



*Mary & Elizabeth*

# Our Savior Lutheran Church

# **Fourth Sunday in Advent**

**Order of Matins**

**In Nomine Jesu**



**Preservice Music**

**Ringíng of the Bells**

**Prelude**

ADVENT JOY

Carillon Ringers

**Greetíngs & Announcements**

# Hymn of Invocation

## PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén; Tune: Swedish, 17th cent. – “Bereden Väg För Herran”; LSB #343 © 2006 CPH



- 1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
- 2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
- 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!
- 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!  
Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.  
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!  
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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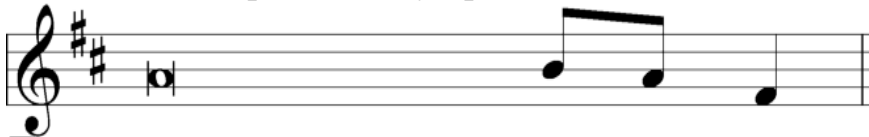


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# Versicles

**P** O Lord, open thou my lips,

(Psalm 51:15)



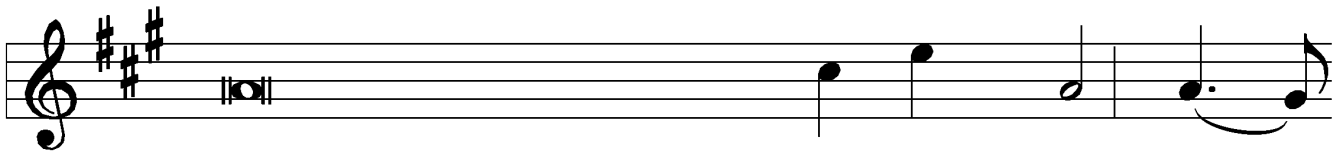
**C** And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

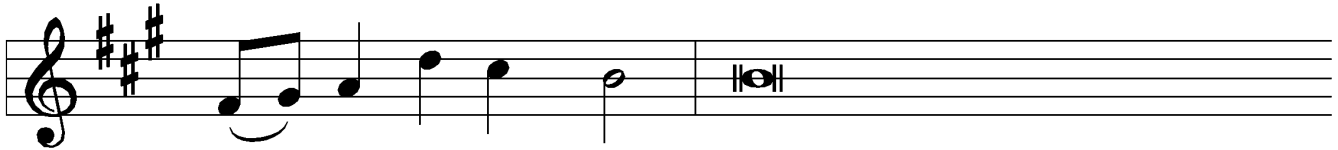
(Psalm 70:1)



**C** Make haste to help me, O Lord.



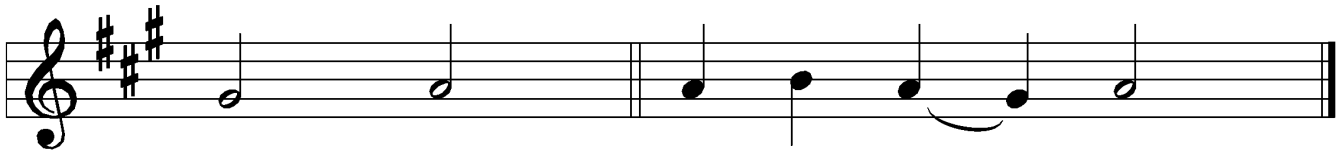
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and



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



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

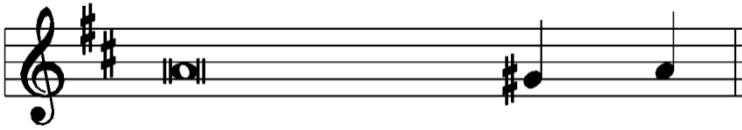


A - men. Al - le - lu - ia!

# Invitatory

**P** Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:

(Psalm 95:6)



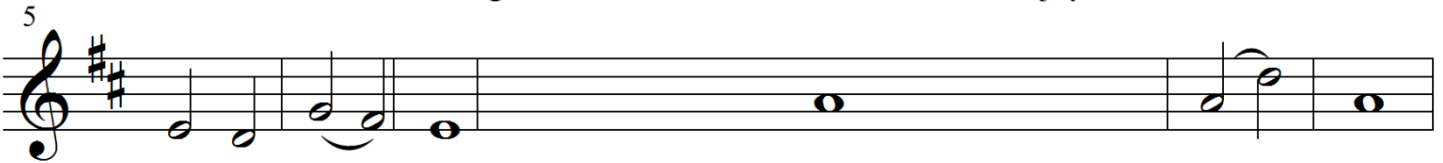
**C** For He is our Mak - er.

## Venite Exultemus Domino

(Psalm 95:1-7)



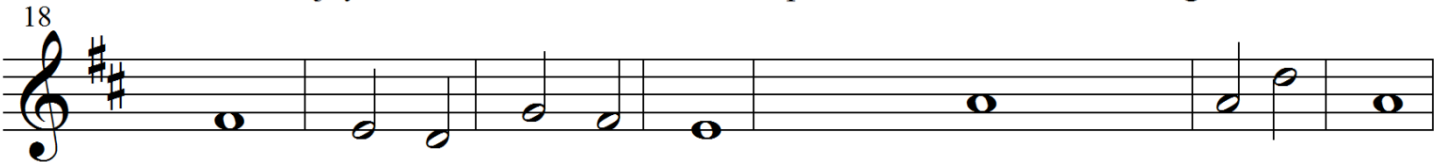
Oh, come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of



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.





## **Psalmody**

### **“RORATE COELI”**

*(Intoned by Pastor, with Congregation on Gloria Patri; Isaiah 45:8a; Psalm 19:1, 4-6)*

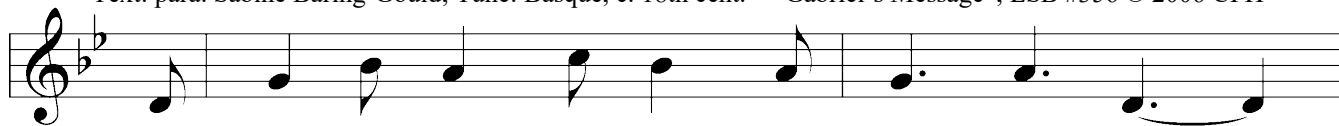
Shower, O heavens, | from above,\*  
and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;  
let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit;\*  
let the earth cause them | both to sprout.  
The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,\*  
and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.  
Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end | of the world.\*  
In them he has set a tent | for the sun,  
which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his | chamber,\*  
and, like a strong man, runs its | course with joy.  
Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the | end of them,\*  
and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.  
**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.**  
Shower, O heavens, | from above,\*  
and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;  
let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit;\*  
let the earth cause them | both to sprout.

*(Be Seated)*

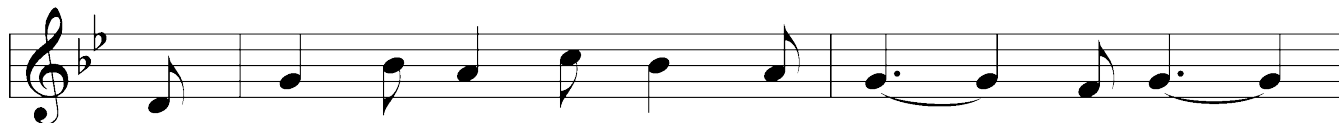
# Hymn of the Day

## THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME

Text: para. Sabine Baring-Gould; Tune: Basque, c. 18th cent. – “Gabriel’s Message”; LSB #356 © 2006 CPH



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,  
2 “For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,  
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;  
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:  
All gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;  
“To me be as it pleas - eth God,” she said.  
In Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



“All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,  
Thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
“My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God’s ho - ly name.”  
And Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!  
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!  
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!  
“Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!

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# Old Testament Lesson

## DEUTERONOMY 18:15–19

[15] “The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— [16] just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ [17] And the Lord said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. [18] I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. [19] And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

*The coming Messiah will be a faithful, forthright spokesman of God’s Word. Moses promised that the Lord would send a prophet who would lead His people home to the promised land. The Messiah would proclaim the divine message of law and gospel in a uniquely compelling manner for He would be the Word of God incarnate, the conclusive demonstration of God’s love for fallen humanity. The message of this messianic Prophet would be decisive, for those who scorn His word will bring condemnation upon themselves.*

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



**C** Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

## Ministry of Music

### HERALD OF GOOD NEWS

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Laudate Choir

*Go on up, go on up, go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news;  
lift up your voice, lift up your voice, lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news.  
Say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God! Behold your God!”  
Behold, the Lord God comes with great might, and His arm rules for Him;  
behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him.  
Go on up, go on up, go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news.  
He will tend His flock like a shepherd and gather the lambs in His arms;  
He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.  
Lift it up, lift it up, lift it up, fear not!  
Go on up, go on up, go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news;  
lift up your voice, lift up your voice, lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news.*

# Epistle Reading

PHILIPPIANS 4:4–7

[4] Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. [5] Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; [6] do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7] And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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



**C** Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

*The children sing - "Happiness is to know the Savior, living a life within His favor, seeing a change in my behavior, happiness is the Lord." As is so often the case, the simple words of the little ones capture the essence of the matter. True happiness and personal peace can only be experienced in the context of the love of Jesus. That is Paul's message in this powerful text.*

AND THE  
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*Christ Jesus.*

PHILIPPIANS 4:7, NIV



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# Gospel Reading

ST. LUKE 1:39–56

[39] In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, [40] and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. [41] And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, [42] and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! [43] And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? [44] For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. [45] And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.” [46] And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, [47] and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, [48] for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; [49] for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. [50] And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. [51] He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; [52] he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; [53] he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. [54] He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, [55] as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.” [56] And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

*On Mary's arrival, Elizabeth was conscious of the approach of her who was to be the mother of the great Redeemer. At the same time, she was filled with the Holy Spirit, and under his influence declared that Mary and her expected child were most blessed and happy, as peculiarly honored of and dear to the Most High God. Mary, animated by Elizabeth's address, and being also under the influence of the Holy Spirit, broke out into joy, admiration, and gratitude. She knew herself to be a sinner who needed a Savior, and that she could rejoice in God and his salvation through the promised Messiah. Those who see their need of Christ are desirous of righteousness and life in him.*

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



**C** Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

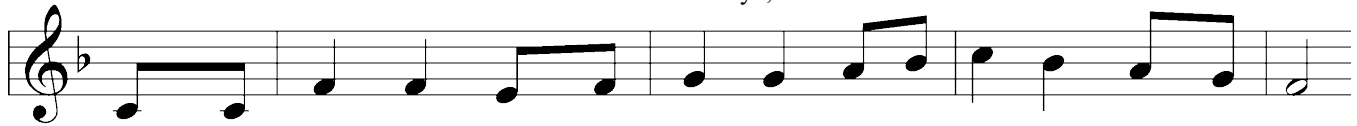


*(Be Seated; Children my gather in front of the altar)*

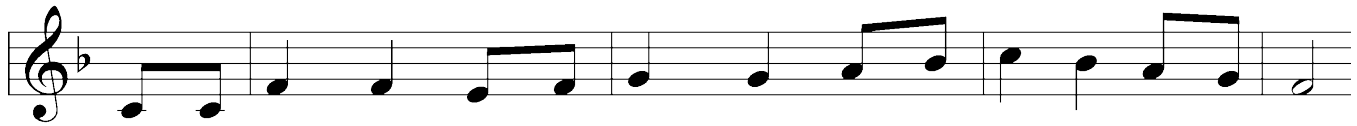
# Children's Hymn

## INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY

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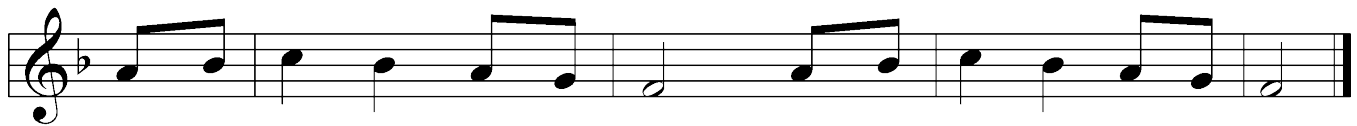
1 In - fant ho - ly, In - fant low - ly, For His bed a cat - tle stall;  
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, Shep - herds keep - ing Vig - il till the morn - ing new



Ox - en low - ing, Lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.  
Saw the glo - ry, Heard the sto - ry, Tid - ings of a Gos - pel true.



Swift - ly wing - ing, An - gels sing - ing, Bells are ring - ing, Tid - ings bring - ing:  
Thus re - joic - ing, Free from sor - row, Prais - es voic - ing, Greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!  
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

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## Children's Sermon

# Sermon Hymn

## THE KING SHALL COME WHEN MORNING DAWNS

Text: John Brownlie; Tune: ed. John Wyeth – “Consolation”; LSB #348 © 2006 CPH



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



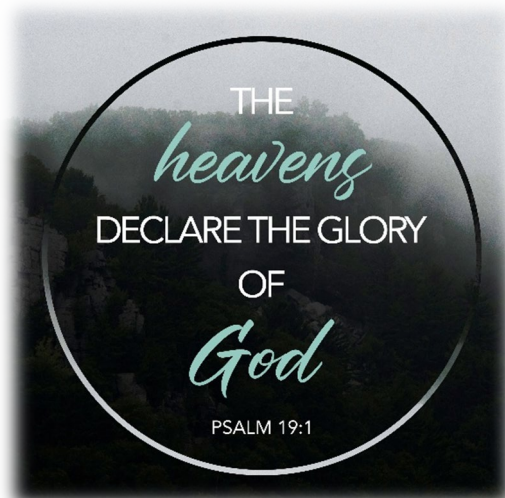
When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.  
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.  
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.  
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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*(Stand for Text)*

# Sermon

TEXT: PSALM 19:1–8  
“DECLARE HIS GLORY”



*(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

### INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY

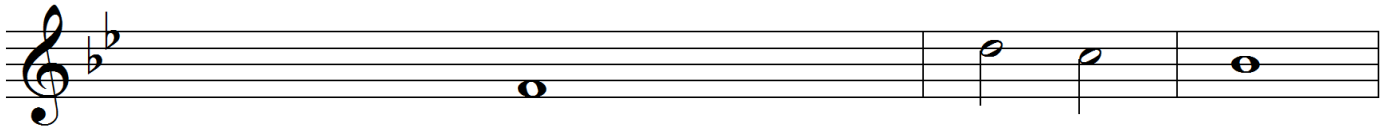
A traditional Polish carol; Arranged by Gilbert M. Martin  
Jeff Armstrong & Ethel Hikal, piano duet

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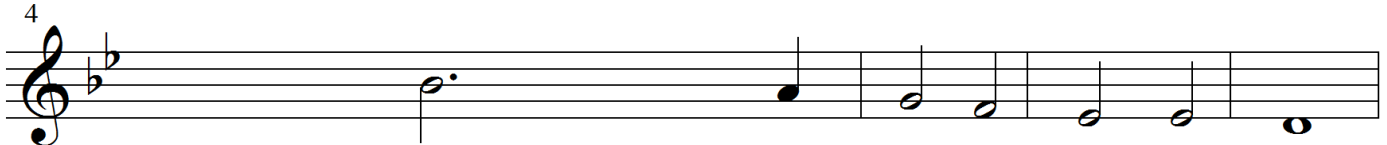


## Canticle - Te Deum Laudamus

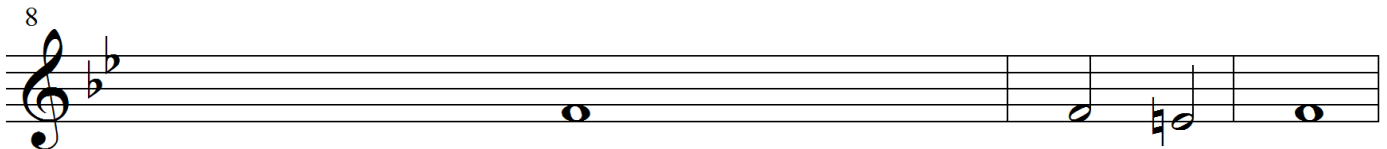
("We Praise Thee O Lord" is one of the most ancient and glorious hymns of the Church. Tradition indicates that it was composed by Ambrose of Milan on the occasion of the baptism of St. Augustine in A.D. 387. The "Te Deum" is an exalted song of praise and thanksgiving to God the Father and God the Son, 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;



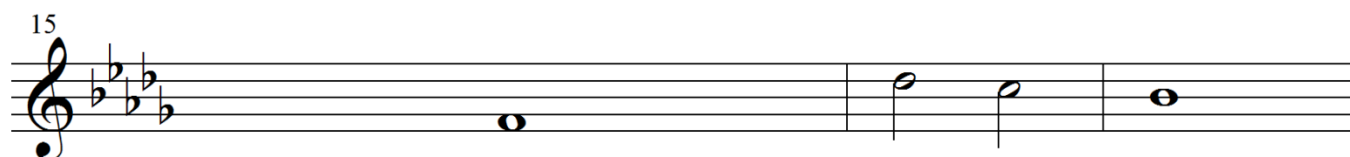
1. All the earth doth worship Thee, the Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.  
3. Heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Thy glo - ry.  
5. The holy Church throughout all the world doth ac - knowl-edge Thee:



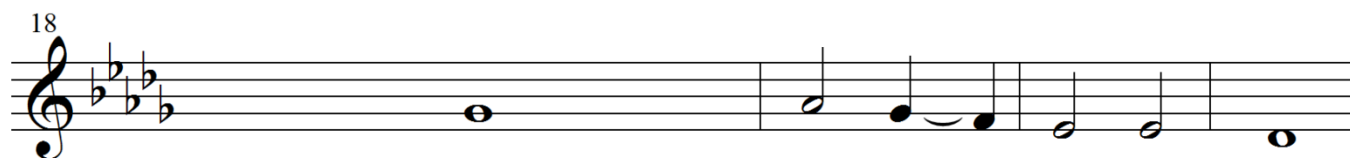
2. To Thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers there - in;  
4. The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee;  
6. The Father of an infinite majesty; Thine adorable true and on - ly Son,  
7. Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.



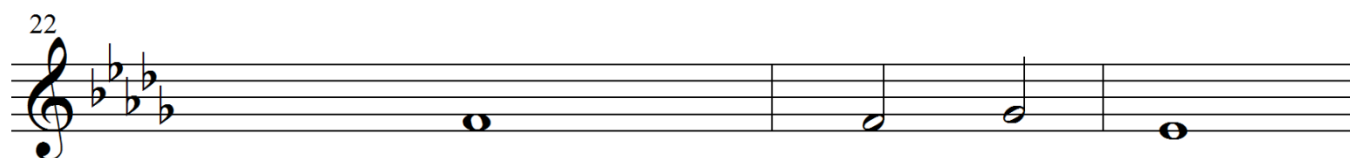
2. To Thee cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:  
4. The goodly fellowship of the proph - ets praise Thee;  
6. also the Holy Ghost, the Com - fort - er.  
7. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



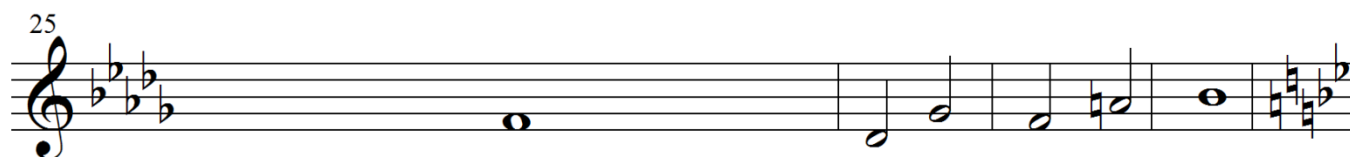
8. When Thou tookest upon Thee to de - liv - er - man,  
 10. Thou sittest at the right hand of God  
 12. We therefore pray Thee, help Thy ser - vants,



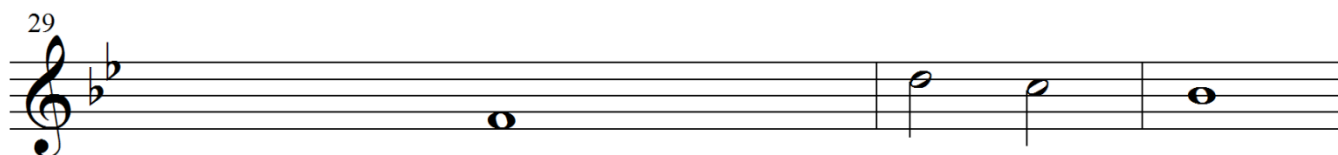
8. Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a vir - gin.  
 10. in the glory of the Fa - ther.  
 12. whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy pre - cious blood.



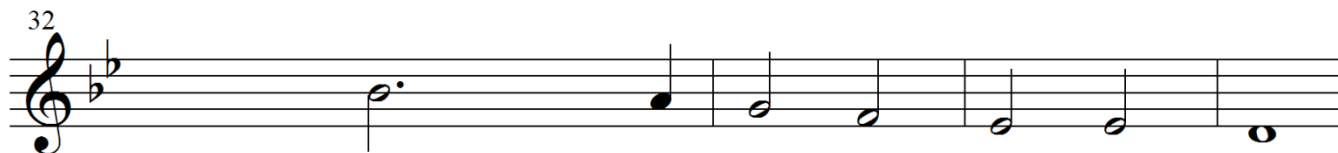
9. When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,  
 11. We believe that Thou shalt come  
 13. Make them to be numbered with Thy saints



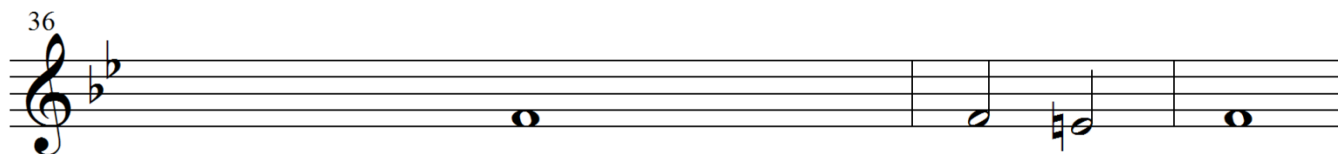
9. Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
 11. to be our Judge.  
 13. in glory ev - er - last - ing.



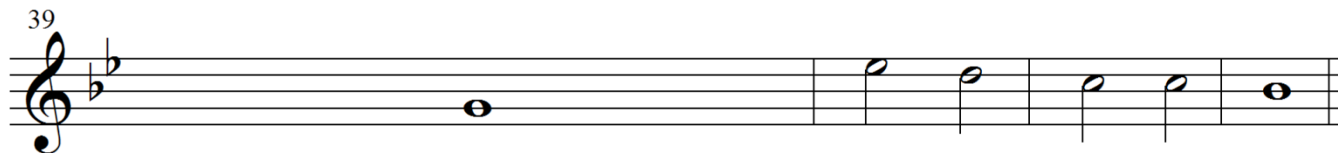
14. O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine her - i - tage.  
 16. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



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



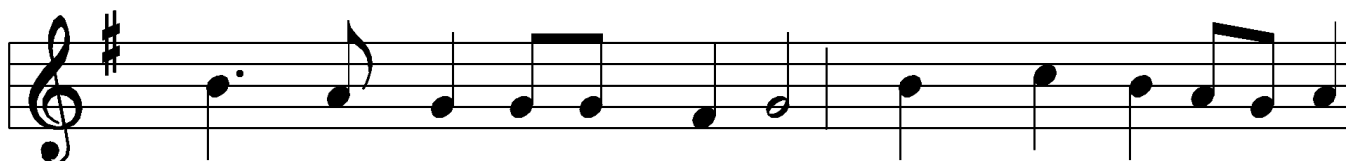
15. Day by day we magni - fy Thee.  
 17. O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee.



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.

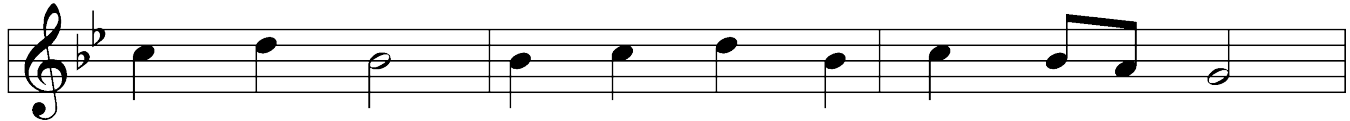
# Closing Hymn

## LET THE EARTH NOW PRAISE THE LORD

Text: Heinrich Held; Tune: 1524, Wittenberg – “Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland”; LSB #352 © 2006 CPH



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly  
2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'  
3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,  
4 As Your com - ing was in peace, Qui - et, full of



kept His word And at last to us did send  
heart in - spired, What they longed for man - y a year,  
Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—  
gen - tle - ness, Let the same mind dwell in me



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.  
Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.  
Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.  
Which is Yours e - ter - nal - ly.

5 Bruise for me the serpent's head  
That, set free from doubt and dread,  
I may cling to You in faith,  
Safely kept through life and death.

6 Then when You will come again  
As the glorious king to reign,  
I with joy will see Your face,  
Freely ransomed by Your grace.

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## Postlude

### LET THE EARTH NOW PRAISE THE LORD

By P. Manz



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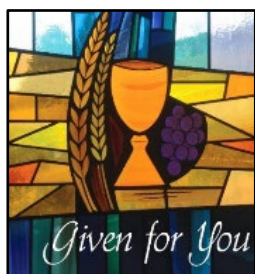
*Enter reverently, meditate quietly, worship sincerely, serve Christ faithfully.*

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 IV/Christmas Eve – Jesus brought God delicately amidst sinners, as humble in crucifixion as He was helpless in conception. Yet this estate did not hinder but, in fact, heralded the full realm and reign of God for us. And thereby He reaffirmed the worth of even the feeblest human beings. God’s gift of life arrives all the better for the plain packaging He habitually hides it behind. *Prayer: Lamb of God, make it so that our taking hold of You leads us to cradle Your little ones as well. 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 **Christmas Day, December 25 @ 9:30 AM**, and **Sunday, December 28 @ 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. Our *Bible Through One Year* plan is also on our app.



## ***Bible Class & Sunday School Options for all:***

### **8:15 AM** –

**7<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> 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**  
**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 – B110**  
**3 & 4 yrs – B109**  
**18 mos. – 3 yrs – B111**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Paul & Amanda Crabtree in celebration of their 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and by the Armstrong Family for Christmas blessings.



**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!

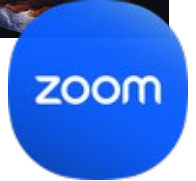
**UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION:** Remember to log in to your **Breeze** account, and make sure all your contact information is correct – phone numbers, address, email accounts, etc. You can even **add your own PHOTO**. Call the church office if you need help: 713-290-9087.

**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!

**\*REVELATION Bible Study (\*starts Jan 26): Mondays, 7:00 - 8:30pm in the Bible Class Room with Pastor White.** Everyone is welcome! There will be light snacks beginning at 6:30pm, with the study starting at 7pm. Join us for God’s Word and great Christian fellowship. **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](mailto: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](mailto:channing@toddyblends.com).



**PASTOR WHITE’S WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS is on CHRISTMAS Break!** Class will resume **January 14**, 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](mailto: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](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 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.

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

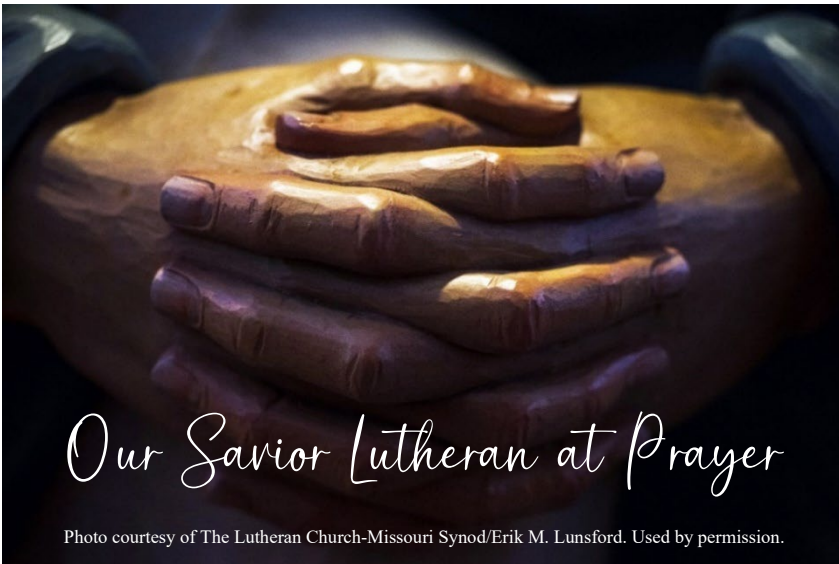


**The Stitches Fellowship Group** will meet on the **1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday** of the month, **January – March**, and will meet every week starting in **April**.

**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.

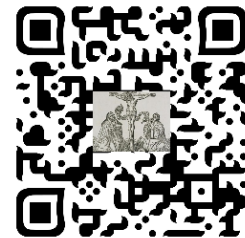


**Baby Blanket Ministry:** We give out baby blankets weekly to the Blue Bus. Thanks to all those who contribute! Call Ethelene to learn more: 713-542-7534.  
**Also, HCFL needs part-time Bus drivers!** Call Christine: 713-395-1330.



### ***Our Savior Lutheran at Prayer:***

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**Chrismons** will be given to children in Sunday School today; please watch for them!

If you did not receive one of the booklets explaining them, they will be available on the hutch outside the church office.

**Cookie Order Pickup Today!** Located downstairs by the Bible Class Room, before & after church.  
**Thank you so much for your support of our WOW Retreat!**  
**We are so blessed!**



**MEASURE OF DEVOTION:** Last week Sunday, we had 373 people in attendance (last year 387), 697 viewers online. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent Wednesday, we had 140 (last year 107).

### Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week .....	\$ 74,586.01
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 50.....	\$ 1,870,562.64
Tithes & Offerings needed each week .....	\$ 42,134.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 50 .....	\$ 2,106,700.00
Special Contributions to date .....	\$ 639,648.87

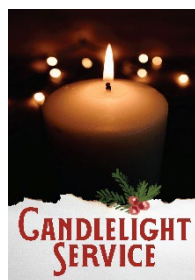
*“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.” Malachi 3:10*

### Those To Serve:

	Today, Sunday, December 21, at 9:30 AM	Next Week, Sunday, December 28, at 9:30 AM
<b>ELDERS:</b>	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White
<b>USHERS:</b>	Symcox Team	Downie Team
<b>SOUND:</b>	Whiting	Witt
<b>CARTS:</b>	Downie Team	Stephens Team
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Aria Ferrarese / Iris Ferrarese	Anna Daniel / Katrin Daniel
<b>ALTAR GLD:</b>	—	Ann Putman Team 1
<b>COMM. ASST:</b>	—	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White / Bo Guevara
<b>EVANGELISM:</b>	Team 4: O'Neill / Schmidt	Team 5: Malson
<b>GREETERS:</b>	TEAM 9: Kemnitz / Kunkel	TEAM 3: Cherington / Guevara
<b>MUSIC:</b>	Carillon Ringers / Laudate Women's Choir / Ethel Hikal	—
<b>VIDEO:</b>	Adam White / Wesley White	Adam White / Wesley White

### Those To Serve for Christmas:

	Christmas Eve, December 24, at 6:00 PM	Christmas Day, December 25, at 9:30 AM
<b>ELDERS:</b>	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White
<b>USHERS:</b>	Symcox Team	Halbert Team
<b>SOUND:</b>	Whiting	Witt
<b>CARTS:</b>	Kriegel Team	Gavin Team
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Abby Frazier / Isabelle Frazier / Stella Halbert / Austin Pugh / Wesley White	Bree Lawder / Paige Lawder
<b>ALTAR GLD:</b>	—	Barbara Mushinski Team 8
<b>COMM. ASST:</b>	—	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White / Bo Guevara
<b>EVANGELISM:</b>	Team 4: O'Neill / Schmidt	Team 4: O'Neill / Schmidt
<b>GREETERS:</b>	TEAM 1: Carter/Malsons	TEAM 2: Renevier
<b>MUSIC:</b>	Arpeggio Music / Jubilate Choir	—
<b>VIDEO:</b>	Adam White / Wesley White	Adam White / Wesley White



# OSL at a Glance

## Sunday, December 21, 2025

<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
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-YR	12:00pm	Bible Class Room
Rehearsal for Christmas Eve	12:00pm	Sanctuary
Luncheon for Music Ministry	1:00pm	Bible Class Room
Youth 4:12 Christmas Party	5:00pm	Cholak's House

## Monday, December 22, 2025

Bulletin Deadline	12:00pm	Church Office
Prayer Request printing deadline	3:00pm	Church office
<b>Christmas Caroling - BC</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Bible Class Room / Bus</b>



## Wednesday, December 24, 2025 ~ Christmas Eve

*Church Office Closed*

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 6:00pm** **Church**



## Thursday, December 25, 2025 ~ Christmas Day

*Church Office Closed*

**Christmas Day Communion 9:30am** **Church**



## Friday, December 26, 2025

*Church Office Closed*

## Sunday, December 28, 2025

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	

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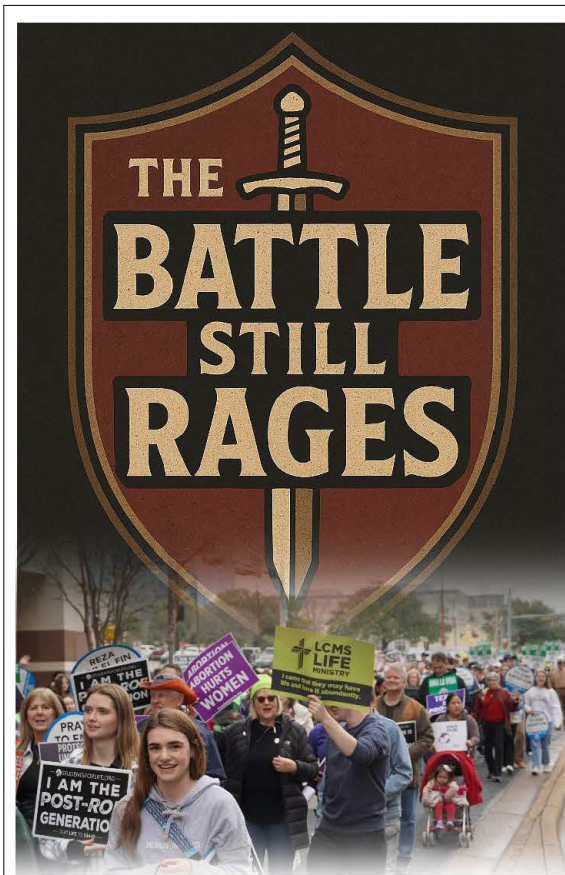




## *Let's Go Caroling!*

This year's **Christmas Caroling** is set for **MONDAY, December 22 @ 6:00 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!*



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

Ephesians 6:16

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# *Christmas Services*

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:*

*December 24 @ 6:00pm*

*with Orchestra, Choir, and Candles*

*Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion*

*December 25 @ 9:30 AM*

*New Year's Eve Remembrance Service with Holy Communion*

*December 31 @ 7:00 pm*