

#### Our Savior Lutheran

# Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Order of Holy Communion

In Nomine Jesu



Music for Meditation & Prayer

Ringing of the Bells

**Prelude**Fuge in C Major
By G. F. Handel

Greetings & Announcements

#### Hymn of Invocation

#### What Child Is This

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#### 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.
- 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.
- 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

- 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 H Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### Introit

#### "OMNIS TERRA ADORET TE, ET PSALLAT TIBI"

(Intoned by Pastor with Congregation on Gloria Patri; Psalm 66:1–5, 20; antiphon: v. 4; 92:1)

All the earth worships you and sings prais- | es to you;\*

they sing praises | to your name.

It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,\*

to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.

Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;\*

sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!

Say to God, "How awesome | are your deeds!\*

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to you.

All the earth worships you and sings prais- | es to you;\*

they sing praises | to your name."

Come and see what | God has done:\*

he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.

Blessèd | be God,\*

because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me!

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.

All the earth worships you and sings prais- | es to you;\*

they sing praises | to your name.

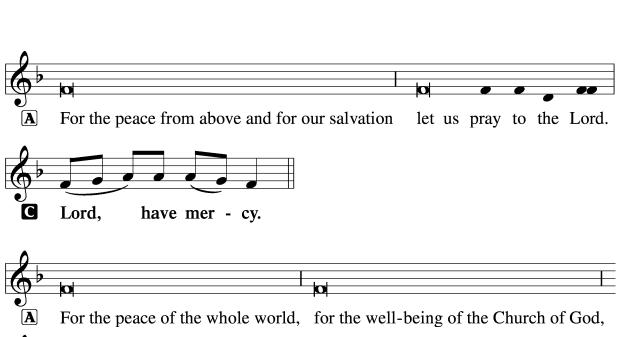
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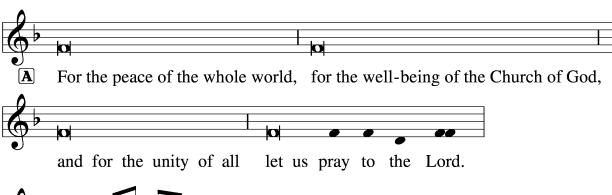
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Kyrie

(Mark 10:47)



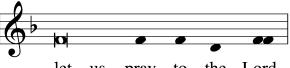








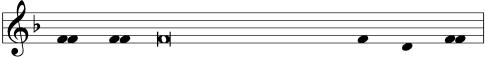
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

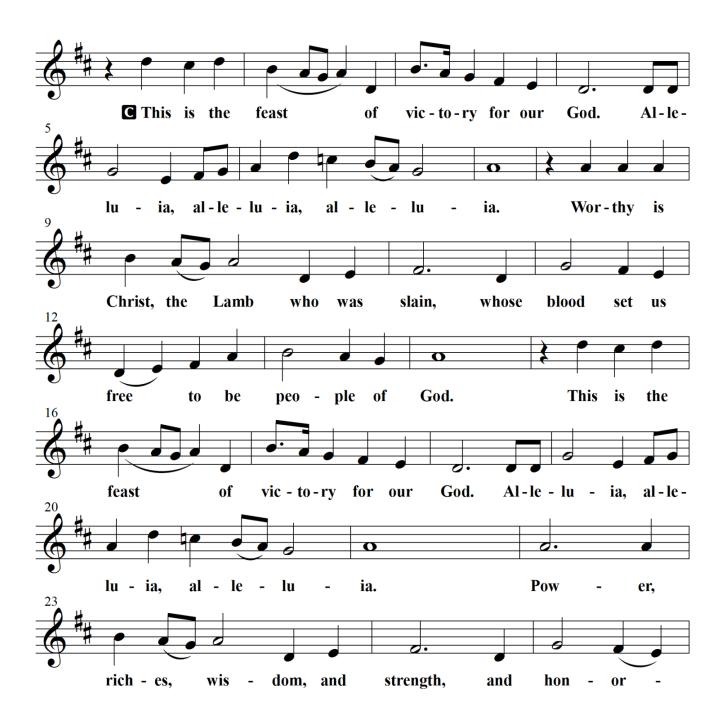


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.

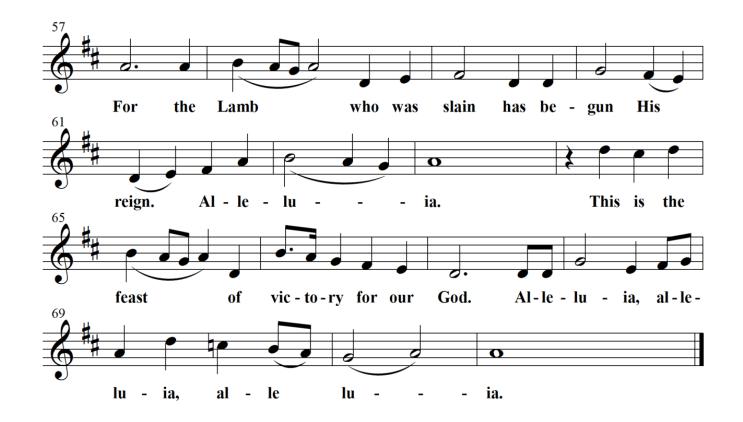


#### Hymn of Praise

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

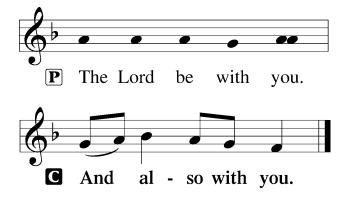






#### Collect of the Day

(2 Timothy 4:22)



- **P** Let us pray.
  - Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### Old Testament Lesson

Amos 9:11-15

[11] "In that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old, [12] that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by my name," declares the Lord who does this. [13] "Behold, the days are coming," declares the Lord, "when the plowman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it. [14] I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit. [15] I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be uprooted out of the land that I have given them," says the Lord your God.

God marvellously preserves his elect amidst the most fearful confusions and miseries. When all seems desperate, he wonderfully revives his church, and blesses her with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus. And great shall be the glory of that period, in which not one good thing promised shall remain unfulfilled.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### Gradual

(Intoned by Pastor; Psalm 107:20–21)

He sent out his word and | healed them,\*
and delivered them from their de- | struction.

Let them thank the Lord for his | steadfast love,\*
for his wondrous works to the chil- | dren of men!

#### Epistle Reading

Romans 12:6-16

[6] Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; [7] if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; [8] the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. [9] Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. [10] Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. [11] Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. [12] Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. [13] Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. [14] Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. [15] Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. [16] Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited.

All our duty towards one another is summed up in one word, love. And love to God and man, with zeal for the gospel, will make the wise diligent in all his worldly business, and in gaining superior skill. God is honored by our hope and trust in him, especially when we rejoice in that hope. Those that rejoice in hope, are likely to be patient in tribulation. Be ready to entertain those who do good: as there is occasion, we must welcome strangers. Bless, and curse not. True love will make us take part in the sorrows and joys of each other.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

### (Stand) Alleluia and Verse (John 6:68)



#### Holy Gospel

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



#### Gospel Reading

St. John 2:1-11

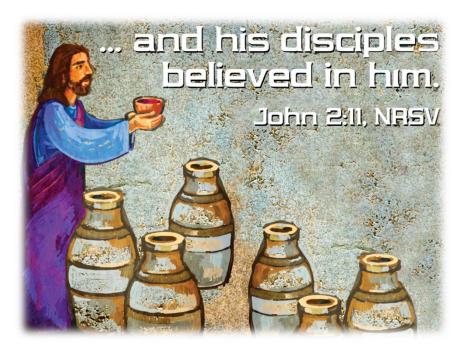
[1] On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. [2] Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. [3] When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." [4] And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." [5] His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." [6] Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. [7] Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. [8] And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn

It is very desirable when there is a marriage, to have Christ own and bless it. Those that would have Christ with them at their marriage, must invite him by prayer, and he will come. While in this world we sometimes find ourselves in straits, even when we think ourselves in fulness. There was want at a marriage feast. Those who are come to care for the things of the world, must look for trouble, and count upon disappointment. In our addresses to Christ, we must humbly spread our case before him, and then refer ourselves to him to do as he pleases.

the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom [10] and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." [11] This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

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





#### Micene 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

#### Sermon Hymn

#### Within the Father's House

Text: James R. Woodford; Tune: Johann Balthasar König – "Franconia"; LSB #410 © 2006 CPH



- With in the Fa-ther's The Son has found His house home, The doc-tors of the Law Gaze on the won - drous
- 2 The doc-tors of the Law Gaze on the won-drous child 3 Yet not to them is giv'n The might y truth to know,
- 4 The se-cret of the Lord Es-capes each hu man eye,



And to His tem - ple sud - den - ly The Lord of life has come. And mar-vel at His gra-cious words Of wis-dom un - de - filed. To lift the earth - ly veil that hides In - car-nate God be - low. And faith-ful pon - d'ring hearts a - wait The full e - piph - a - ny.

- 5 Lord, visit Thou our souls
  And teach us by Thy grace
  Each dim revealing of Thyself
  With loving awe to trace
- △ 6 Till we behold Thy face

  And know as we are known

  Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

  Coequal Three in One.

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(Stand for Text)

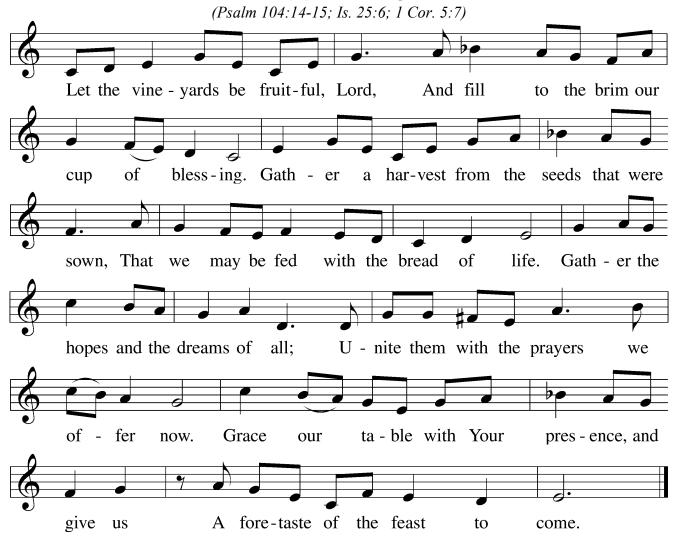
#### Sermon

Text: St. John 2:1–11
"A Miraculous Beginning"

(Stand)

**Votum** 

#### Offertory



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#### Offering Prayer

(Be Seated)

#### Offering

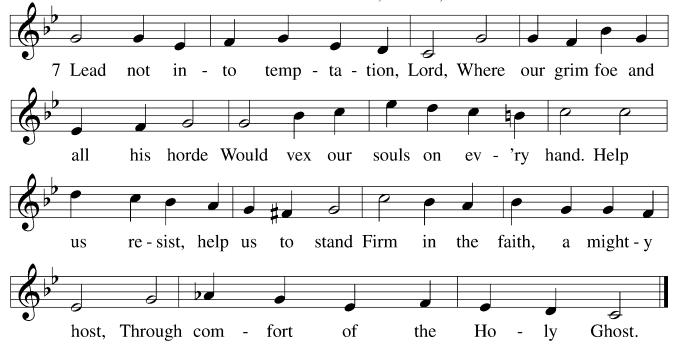
#### **Voluntary**

Within the Father's House

#### Catechism Hymn

#### Our Father, Who from Heaven Above

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The weekly recitation of the scripture and catechism lessons in the Divine Service helps to link us together with the children of our congregation and school who work weekly on the memorization of these texts. In the Divine Service we gather and recall the words of our youth, the words of our confirmation, the words of eternal life. The Catechism is more than a textbook. 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.

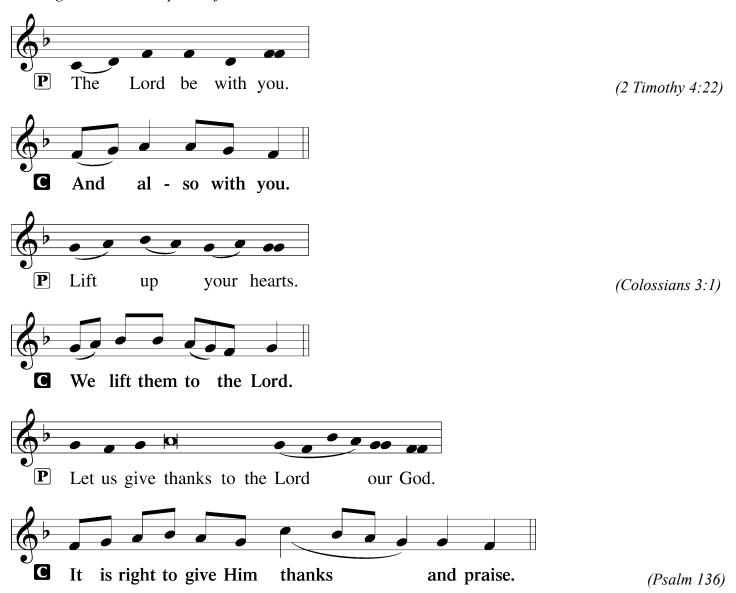
#### Catechism Lesson

- **P** A lesson from Colossians 3:19 –
- "Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them."
- **P** What is the Sixth Petition of The Lord's Prayer?
- **C** And lead us not into temptation.
- **P** What does this mean?
- God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

#### Intercessory Prayer

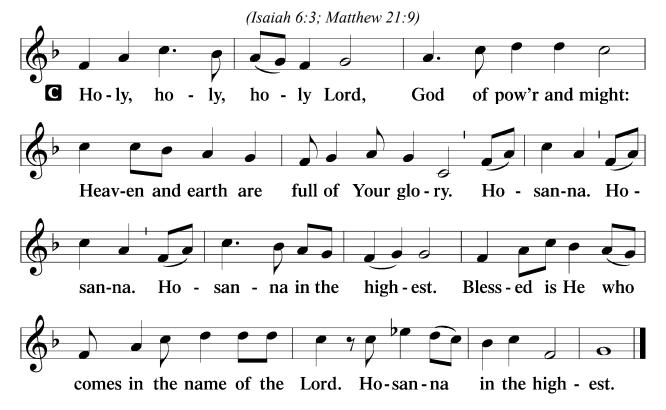
#### Preface

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



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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

#### Sanctus



#### The Lord'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

#### Words of Institution

(Matthew 26:26-28)

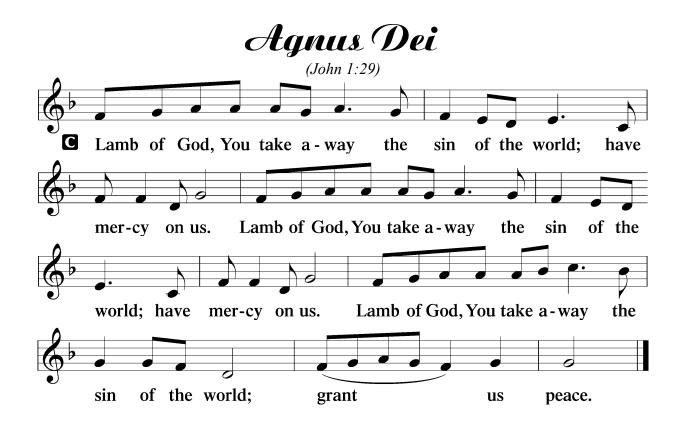
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

#### Pax Domini

(John 20:19)

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** And also with you.



(Be Seated)

#### Distribution

(This congregation observes the Biblical practice of "Closed Communion," outlined in the Communion Policy Statement in the announcement section of the bulletin. If you have not communed with us previously and have not had the opportunity to speak with our Pastor about communion attendance, we respectfully request that you refrain from participating in the Sacrament this morning. Thank you for your kindness.)

#### Distribution Hymns

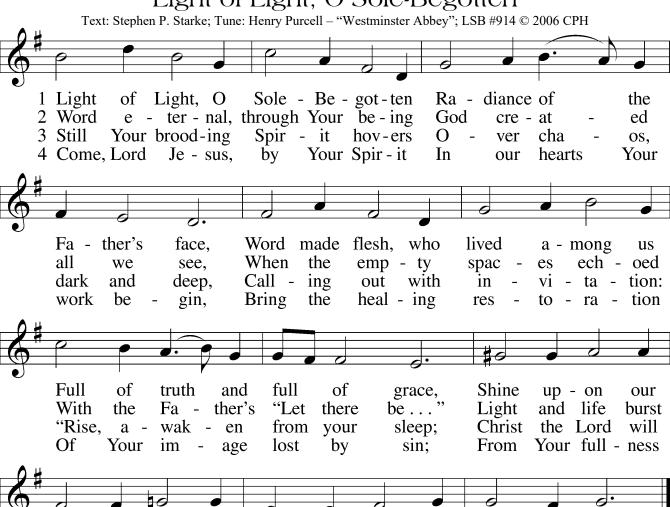
#### Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

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#### Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten



hu - man dark - ness; Pierce the that shrouds night our race. from the glo - rious Pow er of Your maj es - ty! And shall keep." shine up - on you from death your soul all life with - in! re - ceiv - ing Grace on grace, new

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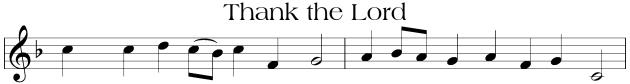
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#### Of the Father's Love Begotten

Text: Aurelius Prudentius Clemens; Tune: Plainsong, 13th cent., mode V - "Divinum Mysterium"; LSB #384 © 2006 CPH 1 Of Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds the be -2 Oh. that for - ev - er bless - ed. When the birth vir - gin, 3 This He whom seers in old time Chant - ed is of with 4 O of heav'n, a - dore Him; ye heights An - gel hosts, His  $\triangle$  5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, Ho - ly And, О Al - pha He be. is and O - me gan to ga, Ho - ly full grace, the of By Ghost con - ceiv ing, one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him prais - es Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv Ghost, to ing He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that Bore the Say - ior our race, And the babe, the world's Re of Now He shines, the Prom-ised in their faith - ful word. long - ex -Let no tongue on ex - tol our God and King. earth un - end - ing prais - es Hon - or, And be, glo - ry, and do have been, And that fu - ture years shall see deem First re - vealed His cred face er, sa pect ed; Let cre a tion praise its Lord si lent, Ev -'ry voice in con cert ring ion, And min ter - nal vic to ry Ev - er - more and ev er more. Ev - er - more and ev more. er Ev - er - more and ev more. er Ev - er - more and ev er more. Ev - er - more and Α er more. men.

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#### Post-Communion Canticle



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





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



#### Post-Communion Collect

- 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 in 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)

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and + give you peace.



#### Closing Hymn

#### Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Text: Christopher Wordsworth; Tune: George J. Elvey - "St. George's Windsor"; LSB #394 © 2006 CPH



- 1 Songs of thank ful ness and praise, Je sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
- 2 Man i fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
- 3 Man i fest in mak-ing whole Pal sied limbs and faint ing soul;
- 4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
- 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres ent in Thy ho ly Word—



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To sa - ges from a - far, at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest; Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might; Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo-rious sign; Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And pure art Thou; be pure, as



Da - vid's stem Branch of roy - al Thy birth Beth - le - hem: In at Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine: Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, er bring-ing good from ill; Ev will then the trum - pet hear, will see the Judge ap-pear; All we might be-come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest. An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest. An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest. Thou by all wilt be con-fessed, God in man made man - i - fest. And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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#### Postlude

St. George's Windsor

By C. Callahan

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#### **January 14, 2024**

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Enter hevenetly, 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 II** – Perhaps we could raise the level of respect and honor for marriage if we focused less on what it isn't and more upon what it is, and teach, as Paul, that "it refers to Christ and the church" (Ephesians 5:32b). *Lord, help us see marriage as a picture of Your sacrificial and loving relationship to Your Church. 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 28 @ 9:30 am. "Let a man examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." I Corinthians 11:28

The Word of God teaches that the bread and wine of the Sacrament are the true Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. This precious gift of God's grace is to be received in a sense of reverent awe after careful self-examination. The Bible defines that self-

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

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#### 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 –

High School – 4:12 Youth Room 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – C105 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – C103 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – C113 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – C116 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – C115 Kindergarten – B107 3 & 4 yrs – B108 18 mos. – 3 yrs – B111 The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Luna Family wishing a Happy Birthday to Pam Wood; and by Dennis & Jo-Caroll Mueller for their  $45^{th}$  wedding anniversary.

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

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

#### 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.

*Dire need for hemming blankets!* 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 <a href="mailto:adams@adams@adamsins.com">adams@adams@adamsins.com</a>, to add your name to the list.

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

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

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

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Join us on a bus ride to the Texas Rally For Life Saturday, January 27

Be the voice for the voiceless!

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.)

MEASURE OF DEVOTION: Last Sunday, we had 377 people in attendance (last year 400), 434 viewers online.

Our Ministry Challenge		
Tithes & Offerings for last week	\$ 238,724.82	
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 53A	\$ 2,268,123.55	
Tithes & Offerings needed each week	\$ 40,600.00	
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 53A	\$ 2,151,800.00	
General Fund Income to date	\$ 5,312,807.02	
Special Contributions to date	\$ 466,705.03	
Eagle Fund (School Fundraising Campaign) Contributions to date	\$ 39,805.27	
"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		

#### Those To Serve:

Today, Sunday, January 14, at 9:30 AM

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

**USHERS: Gobrogge Team** 

**SOUND:** Witt

**CARTS: Adams Team** 

**ACOLYTES:** Wesley White / Caden Williams

**ALTAR GLD:** Clarissa Worthing Team

**COMM. ASST:** Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman

**EVANGELISM:** Team 3 James

**GREETERS:** TEAM 8: Greenwood / Domann / Peterson

**MUSIC:** 

VIDEO: Mitchell Stephens / Adam White / Wesley White Next Week, Sunday, January 21, at 9:30 AM

Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman

Symcox Team Wilbanks Pampell Team

Evan Wood / Tyler Wood

Team 4 Robert

TEAM 9: Kemnitz / Kunkel

Mitchell Stephens / Adam White / Wesley White



#### Don't Forget To Tithe!

Use the OSL app, free in the App Store. No monthly fee -No set up fee -No hidden fees; Lowest processing rates that continue to drop as your giving increases.

All credit and debit cards (including AMEX) are processed at 2.3% + .30 cents per transaction. All ACH donations are 1% with no cents. There is also a "GIVE" link at the top of our website: www.OSL.cc

#### OSL at a Glance

Sunday, January 14, 2024			
Event	Time	Location	
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	
Monday, January 15, 2024 ~ Martin L. King, Jr. Day Newsletter Deadline			
Young Adults Bible Study-YR	6:00pm	Youth Room	
Last Adult Information Class - Fall Session	*	Bible Classroom	
Last Adult Information Class - Fall Session	7:00pm	Divie Classicolli	
Tuesday, January 16, 2024			
Church Council-BC	7:00pm	Bible Class Room	
Night Circle-FR	7:00pm	Family Room	
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Wednesday, January 17, 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 18, 2024			
Prayer Request printing deadline	3:00pm	Church office	
Evangelism Meeting - BC	6:00pm	Bible Class Room	
UH Campus Ministry	6:00pm	University of Houston	
Carillon Ringers	6:15pm	Choir Loft	
Jubilate Choir	7:00pm	Choir Loft	
Lutheran Confessions Bible Study-BC	7:00pm	Bible Class Room	
Word Web Bible Study-Zoom	7:00pm	https://osl.cc/the-word-on-the-web	
Saturday January 20, 2024			
Saturday, January 20, 2024	10:00am	Diblo Class Doom	
Bunco Women's Social-BC		Bible Class Room	
Father Daughter Dance	6:00pm	A101	
Sunday, January 21, 2024 ~ Life Sunday			
Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room	
Confirmation Class-YR	8:15am	Youth Room	
Matins	9:30am	Church & online	
Sunday School	10:45am		
Cantate-Choir Rm	12:00pm	Church Choir Room	
Life Team Meeting-BC	12:00pm	Bible Class Room	
Non OCL Confirmation 7	(.00:	7 11	

Zoom online

6:00pm

Non-OSL Confirmation-Zoom

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN ENCHANTING EVENING OF DESSERTS AND DANCING UNDER THE WAVES, WHERE FATHERS AND DAUGHTERS CREATE TREASURED MEMORIES BENEATH THE SEA.



# 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) Celebrating Life All the Way to the End

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

**Rev. Kelly Krieg** (Bethlehem Lutheran, William Penn) God's Word at the End: How Liturgy Brings Comfort to the Dying

> **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: