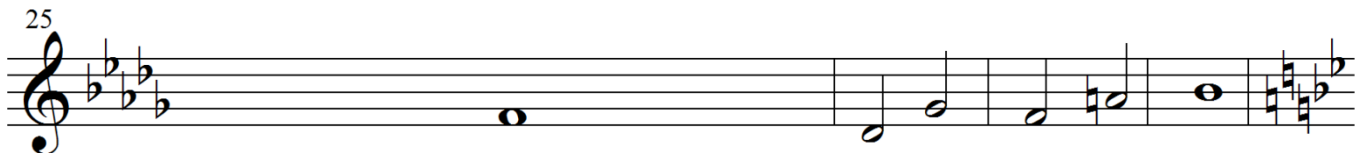
8. When Thou tookest upon Thee to de - liv - er - man,
 10. Thou sittest at the right hand of God
 12. We therefore pray Thee, help Thy ser - vants,



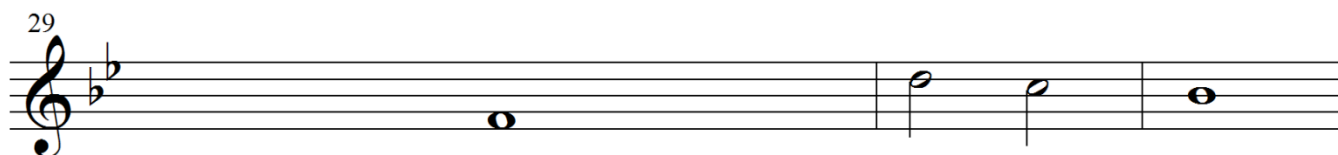
8. Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a vir - gin.
 10. in the glory of the Fa - ther.
 12. whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy pre - cious blood.



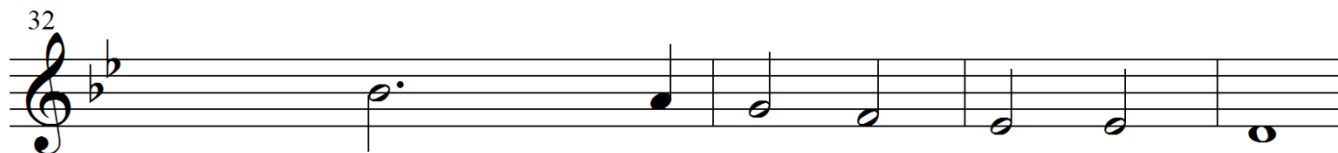
9. When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
 11. We believe that Thou shalt come
 13. Make them to be numbered with Thy saints



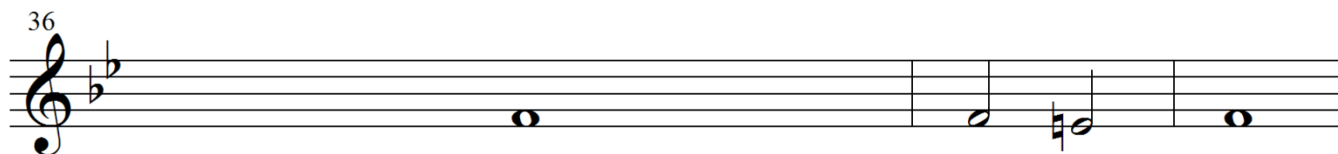
9. Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
 11. to be our Judge.
 13. in glory ev - er - last - ing.



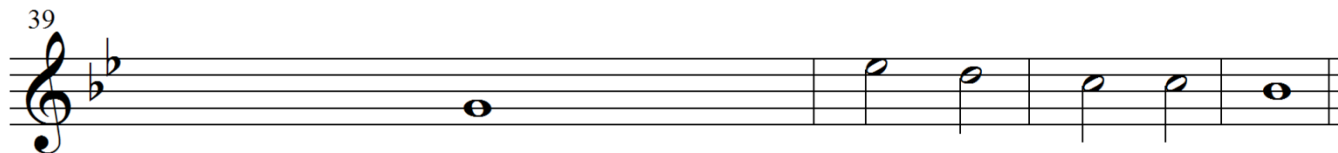
14. O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine her - i - tage.
 16. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



14. Govern them and lift them up for - ev - - - er.
 16. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mer - cy up - on us.



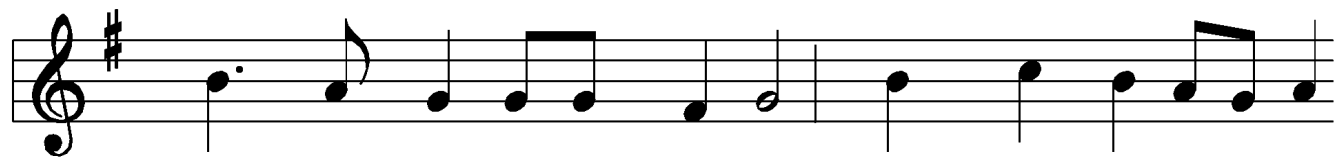
15. Day by day we magni - fy Thee.
 17. O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee.



15. And we worship Thy name ever, world with - out end.
 17. O Lord, in Thee have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

Kyrie

(Mark 10:47)



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



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

The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

C *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; For thine is the kingdom And the power and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen*

Salutation

(2 Timothy 4:22)

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Intercessory Prayer

Benedicamus

(Psalm 103:1)

P Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

(2 Corinthians 13:14)

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



C A - men.

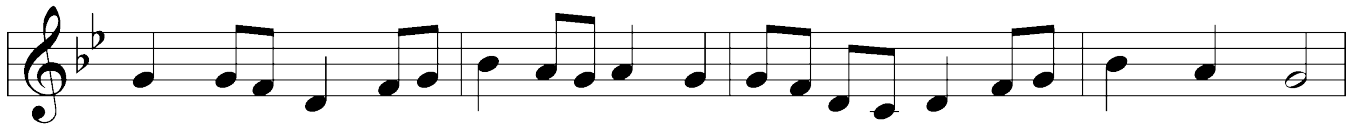
Closing Hymn

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

Text: Charles Wesley; Tune: Southern Harmony, 1835, New Haven – “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!

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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). “Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near” (Luke 21:28). Some things are worth waiting for—even amid suffering! *Prayer: O Lord, may we welcome others as Christ has welcomed us. Help us proclaim the sanctity of every human life to defend the cause of the poor, and put it into practice to give deliverance to the children of the needy. 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 14 @ 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.

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SERMON VIDEOS are on our app or website at 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. Our *Bible Through One Year* plan is also on our app.



Bible Class & Sunday School Options for all:

8:15 AM –

7th- 8th Grade Non-OSL School Students 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 (Pastor White - Bible Class Room)

10:45 AM – Adults

How Should We Worship God? *What Kinds of Music? Contemporary Or Traditional? Where Does the Liturgy Come From?* **Bring Your Questions & Comments...** (Pastor White - Bible Class Room)

Enduring Faith: This adult class looks at the lessons the children are learning, with an adult perspective. New members and parents of Sunday School children are encouraged to come. All are welcome. (Bill Prestwood, C102)

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)

Women's Bible Study – *Altogether Beautiful: A Study of the Song of Songs*, by Heidi Goehmann (published by Concordia Publishing House). Walking through this study, you will learn how beautiful God sees you, but more important, you'll learn to ground your identity in the one who makes you beautiful—Jesus Christ. (Sarah Baughman, Family Room, 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)

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS AS LISTED – 10:45 AM

High School – 4:12 Youth Room
7th – 8th Grade – C105
6th Grade – C103

5th Grade – C113
3rd – 4th Grade – C116
1st – 2nd Grade – C115

Kindergarten – B110
3 & 4 yrs – B109
18 mos. – 3 yrs – B111

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Symcox Family in honor of Jo-Caroll Mueller's birthday; and by Shirley Soileau celebrating Breann & Austin's 1st anniversary.



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.

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 on Monday Nights! This is a study of God's Word and the Lutheran Doctrine. Class is held **Mondays**, from **7:00 - 8:30 pm**, in the **Bible Class Room**, with a light meal before class at 6:30 pm. This course runs through December. *Bring a neighbor, a friend, or family!* **ZOOM Option:** Go to <https://osl.cc/mondaynight-biblestudy>. For the best experience, please download the Zoom app on your phone or computer. Contact Bill Prestwood with any questions: bprestwood@osl.cc or 806-626-5244.

WEEKLY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – All men are invited on **Wednesday** mornings in the Bible Class Room, at 6:30-7:30am, or join by **ZOOM** through <https://osl.cc/menalive>. Contact Channing Wood at 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*. Food and fellowship provided of course!

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS – Join us for the Word on the Web as we study Romans on Thursdays at 6PM. 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.

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, 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 in Audio-Visual Ministry: Learn from a "hands on" perspective, call 713-290-9087, leave your name and number, and we will contact you. No experience necessary.

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

LET'S SOAR TOGETHER!



Our Savior Lutheran
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Men Alive Donuts & Coffee: Donuts are provided between church service and Sunday school and are a gift to all our congregation. We are grateful for Free Will offerings as they help the church by offsetting cost. Christ did not exclude the children from his Grace! Scan this QR Code or Search: menalive@osl.cc



We invite you to join us for Spotlight on Life 2026:

The Battle Still Rages

Saturday, February 21, 2026

Our Savior Lutheran, 5000 W Tidwell, Houston TX 77091

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Speakers include:

Carol Tobias - *President of National Right to Life*

Rev. Dr. Aric Fenske - *Director of Lutherans For Life*

Rev. Robert Paul - *Memorial Lutheran, Houston*

Rev. Michael Salemink - *Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne*

Rev. Laurence White - *Our Savior Lutheran, Houston*

Eva Nitsch & Caroline Klein - *Young adult representatives from Pro-Life Aggies*

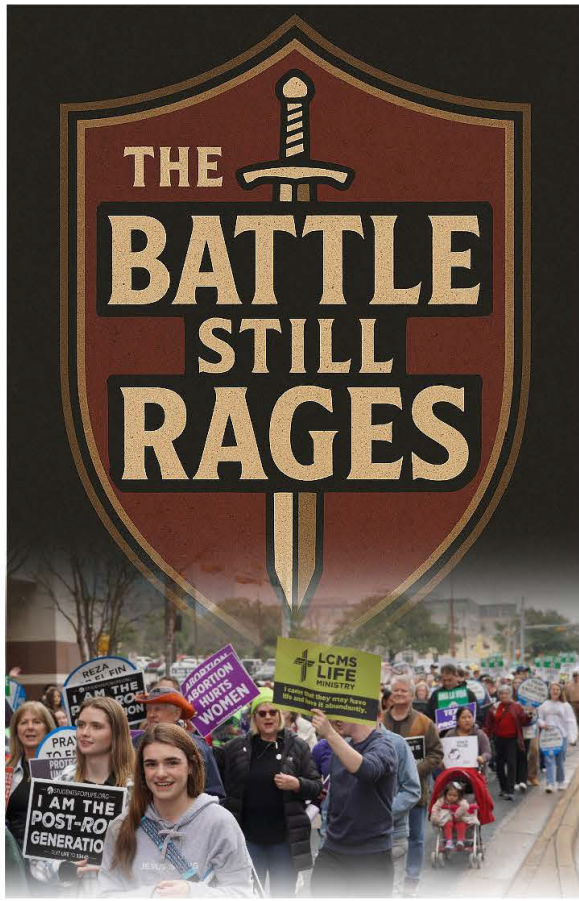


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Lutherans For Life

HoustonLFL.org

Take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one.

Ephesians 6:16



CHUCK HALL has a large **Koi fish**, 13-16 inches, looking for a new home. Contact him if interested: texaswoodchuckhall@att.net.



The Stitches Fellowship group will take a break until the end of the year and start again in January. *Please be on the lookout for the upcoming January calendar for our next meeting times.*



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.



Baby Blanket Ministry: We give out baby blankets weekly to the Blue Bus. Thanks to all those who contribute! Call Ethelene to learn more: 713-542-7534.

Also, HCFL needs part-time Bus drivers! Call Christine: 713-395-1330.

Our Savior Lutheran at Prayer: Subscribe to this short daily devotion and prayer that is published daily during the school year. Devotions are delivered directly to your email inbox, usually in the morning. Use QR code or go to our website:

www.osl.cc/oslatprayer



MEASURE OF DEVOTION: Last week Sunday, we had 335 people in attendance (last year 379), 546 viewers online. Thanksgiving Eve we had 195 (last year 179); Day 75 (last year 53).

Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week	\$ 39,383.97
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 48.....	\$ 1,768,201.63
Tithes & Offerings needed each week	\$ 42,134.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 48	\$ 2,022,432.00
Special Contributions to date	\$ 606,129.71

“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, December 7, at 9:30 AM	Next Week, Sunday, December 14, at 9:30 AM
ELDERS:	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White
USHERS:	Downie Team	Gobrogge Team
SOUND:	Greenwood	T. Wilbanks
CARTS:	Gavin Team	Adams Team
ACOLYTES:	Clementine Bender / Brynn Burttschell	Julie Azzi / Max Berry
ALTAR GLD:	—	Clarissa Worthing Team 6
COMM. ASST:	—	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White / Bo Guevara
EVANGELISM:	Team 2: Stuhr	Team 3: Kriegel
GREETERS:	TEAM 6: Edwards	TEAM 8: Greenwood / Domann
MUSIC:	—	Jubilate Choir
VIDEO:	Adam White / Wesley White	Adam White / Wesley White

	Advent Wednesday, December 10, at 7:00 PM
ELDERS:	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White
USHERS:	Downie Team
SOUND:	Greenwood
CARTS:	Stephens Team
ACOLYTES:	Trip Halbert / Melanija Jokic / Gunnar Nitsch
EVANGELISM:	Team 2: Stuhr
GREETERS:	TEAM 7: Fehrenkamp
MUSIC:	Laudate Women's Choir
VIDEO:	Adam White / Wesley White

Advent Supper: Dec 10
Supper @ 5:30pm
Worship @ 7:00pm

Our fellowship suppers are in the Bible Class Room from 5:30-6:30pm.

Elders will serve:
Sheet pan chicken pot pie



OSL at a Glance

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Confirmation Class-YR	8:15am	Youth Room
Matins	9:30am	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45am	
Evangelism Meeting - EO	12:00pm	Evangelism Office
Exultae Brass-Choir Rm	12:00pm	Choir Room
Hanging of the Greens	12:00pm	Church Sanctuary
Sr Youth Meeting-YR	12:00pm	Youth Room



Monday, December 8, 2025

Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML	9:00am	LWML
Young Adults Bible Study-YR	6:00pm	Youth Room
School Christmas Concert-A101	6:30pm	Cafeteria
Life with God-New Member Class - BC	7:00pm	Bible Class Room

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

<i>Braille</i>	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>Concordia LCMS</i>
Trustees-Maintenance Bldg.	6:30pm	Maintenance Building
Parish Ed mtg-YR	7:00pm	Youth Room
Parochial Ed-BC	7:00pm	Bible Classroom

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Men's Bible Study-BC	6:30am	Bible Class Room
Chapel - Sanctuary	8:15am	Sanctuary
Bible Class-BC	10:00am	Bible Class Room
Bulletin Deadline	12:00pm	Church Office
Advent Meal-BC	5:30pm	Bible Class Room
Advent Service	7:00pm	Sanctuary



Thursday, December 11, 2025

Prayer Request printing deadline	3:00pm	Church office
Carillon Ringers	6:15pm	Choir Loft
Jubilate Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary	7:00pm	Choir Loft
Word Web Bible Study-Zoom	7:00pm	https://osl.cc/the-word-on-the-web

Friday, December 12, 2025

Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML	9:00am	LWML
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Saturday, December 13, 2025

GEMS YOUTH in Mission-LWML -YR	10:00am	Youth Room
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Sunday, December 14, 2025

Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Confirmation Class-YR	8:15am	Youth Room
Communion	9:30am	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45am	
Laudate-Choir Rm	12:00pm	Church Choir Room
LWML Christmas Party-BC	12:00-3pm	Bible Class Room

Christmas

COOKIES

Purchase HOMEMADE cookies to support
the OSL WOW Women's Spring Retreat!

Cookies are sold by the dozen for \$15 per dozen.

Enter how many **DOZEN** you would like of each type below and
return this form to the **church office**.

OR order online!

Order deadline: Sunday, Dec 14



SCAN TO ORDER

- ___ dz. Vanilla Cookies – cut-out cookies decorated with royal icing
- ___ dz. Molasses Crinkles – sugared and flavored with warm spices
- ___ dz. Springerle – a traditional German anise-flavored biscuit
- ___ dz. No-Bake Cookies – an oatmeal and nut fudge cookie
- ___ dz. Pfefferküsse – a traditional iced German spice cookie
- ___ dz. Pinwheels – a chocolate and peppermint sugar cookie
- ___ dz. ASSORTED – two of each of the above cookies
- ___ dozens x \$15 = \$_____ **Total Due**

Checks payable to OSL with **WOW retreat** in the memo.

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Pickup Date: Sunday, Dec 21 by the Bible Classroom

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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WOMEN OF THE WORD

LADIES, JOIN US FOR OUR SPRING
RETREAT AT THE BEAUTIFUL TRINITY PINES
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Advent & Christmas Events

Wednesday Advent Services

December 3, 10 & 17 @ 7:00 PM

School Christmas Concert

Monday, December 8 @ 6:30 PM

School Christmas Programs

Tuesday, December 16: Preschool-2nd @ 6:00 PM • 3rd-5th Grade @ 7:00 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 24 @ 6:00 PM

Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion

Thursday, December 25 @ 9:30 AM

New Year's Eve Service with Holy Communion

Wednesday, December 31 @ 7:00 PM





Sunday, Dec 7 @ 4:00 PM • Immanuel Lutheran, 306 E. 15th St, Houston TX

Poinsettias for Christmas

*The Altar Guild will be decorating our church with poinsettias again this year. Celebrate the joy of our newborn Savior with flowers 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. **Below is a form you may use and place in the offering plate, mail to us, or email your request to Jackie at jlowery@osl.cc. Each poinsettia plant is \$15.00. Checks are to be 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 15.***



Order ____ poinsettias @ \$15.00 each = \$_____ enclosed.

Name: _____

Dedication: _____



Schedule Your 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