

Our Savior Lutheran Church

# The Epiphany of Our Lord

Order of Matins

In Nomine Jesu



Music for Meditation & Prayer

Ringing of the Bells

Prelude O MORNING STAR

Greetings & Announcements

# Hymn of Invocation

#### O MORNING STAR, HOW FAIR AND BRIGHT

Text & Tune: Philipp Nicolai – "Wie Schön Leuchtet"; LSB #395, sts. 1–4 © 2006 CPH



# (Stand) Vehsicles

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

(Psalm 51:15)

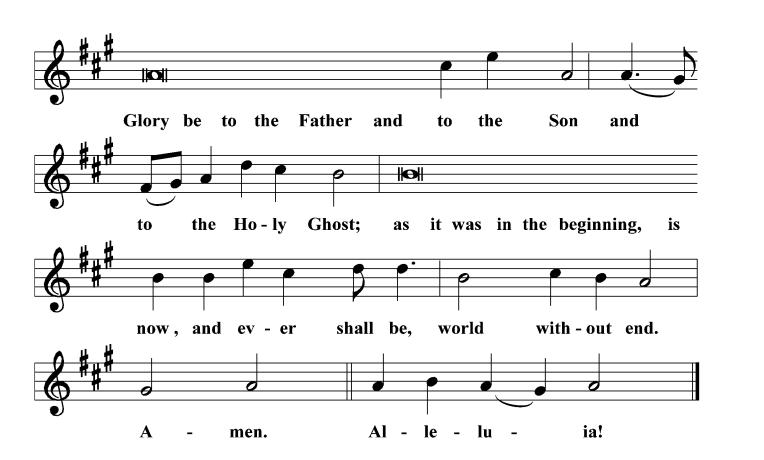


- **C** And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.
- **P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

(Psalm 70:1)



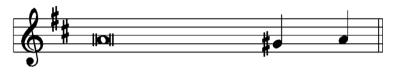
Make haste to help me, O Lord.



# Invitatory

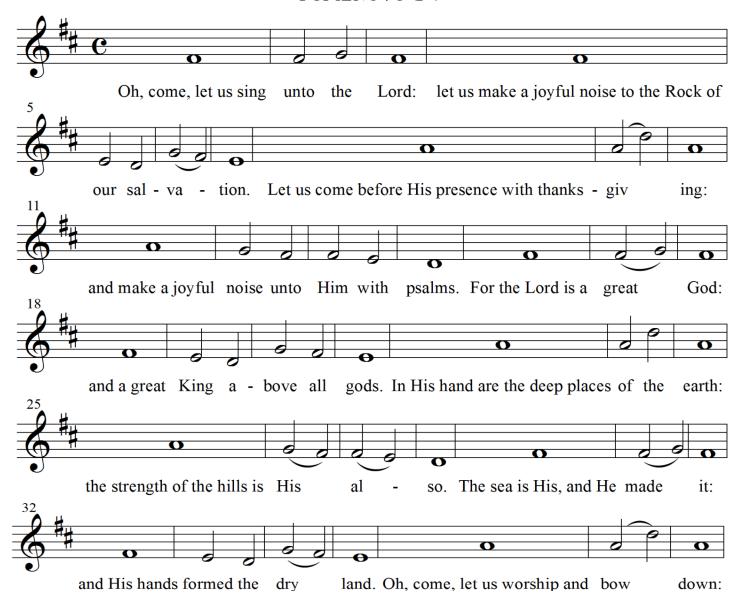
**P** Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:

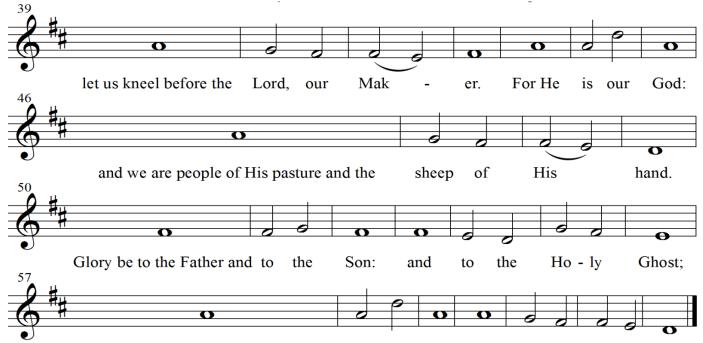
(Psalm 95:6)



C For He is our Mak - er.

# Venite Exultemus Domino PSALM 95:1-7





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

# Psalmody

#### "ECCE DOMINUS PRINCEPS VENIT"

(Intoned by Pastor with Congregation on Gloria Patri; Psalm 72:1–2, 10–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text)

Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,\*

and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.

Give the king your justice, | O God,\*

and your righteousness to the | royal son!

May he judge your people with | righteousness,\*

and your poor with | justice!

May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him | tribute;\*

may the kings of Sheba and Seba | bring gifts!

May all kings fall down be- | fore him,\*

all nations | serve him!

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.

Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,\*

and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.

# Hymn of the Day

#### ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY



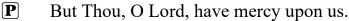
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# Old Testament Lesson ISAIAH 60:1-6

[1] Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. [2] For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. [3] And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. [4] Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. [5] Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of

The prophet calls Jerusalem to arise because her light, the glory of God, is rising on her. A new day is dawning for the world, and the light coming from Jerusalem draws the world's attention. The vision fills Jerusalem with jubilation as throngs of nations come to put their wealth at her feet. For Christians, Jesus Christ is the Light that has dawned.

the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. [6] A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.





# Ministry of Music CANTIQUE DE NOËL

Text by Placide Cappeau, Music by Adolphe Adam Jackie Lowery & Ethel Hikal

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Savior's birth.

Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope, the weary soul rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees, Oh, hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born!

O night divine, O holy night, O night Divine.

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming, with glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.

So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, here came the wise men from Orient land.

The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger, in all our trials born to be our friend;

He knows our need; our weakness is no stranger. Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!

Behold your King, Before Him lowly bend!

Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love, and His gospel is peace.

Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother, and in His name all oppression shall cease.

Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, let all within us praise His holy name.

Christ is the Lord! Oh, praise His name forever! His power and glory evermore proclaim!

His power and glory evermore proclaim!

# Epistle Reading EPHESIANS 3:1-12

[1] For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—[2] assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, [3] how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. [4] When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, [5] which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. [6] This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. [7] Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. [8] To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, [9] and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, [10] so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God

All the gracious offers of the gospel, and the joyful tidings it contains, come from the rich grace of God; it is the great means by which the Spirit works grace in the souls of men. The mystery, is that secret, purpose of hidden salvation through Christ. This was not so fully and clearly shown in the ages before Christ, as unto the prophets of the New Testament. This was the great truth made known to the apostle, that God would call the Gentiles to salvation by faith in Christ. An effectual working of Divine power attends the gifts of Divine grace. As God appointed Paul to the office, so he qualified him for it.

might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. [11] This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, [12] in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.



(Stand)

# Gospel Reading ST. MATTHEW 2:1-13

[1] Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, [2] saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." [3] When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; [4] and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. [5] They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: [6] "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

Matthew alone records for us the well-known story of the Magi from the East who visited Christ. Although Matthew does not quote Isaiah 60 here, his mentioning of gifts of gold and frankincense is enough to indicate that he is indeed alluding to the Isaianic prophecy: in Christ the Gentiles also see the glory of God.

are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." [7] Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. [8] And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." [9] After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. [10] When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. [11] And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. [12] And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. [13] Now when they 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."



## Children's Hymn WE THREE KINGS



## Children's Sermon



Sermon Hymn

#### AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

Text: William C. Dix: Tune: Conrad Kocher - "Dix": LSB #397 © 2006 CPH



- 1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
- 2 As with joy ful steps they sped, Sav ior, to Thy low ly bed,
- 3 As they of fered gifts most rare At Thy cra dle, rude and bare, 4 Ho ly Je sus, ev 'ry day Keep us in the nar row way;
- 5 In the heav'n-ly coun try bright Need they no cre at ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright; There to bend the knee be - fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore; So may we with ho - ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al - loy, And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led by Thee. So may we with will - ing feet Ev - er seek Thy mer - cy seat. All our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King. Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide. There for - ev - er may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King.

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## Sermon

# TEXT: ST. MATTHEW 2:1–13 "KINGS BEFORE THE KING"

(Stand)

#### Votum



## Offering Prayer

(Be Seated)

Offering

Voluntary

AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

By M. Burkhardt

# Catechism Hymn

#### OUR FATHER. THOU IN HEAVEN ABOVE

Text & Tune: Martin Luther - "Vater Unser"; LSB #766 v.6 © 2006 CPH



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

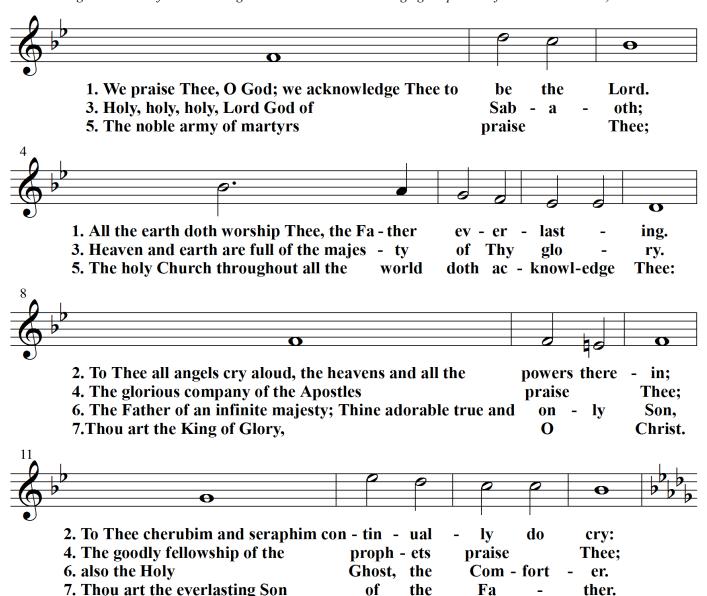
### Catechism Lesson

- **P** A lesson from 1 Peter 3:7 –
- "Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers."
- **P** What is the Fifth Petition of the Lord's Prayer?
- And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
- **P** What does this mean?
- We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

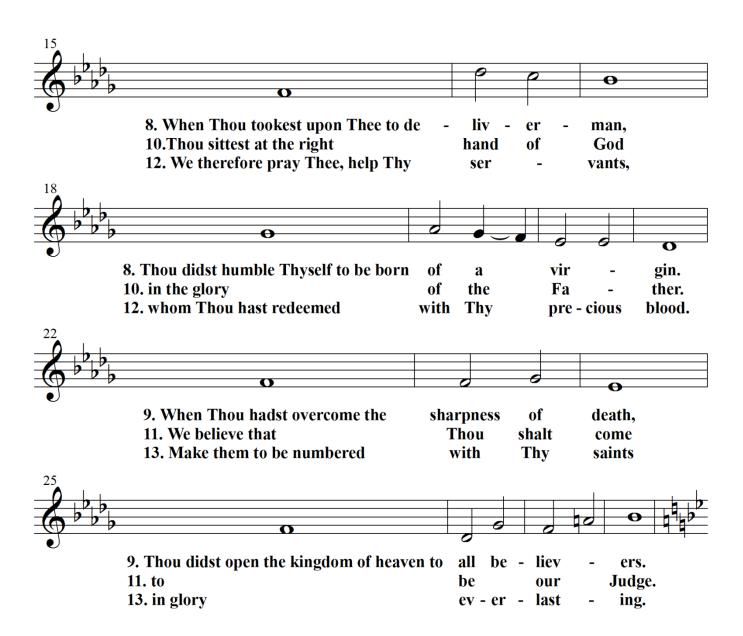


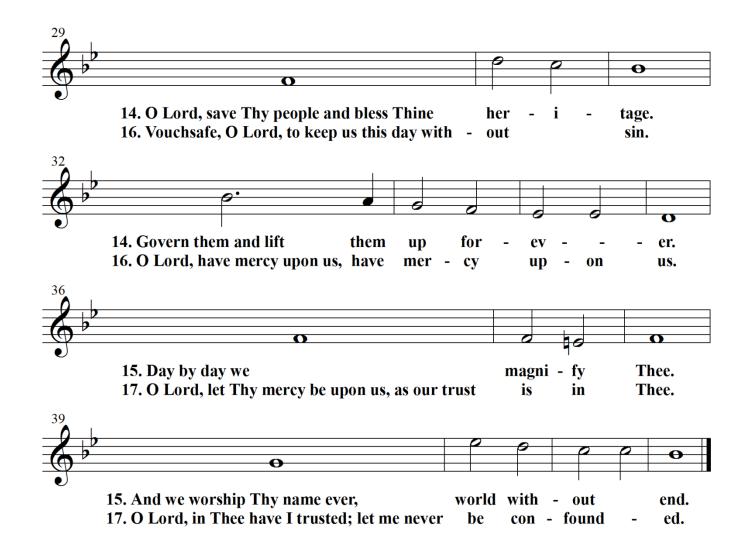
## Canticle - Te Deum Laudamus

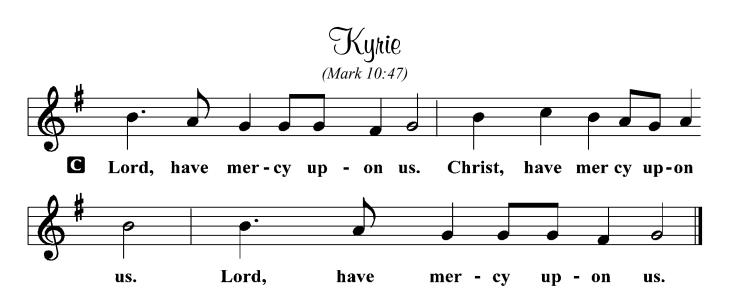
("We Praise Thee O Lord" is one of the most ancient and glorious hymns of the Church. Tradition indicates that it was composed by Ambrose of Milan on the occasion of the baptism of St. Augustine in A.D. 387. The "Te Deum" is an exalted song of praise and thanksgiving to God the Father and God the Son,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











# The Lond's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

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.



#### Benediction

(2 Corinthians 13:14)

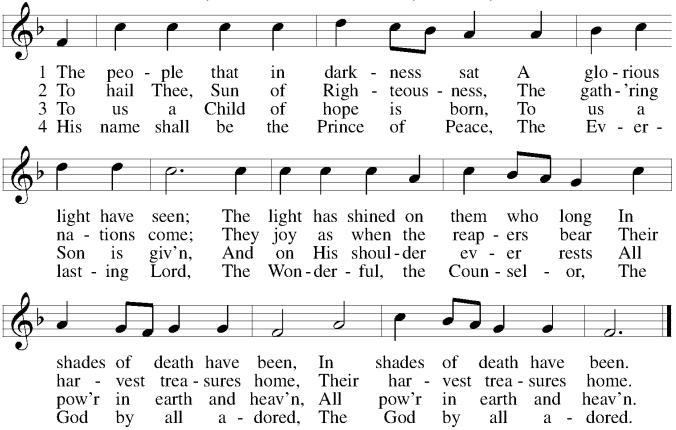
The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



## Closing Hymn

#### THE PEOPLE THAT IN DARKNESS SAT

Text: John Morison; Tune: Nicolaus Herman - "Lobt Gott, Ihr Christen"; LSB #412 © 2006 CPH



- His righteous government and pow'r Shall over all extend;
  On judgment and on justice based, His reign shall have no end,
  His reign shall have no end.
- 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray, And make us Thine alone, Who with the Father ever art And Holy Spirit, one, And Holy Spirit, one.

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## Postlude

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

It is our heartfelt prayer that all who worships 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: Epiphany** – God, in giving His Son, identifies with us at our weakest and embraces us at our worst. Even when we don't resemble anything our Maker intended, He doesn't call us "unwanted" or "better off dead." Instead, He declares, "This is my beloved [child], with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). In this newness of life, Christians can also welcome the least among us. *Prayer: Lord, construct Your kingdom of little ones like us. 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**, **January 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.

#### Get the OSL App...

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#### BIBLE CLASS & SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS FOR ALL:

#### 8:15 AM -

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

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

#### 10:45 AM – Adults

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS AS LISTED - 10:45 AM -

 The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Chad & Allison Symcox in celebration of their  $16^{th}$  wedding anniversary on January 5.

Howen Chant 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.

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

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

WEEKLY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY —All men are invited on Wednesday mornings in the Bible Class Room, at 6:30-7:30 a.m. Join on ZOOM, ID: 88057716122, passcode: oslma. Contact Channing Wood at <a href="mailto:channing@toddyblends.com">channing@toddyblends.com</a>.

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

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

SHUT-IN MEMBER VISITS – Do you know of someone that is not able to make it to church and wants a visit? Please contact Pastor Cholak: 713-290-9087 or <a href="mailto:scholak@osl.cc">scholak@osl.cc</a>.



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

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

**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 <u>aadams@adamsins.com</u>, to add your name to the list.

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

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



Dear OSL Community,

Our Savior Lutheran's Parent Teacher League invites you to join us at Eagle Evening, our largest fundraiser of the year, on Friday January 26, 2024. In addition to purchasing tickets and attending, you can become an event sponsor or donate items to our silent and live auctions.

This year's Eagle Evening gala will focus on raising funds to add outdoor enrichment features and enhance our sports facilities. Our Savior Lutheran families are blessed to have a gorgeous campus where our children can explore, play, and learn. The Parent Teacher League wants to continue to encourage nature play by adding outdoor features to our campus. We would also like to add a few fun elements to our sports programs such as an outdoor score board and a long-term outdoor concession stand.

With your generous support from last year, the Parent Teacher League was able to fund installation of both a safety fence by our Early Childhood Education building and security film on every glass window and door. In addition, the bathrooms by the cafeteria are getting an update and TV monitors were purchased for the cafeteria and front office to display school news and announcements.

We sincerely hope you will join us in our efforts this year and look forward to celebrating past successes and our wonderful community with you at Eagle Evening.

Enclosed are details about Sponsorships and Socials and a return envelope. Donation tax receipt forms are available in the front office if needed for auction items.

Sponsorship questions can be directed to Leslie Bordelon at 337-280-5336 or Ginny Lee at 713-471-6731 or by email at <u>oursavior.ptl@gmail.com</u>.

Auction donations questions can be directed to Lindsey Kearny at 225-978-0700 or by email at <u>oursavior.ptl@gmail.com</u>.

On behalf of the entire Parent Teacher League, thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Ginny Lee

Ginny Lee,

Parent Teacher League President

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Pledges must be committed by November 10th to be included in the invitation and January 8th to be included in the program.

You may email this form to oursavior.ptl@gmail.com, or if you would like to pay over the phone contact

Ginny Lee at 713-471-6731 or Leslie Bordelon at 377-280-5336.

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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



Join us on a bus ride to the Texas Rally For Life - Saturday, January 27! Our Charter Bus will depart OSL from the School Cafeteria at 8:00 AM, and return by 7:00 PM. The march begins at 1 PM, in the parking lot on 18th & N Congress Ave, and ends at the Capitol with a Rally at 2 PM.

# OSL at a Glance

| Sunday, January 7, 2024          |         |                                    |
|----------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|
| Event                            | Time    | Location Removal of                |
| Bible Class                      | 8:15am  | Bible Class Room the Greens        |
| Confirmation Class-YR            | 8:15am  | Youth Room                         |
| Matins                           | 9:30am  | Church & online                    |
| Sunday School                    | 10:45am |                                    |
| Exultae Brass-Choir Rm           | 12:00pm | Choir Room                         |
| Taking Down the Greens           | 12:00pm | Church & Narthex                   |
| Non-OSL Confirmation-Zoom        | 6:00pm  | Zoom online                        |
| Monday, January 8, 2024          |         |                                    |
| Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML    | 9:00am  | LWML                               |
| Young Adults Bible Study-YR      | 6:00pm  | Youth Room                         |
| Potter's Vessel-FR               | 6:30pm  | Family Room                        |
| Tuesday, January 9, 2024         |         |                                    |
| Braille                          | 8:30am  | Concordia LCMS                     |
| Trustees-Maintenance Bldg.       | 6:30pm  | Maintenance Building               |
| Elders mtg-BC                    | 7:00pm  | Bible Class Room                   |
| Parish Ed mtg-YR                 | 7:00pm  | Youth Room                         |
| Wednesday, January 10, 2024      |         |                                    |
| Men's Bible Study-BC             | 6:30am  | Bible Class Room                   |
| Bible Class-BC                   | 10:00am | Bible Class Room                   |
| Bulletin Deadline                | 12:00pm | Church Office                      |
| Thursday, January 11, 2024       |         |                                    |
| Prayer Request printing deadline | 3:00pm  | Church office                      |
| UH Campus Ministry               | 6:00pm  | University of Houston              |
| Carillon Ringers                 | 6:15pm  | Choir Loft                         |
| Jubilate Choir                   | 7:00pm  | Choir Loft                         |
| Word Web Bible Study-Zoom        | 7:00pm  | https://osl.cc/the-word-on-the-web |
| Friday, January 12, 2024         |         |                                    |
| Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML    | 9:00am  | LWML                               |
| Saturday, January 13, 2024       |         | $\langle \rangle$                  |
| GEMS YOUth in Mission-LWML -YR   | 10:00am | Youth Room                         |
| Sunday, January 14, 2024         |         | GEMS V                             |
| 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                  |
| Non-OSL Confirmation-Zoom        | 6:00pm  | Zoom online                        |
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**MEASURE OF DEVOTION:** Last Sunday, we had 347 people in attendance (last year 190), 284 viewers online; for New Year's Eve, we had 106 (last year 137), 285 viewers online; New Year's Day we had 54.

| Our Ministry Challenge                                                                                          |                   |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Tithes & Offerings for last week                                                                                | . \$ 109,795.26   |  |
| Tithes & Offerings to date – week 53                                                                            | . \$ 2,029,398.73 |  |
| Tithes & Offerings needed each week                                                                             | . \$ 40,600.00    |  |
| Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 53                                                                     |                   |  |
| General Fund Income to date                                                                                     | . \$ 5,064,044.44 |  |
| Special Contributions to date                                                                                   | .\$ 458,414.00    |  |
| Eagle Fund (School Fundraising Campaign) Contributions to date                                                  | .\$ 36,911.27     |  |
| "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                                                                 | - •               |  |

#### 2023 CONTRIBUTION NOTICE:

2023 contributions will be received though TODAY, January 7, 2024. Your check must be dated 2023. Please note it is a 2023 donation on the envelope.

## Those To Serve:

Today, Sunday, January 7, at 9:30 AM

**ELDERS:** Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman

**USHERS:** Downie Team **SOUND:** Whiting

**CARTS:** Stephens Team

**ACOLYTES:** Blake Farr / Lorenzo Gonzales

ALTAR GLD: \_ COMM. ASST: \_

**EVANGELISM:** Team 2 Garry

**GREETERS:** TEAM 7: Fehrenkamp / Fritsche **MUSIC:** Jackie Jolley-Lowery / Ethel Hikal

**VIDEO:** Mitchell Stephens / Adam White / Wesley White

Next Week, Sunday, January 14, at 9:30 AM

Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman

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Adams Team

Wesley White / Caden Williams

Clarissa Worthing Team

Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman

Team 3 James

TEAM 8: Greenwood / Domann / Peterson

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Mitchell Stephens / Adam White / Wesley White



# Taking Down the Greens Today!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 @ NOON

Thanks to everyone who helps, it always goes a lot quicker the more we have!

# Spotlight on Life: Preparing for Forever

Houston Lutherans For Life is hosting this FREE Workshop in the cafeteria at:

**Our Savior Lutheran Church & School** 

5000 W. Tidwell, Houston TX 77091

## February 24, 2024

8:30 AM Check-in • 3:00 PM Wrap-up

- Light Breakfast
   6 Intriguing Speakers
- Delicious Lunch Round Table Q&A
  - Sanctuary & Bell Tower Tour

Our speakers include:

**Dr. Laurence White** (Our Savior Lutheran)

Life in a Culture of Death

Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller (St. Paul Lutheran, Austin)

Rev. Robert Paul (Memorial Lutheran): Christian Burial Practices

Rev. Kelly Krieg (Bethlehem Lutheran, William Penn)

**Rev. Ryan Ogrodowicz** (Grace Lutheran, Brenham) Angels, Demons, & Death

Rev. Michael Salemink (Lutherans For Life, Executive Director)
Going Gracefully: How the Christian Gospel Invites Us to Share in Suffering
Instead of Settling for Assisted Suicide

Visit www.houstonlfl.org to reserve your seat, or scan the code: