



*Our Savior Lutheran  
Church*

# *First Sunday after Christmas*

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

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*Order of Holy Communion*

*In Nomine Jesu*



*Music for Meditation & Prayer*

*Ringling of the Bells*

*Prelude*

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*Greetings & Announcements*

# Hymn of Invocation

## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Text: Charles Wesley; Tune: Felix Mendelssohn – “Mendelssohn”; LSB #380 © 2006 CPH



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
2 Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



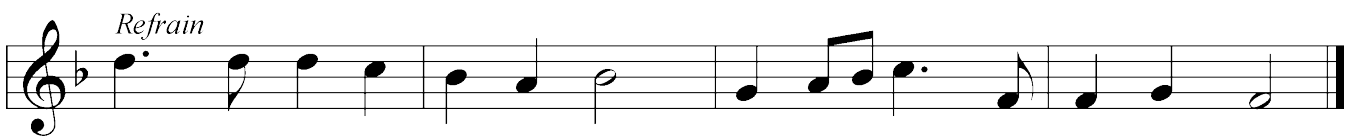
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!”  
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin’s womb.  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris’n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see, Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty!  
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King!”

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(Stand)

## Invocation

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

**C** *Amen.*

(Kneel)

## Confession of Sins

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** *But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** *O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserve your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all of my sins and grant me the power of your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.*

## Pronouncement of Forgiveness

**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 to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** *Amen.*



*(Stand)*

## *Introit*

### **“Venientes Ex Magna Tribulatione”**

*(Intoned by Pastor with Congregation on Gloria Patri; Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b)*

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.\*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;\*

in your righteousness de- | liver me.

For you are my rock and my | fortress;\*

and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

Into your hand I commit my | spirit;\*

you have redeemed me, O Lord, | faithful God.

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

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

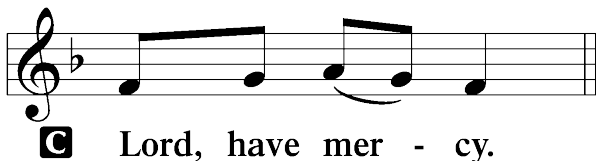
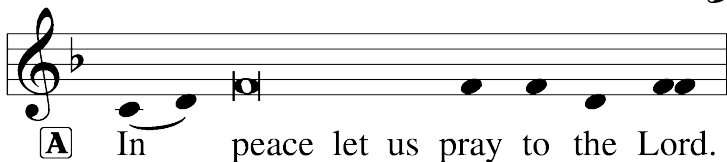
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

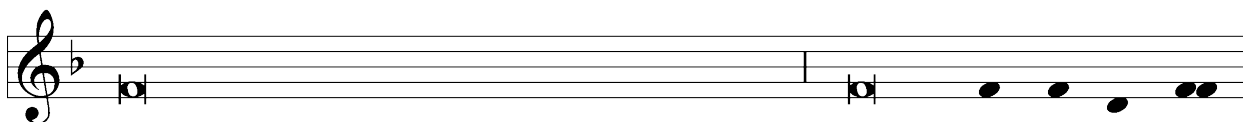
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.\*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

## *Kyrie*





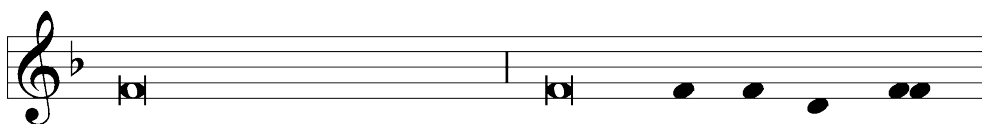
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



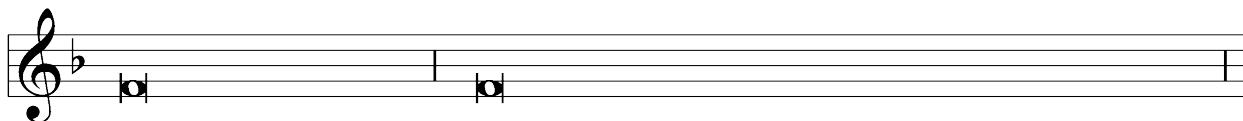
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



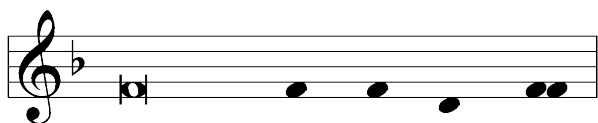
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



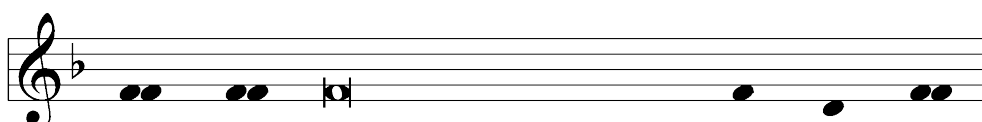
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



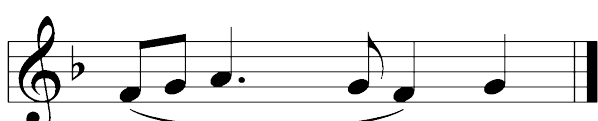
let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.



# Hymn of Praise

(Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9)

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-

5 lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Wor - thy is

9 Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

12 free to be peo - ple of God. This is the

16 feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

20 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Pow - er,

23 rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or -

26  
bless - ing and glo - ry are His. This is the

30  
feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

34  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Sing with

37  
all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre -

41  
a - - - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or glo - ry, and

45  
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - -

49  
men. This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our

53  
God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His

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reign. Al - le - lu - - - ia. This is the

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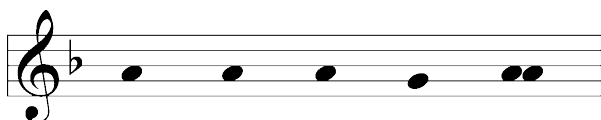
feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

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lu - ia, al - le lu - - - ia.

## *Collect of the Day*

(2 Timothy 4:22)



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, the martyred innocents of Bethlehem showed forth Your praise not by speaking but by dying. Put to death in us all that is in conflict with Your will that our lives may bear witness to the faith we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** *Amen.*

(Be Seated)

# Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:15–17

[15] Thus says the Lord:

“A voice is heard in Ramah,  
lamentation and bitter weeping.  
Rachel is weeping for her children;  
she refuses to be comforted for her children,  
because they are no more.”

[16] Thus says the Lord:

“Keep your voice from weeping,  
and your eyes from tears,  
for there is a reward for your work,  
declares the Lord,  
and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.

[17] There is hope for your future,

declares the Lord,  
and your children shall come back to their own country.”

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

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

*He that scattered Israel, knows where to find them. A precious promise follows, which will not have full accomplishment except in the heavenly Zion. The murder of the children at Bethlehem, by Herod, Matthew 2:16-18, in some degree fulfilled this prediction, but could not be its full meaning. If we have hope in the end, concerning an eternal inheritance, all temporal afflictions may be borne, and will be for our good.*

## Gradual

(Intoned by Pastor; Psalm 71:4a, 5a, 6a, b, 8)

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the | wicked.\*

For you, O Lord, | are my hope.

Upon you have I leaned from be- | fore my birth;\*

you are he who took me from my | mother's womb.

My mouth is filled | with your praise,\*

and with your glory | all the day.

# Epistle Reading

Revelation 14:1-5

[1] Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. [2] And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, [3] and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. [4] It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb, [5] and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless.

*Christ is with his church, and in the midst of her in all her troubles. His presence secures perseverance. His people appear honorably. They have the name of God written on their foreheads; they make a bold, open profession of their faith in God and Christ, and this is followed by suitable action. There were persons in the darkest times, who laid down their lives for the truth of the gospel of Christ. Their hearts were right with God; and they were freely pardoned in Christ; he is glorified in them, and they in him.*

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

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

(Stand)

## Alleluia and Verse

(John 6:68)



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

# Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

## Gospel Reading

St. Matthew 2:13–18

[13] When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” [14] And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt [15] and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.” [16] Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. [17] Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

[18] “A voice was heard in Ramah,  
weeping and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

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



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*By associating God's action in Jesus Christ with God's deliverance of Israel ("my son") from Egypt under Moses, Matthew opens an array of rich theological images such as deliverance from slavery and deliverance from slavery to sin. Jesus' work can be seen and explained much more concretely in the setting of the Exodus.*



# *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.*

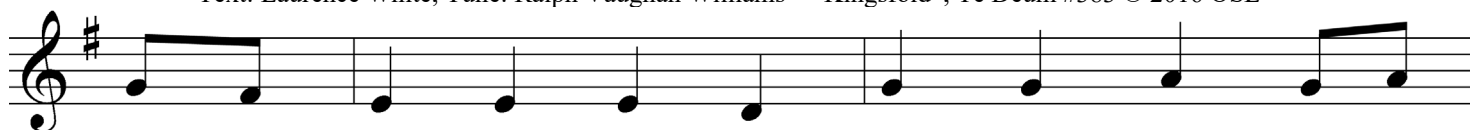
*And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life,  
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,  
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
Who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the 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

## When Christ, The Lord Of Life, Was Born

Text: Laurence White; Tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams – “Kingsfold”; Te Deum #383 © 2016 OSL



1. When\_\_\_ Christ, the Lord of Life, was born, The\_\_\_  
2. That\_\_\_ an - cient war - fare ra - ges still, Twixt\_\_\_  
3. In\_\_\_ days ob - sessed with greed and lust, Un - born  
4. All\_\_\_ A - dam's race is trapped be - neath This\_\_\_  
5. We must be the voice of voice - less babes. We must



world re - plied with death; The\_\_\_ help - less Babe of  
life and death to - day. To\_\_\_ sin - ful, sel - fish,  
child - ren in\_\_\_ the womb Are\_\_\_ help - less prey of  
yolk of death and sin; On - ly Christ who died and  
heed their si - lent cries. We must be the strength of



Beth - le - hem Had\_\_\_ hard - ly drawn a breath, Be - fore the sol - diers  
fear - ful man, Death\_\_\_ seems the on - ly way. The strong strike out a -  
sin - ful choice, Who can - not pre - vent their doom. They have no strength, they  
rose to life Re - stores our life a - gain. We serve Life's Lord and  
those too weak, As each day more child - ren die. We dare not fal - ter



drew their swords, By\_\_\_ or - der\_\_\_ of their king. The\_\_\_  
gainst the weak For\_\_\_ plea - sure, pow'r or pride, Oth - ers'  
have no voice, As the i - cy\_\_\_ hands of death In -  
are set free From death's dark, fa - tal reign. We a -  
in this fight, Tho'\_\_\_ strife is\_\_\_ fierce and long. Let\_\_\_



in - fants' cries drown out the song That an - gels came to sing.  
lives no more than ob - sta - cles, To be killed and swept a - side.  
vade the re - fuge where they live, To\_\_\_ snatch a - way their breath.  
lone can fight a - gainst this Foe, We a - lone can break death's chain.  
us con - fess the\_\_\_ Lord of Life, And raise His tri - umph song.



(Stand for Text)

## Sermon

Text: Matthew 2:13–18  
“First Martyrs”

(Stand)

## Votum

## Offertory

(Psalm 104:14-15; Isaiah 25:6; 1 Corinthians 5:7)



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the  
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and  
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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## Offering Prayer

(Be Seated)

## Offering

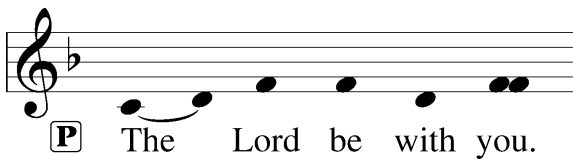
### Voluntary Christmas Canon Cantate

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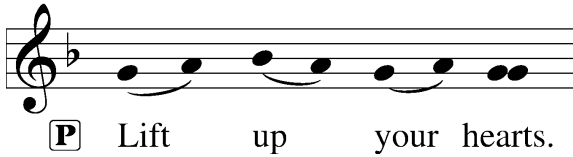
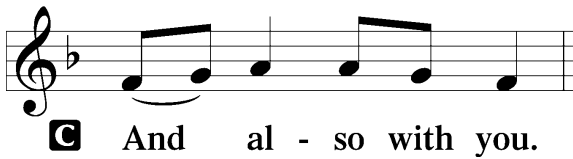
## Intercessory Prayer

### Preface

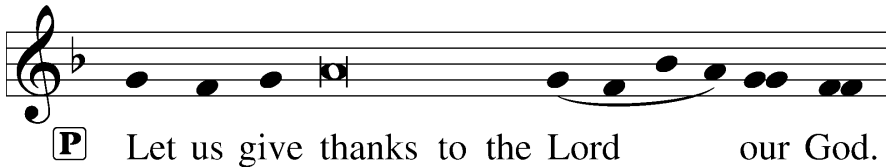
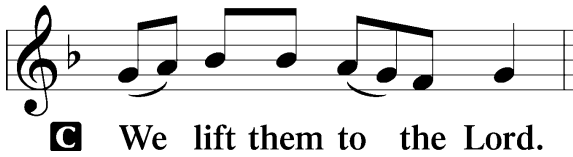
*Worship Note: The sound of the Zimbelstern before the Sanctus announces the invitation that brings the realms of heaven and voices here on earth to sing the great hymn of praise to our Lord.*



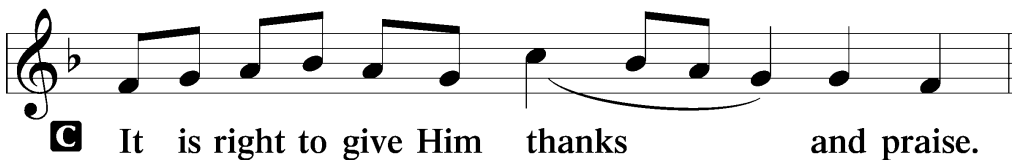
(2 Timothy 4:22)



(Colossians 3:1)



(Psalm 136)



**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. 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; St. Matthew 21:9)



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## *The Lord's Prayer*

(St. 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*

# Words of Institution

(St. 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

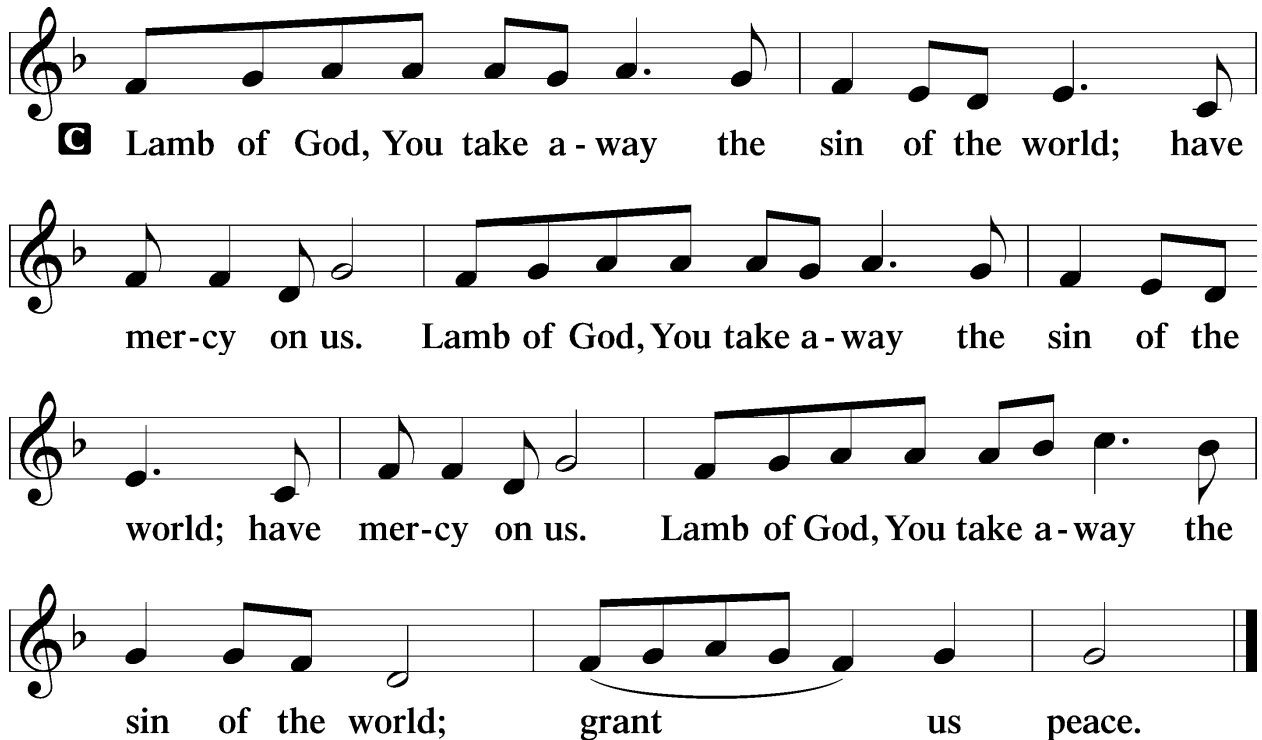
(St. John 20:19)

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

**C** *And also with you.*

## Agnus Dei

(St. John 1:29)



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

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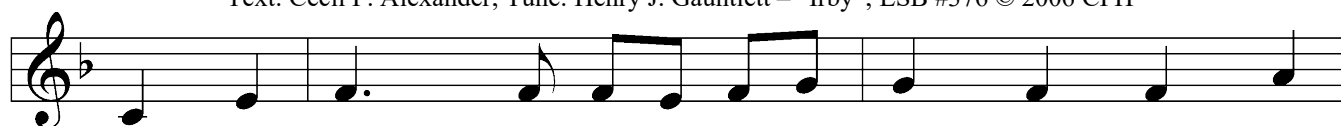
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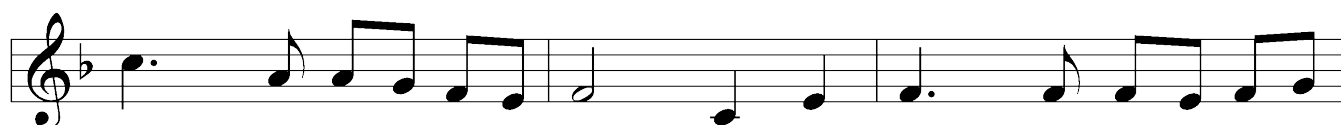
## Distribution Hymns

### Once in Royal David's City

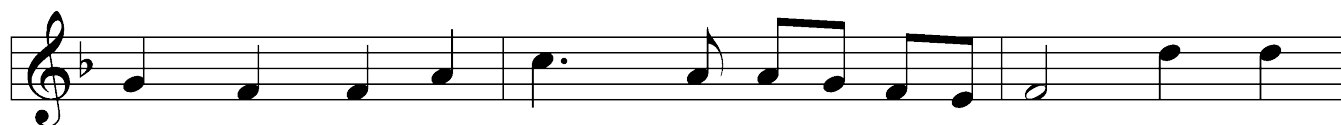
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1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a  
2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is  
3 For He is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by  
4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His  
5 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble With the



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her  
God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a  
day like us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and  
own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and  
ox - en stand - ing by Shall we see Him, but in



ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y  
sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the  
help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He  
gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He  
heav - en, Set at God's right hand on high. Then like



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.  
poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
feels for all our sad-ness, And He shares in all our glad-ness.  
leads His chil-dren on To the place where He is gone.  
stars His chil-dren, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

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# Ministry of Music

## Silent Night

Jackie Jolley-Lowery, flute & Jeff Armstrong, piano

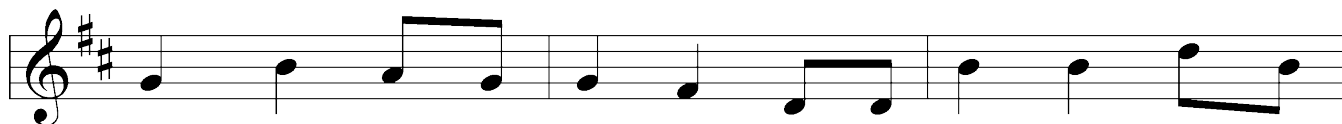


## Children of the Heavenly Father

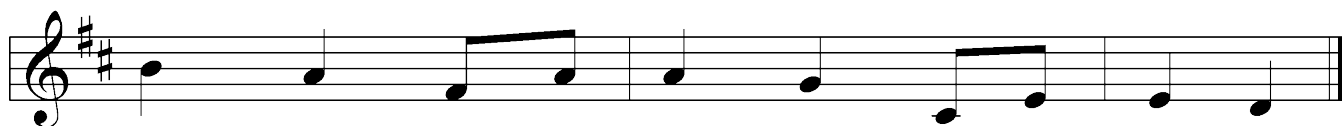
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1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



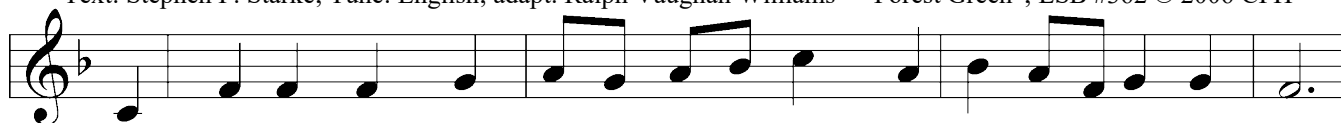
heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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## O Sing of Christ

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## *Post-Communion Canticle*

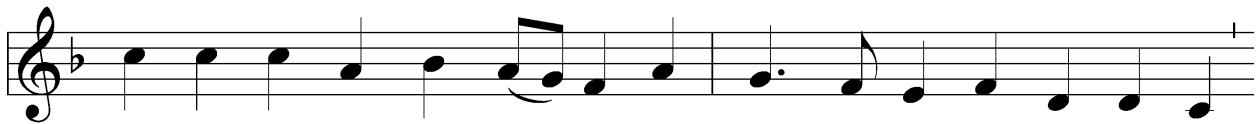
Thank the Lord



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## *Post-Communion Collect*

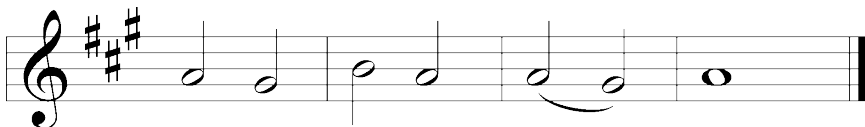
**P** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with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

**C** *Amen.*

## *Benediction*

(Numbers 6:24-26)

**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*


## Go Tell It on the Mountain

Text: John W. Work II; Text (ref) & Tune: African American spiritual – “Go Tell It”; LSB #388 © 2006 CPH


*Refrain*



Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;




Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem - bled When lo, a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born;

*Refrain*



Be - hold, through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.  
Rang out the an-gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

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## *Postlude*

### Go Tell It!



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# Welcome!

**Volume LXXVIII**

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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:** Holy Innocents – Herod’s fury and Rachel’s weeping still sound forth in our time and our land. Bethlehem’s slaughter may have had dozens of casualties, but abortion’s victims number in the millions. We have not only responsibility but privilege to participate instead in the Lord’s work, upholding life (Psalm 54:4) by advocating hope (Jeremiah 31:16-17) and arranging deliverance for the endangered (Matthew 2:13-14). *Prayer: In our last hour, dear Savior, help us see You and be at peace. 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 **New Year’s Eve, December 31 @ 7:00 PM,** and **Sunday, January 11 @ 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.



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## ***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**

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The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Ed & Mary Beth Witt, and by Sharon Edwards for abundant blessings.

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**Flower Chart** is available to sponsor the church flowers for your special occasions!

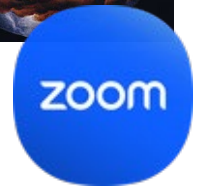
Each flower arrangement is \$45. You will find the flower clipboard on the hutch in the narthex. Remember to write a “W” if you want the flowers, or “S” to send them to the sick. Thank you!

**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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**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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**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](mailto:menalive@osl.cc)



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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.



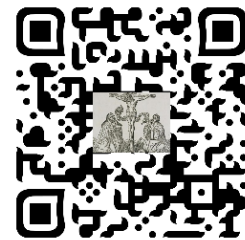
**Baby Blanket Ministry:** We give out baby blankets weekly to the Blue Bus. Thanks to all those who contribute! Call Ethelene to learn more: 713-542-7534.

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



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

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](http://www.osl.cc/oslatprayer)

**Chrismons** have been given to children in Sunday School. If you did not receive one of the booklets explaining them, they will be available on the hutch outside the church office.

**MEASURE OF DEVOTION:** Last week Sunday, we had 386 people in attendance (last year 420), 632 viewers online. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent Wednesday, we had 150 (last year 143).

### Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week .....	\$ 39,654.00
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 51 .....	\$ 1,910,216.64
Tithes & Offerings needed each week .....	\$ 42,134.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 51 .....	\$ 2,148,834.00
Special Contributions to date .....	\$ 855,824.45

*“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 28, at 9:30 AM	Next Week, Sunday, January 4, at 9:30 AM
<b>ELDERS:</b>	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White	James Kriegel / Dirk Kemnitz/ Ken Wright /Austin Pugh
<b>USHERS:</b>	Downie Team	Symcox Team
<b>SOUND:</b>	Witt	Greenwood
<b>CARTS:</b>	Stephens Team	Pampell Team
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Anna Daniel / Katrin Daniel	Julie Azzi / Brynn Burttschell
<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 5: Malson	Team 1: Nino
<b>GREETERS:</b>	TEAM 3: Cherington / Guevara	TEAM 5: Friedrich / Kriegel
<b>MUSIC:</b>	Cantate / Jackie Jolley-Lowery	Ethel Hikal & Jackie Jolley-Lowery
<b>VIDEO:</b>	Adam White / Wesley White	Adam White / Wesley White

### Those To Serve for New Year's Eve:

	New Year's Eve, December 31, at 7:00 PM
<b>ELDERS:</b>	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White
<b>USHERS:</b>	Gobrogge Team
<b>SOUND:</b>	J. Wilbanks
<b>CARTS:</b>	Adams Team
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Holly Crabtree / Sydney Leamon
<b>ALTAR GLD:</b>	Jeanene Lunsford Team 7
<b>COMM. ASST:</b>	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White / Bo Guevara
<b>EVANGELISM:</b>	Team 5: Malson
<b>GREETERS:</b>	TEAM 4: Copeland / Downie
<b>VIDEO:</b>	Adam White / Wesley White



# OSL at a Glance

## Sunday, December 28, 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>Communion</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Church &amp; online</b>
Sunday School	10:45am	

## Monday, December 29, 2025

Bulletin Deadline	12:00pm	Church Office
Prayer Request printing deadline	3:00pm	Church office

## Wednesday, December 31, 2025

*Church Office Closed*

<b>New Year's Eve Communion Service</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Church &amp; online</b>
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## Thursday, January 1, 2026 ~ New Year's Day

*Church Office Closed*

## Friday, January 2, 2026

*Church Office Closed*

## Saturday, January 3, 2026

Men Alive-A101	8:30am	cafeteria
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## Sunday, January 4, 2026

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	
Evangelism Meeting - EO	12:00pm	Evangelism Office
Exultae Brass-Choir Rm	12:00pm	Choir Room



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There is also a "GIVE" link at the top of our website: [www.OSL.cc](http://www.OSL.cc)



# SPOTLIGHT ON LIFE

Saturday, February 21, 2026

## Our Speakers:

**Carol Tobias**, President  
National Right to Life

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

**Rev. Robert Paul**  
Memorial Lutheran, Houston

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

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

**Eva Nitsch & Caroline Klein**  
Pro-Life Aggies:  
Young Adult Representatives

**9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Our Savior Lutheran**  
5000 W Tidwell Rd  
Houston TX 77091  
713.290.9087



*As we celebrate some recent significant pro-life wins, we must remember the enemy is ever devising new ways to promote the culture of death which continues to surround us. Mail-order abortion pills, legalized euthanasia, and the surge of AI influence on our youth and those vulnerable and lonely are just some of the weapons we need to learn to face.*

*Make plans to come listen to those who can strengthen us to fight for LIFE!*

[HoustonLFL.org](http://HoustonLFL.org)



Take up the shield of faith,  
with which you can extinguish  
all the flaming darts of the evil one.  
Ephesians 6:16



OSL MEN ALIVE

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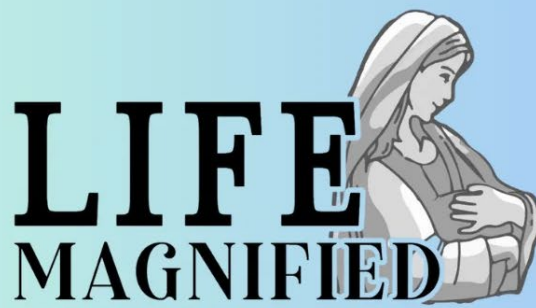
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## *Life Magnified 2026*

We encourage you to join us on **Saturday, January 24th** as we celebrate the Lord's gift of life and rally to defend it. **Beginning at 9:00am at St. Paul – Austin TX**, there will be a Matins prayer service and a Bible study/presentation led by **Pastor Steven Cholak**. After lunch, the group will move to the Texas Capitol and join in the Texas Rally for Life. Lunch will be provided free of charge—*please RSVP using the QR code.*



**Austin Rally For Life, January 24, 2026:** Two small buses are scheduled for this annual event. **The Early Bus will leave OSL at 6:00am** and go to St Paul Lutheran Church (Austin) for their pre-march rally. Pastor Cholak (OSL) has been invited to speak at this event. Following a light lunch at St Paul, we will drive to the capital to join other Lutherans for the march. **The Later Bus will leave OSL at 9:00am** and drive to the capital to join other Lutherans for the march. Both buses are free but seating is limited. *Use the QR code to register.*