



Our Savior Lutheran

Last Sunday of the Church Year

Order of Holy Communion

In Nomine Jesu



Music for Meditation & Prayer

Ringling of the Bells

Prelude

Coronation

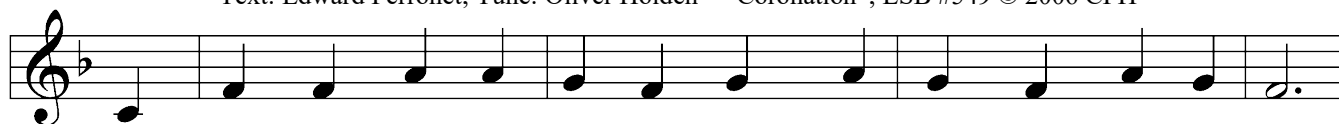
By J. Scott

Greetings & Announcements

Hymn of Invocation

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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- 1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.



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The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.

- 5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
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- 6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.

- 7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.

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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

“Redimet Redempti a Domino Et Uenient In Sion”

(Intoned by Laetare with Congregation on Gloria Patri; Psalm 39:4–5, 7–8; antiphon: Isaiah 35:10)

The ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with | singing;*
everlasting joy shall be up- | on their heads.

They shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,*
and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.

O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;*
let me know how fleeting | I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing
be- | fore you.*

Surely all mankind stands as a | mere breath!

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?*

My hope | is in you.

Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*

Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

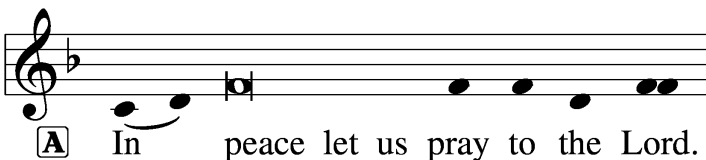
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

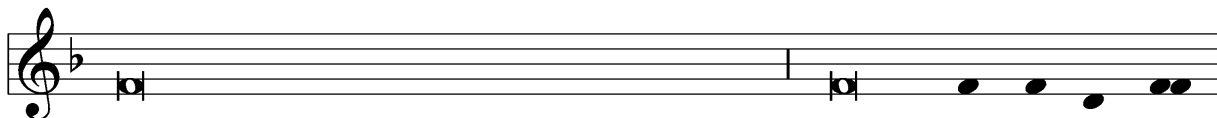
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Kyrie

(Mark 10:47)

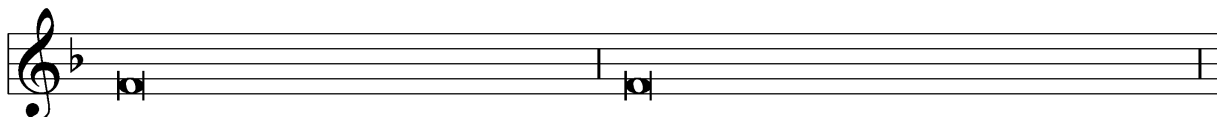




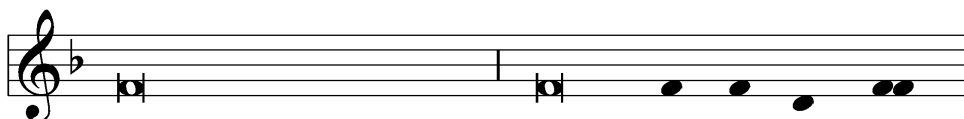
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



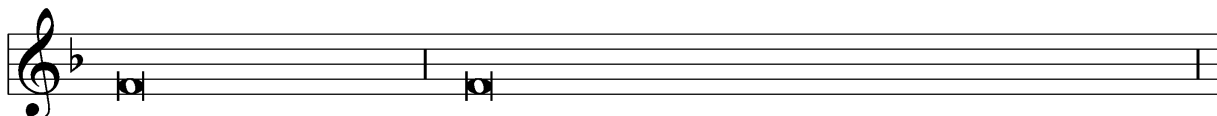
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



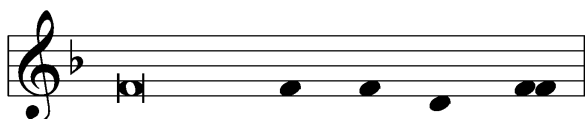
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



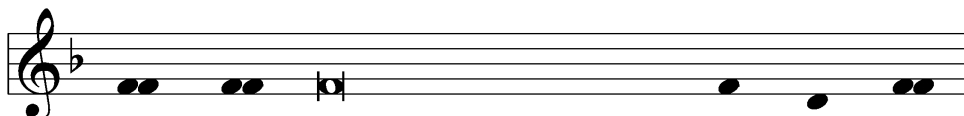
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



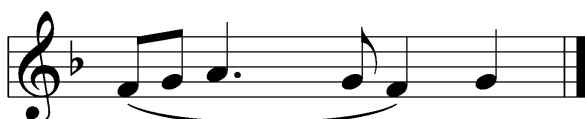
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C Lord, have mer - cy.



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,

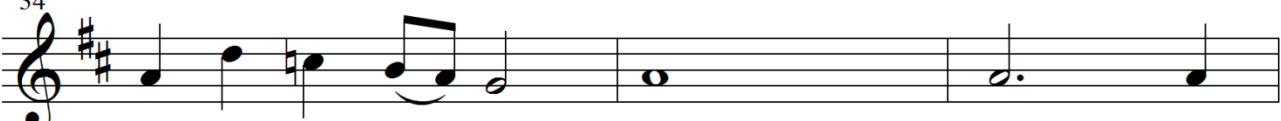
23 rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or -

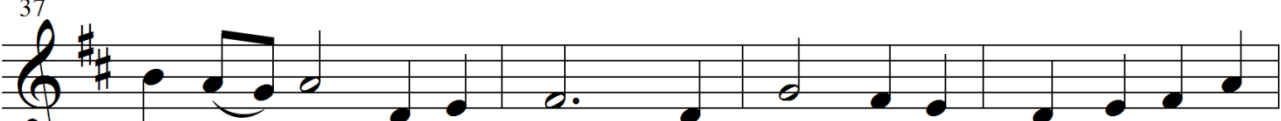
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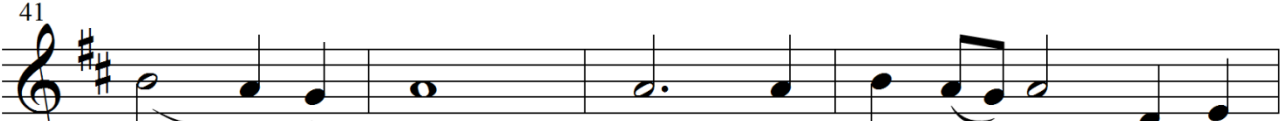
 bless - ing and glo - ry are His. This is the

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

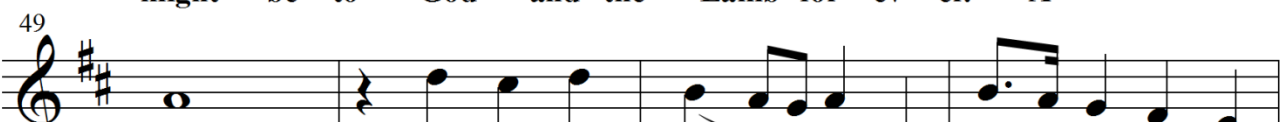
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 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Sing with

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

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

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

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

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 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

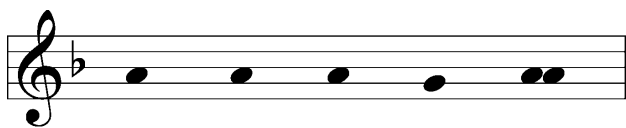
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reign. Al - le - lu - - - ia. This is the

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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.

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *Amen.*

(Be Seated)

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 65:17-25

[17] “Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

[18] But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.

[19] I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

[20] No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

[21] They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

[22] They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

[23] They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them.

[24] Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.

[25] The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent’s food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the Lord.

Everything which sin has distorted and destroyed will be perfectly restored when Jesus returns in glory and power as the eternal Judge of Mankind. We who have become His people by grace through faith will live in harmony with God forever, as He intended in the beginning. All of the pain, frustration, suffering and death which are the consequences of sin will be removed, and we will be what we were meant to be again.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual

(Intoned by Laetare; Psalm 45:14-15)

In many-colored robes [the king’s daughter] is led | to the king,*
with her virgin companions following be- | hind her.

With joy and gladness they are | led along*
as they enter the palace | of the king.

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

[1] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. [4] But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. [5] For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. [6] So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. [7] For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9] For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

The believer's eager anticipation of Christ's return must never be reduced to a matter of dates and times. We are called to live by faith, trusting that all of God's promises will be fulfilled exactly as He intends. Faith is the gift of being able to believe that God's way is always best and that God's way is being accomplished no matter how difficult it may be for me to understand why or how. That faith enables us to encourage and strengthen one another as we wait.

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 25th chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

St. Matthew 25:1-13

[1] [Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ [7] Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8] And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ [9] But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ [10] And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11] Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ [12] But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ [13] Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

God has promised that Jesus is coming. He invites us to be ever watchful, eagerly awaiting the great day of His return. We dare not allow ourselves to be distracted by the foolishness of this passing world. Nor should we grow weary as we wait, but use each and every moment which the Lord has given us to serve and glorify Him. When the Bridegroom comes we will be able to greet Him joyfully.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

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)

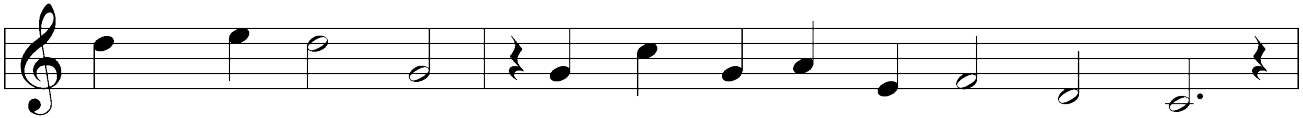
Sermon Hymn

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

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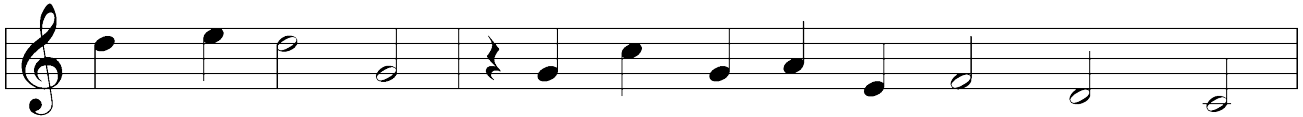
1 “Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing,” The watch - men on the
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, And all her heart with
3 Now let all the heav’ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



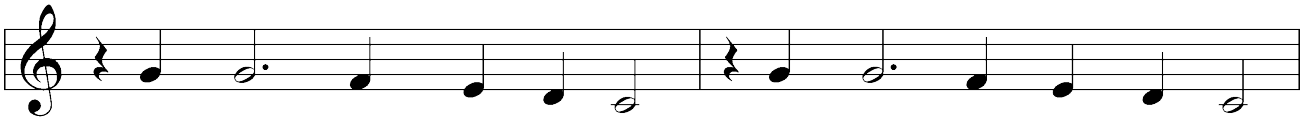
heights are cry - ing; “A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!”
joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym-bals’ clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel-come voic - es And at the thrill-ing
For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
Of one pearl each shin-ing por - tal, Where, join-ing with the



cry re - joic - es: “Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris’n, her light is come.
choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a-wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God’s own Son,
No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your-selves pre - pare
Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall
Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near.”
To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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(Stand for Text)

Sermon

Text: St. Matthew 25:1–13
“Waiting for the Bridegroom”

(Stand)

Votum

Offertory

(Psalm 104:14-15; Is. 25:6; 1 Cor. 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

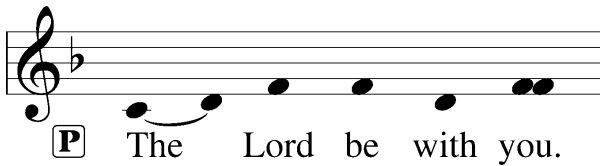
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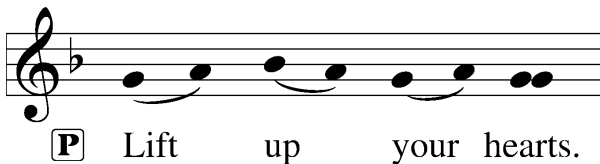
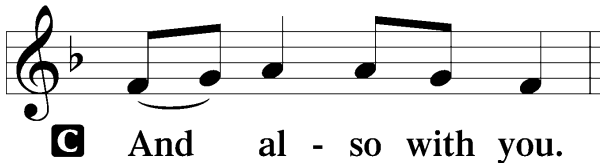
Intercessory Prayer

Preface

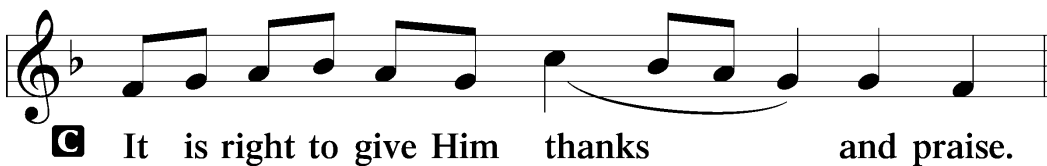
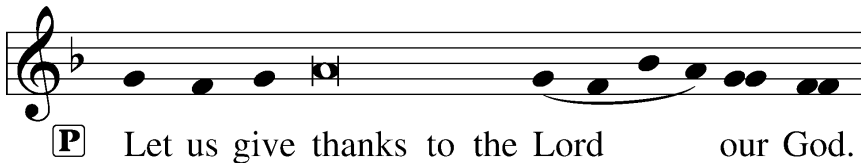
Worship Note: The sound of the Zimbelstern announces the invitation that brings the realms of heaven and voices here on earth to sing the great hymn of praise to our Lord. As the pastor reads “therefore with angels and archangels....” the bells peal in festive celebration.



(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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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; 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

(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

(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

(John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Agnus Dei

(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.

(Be Seated)

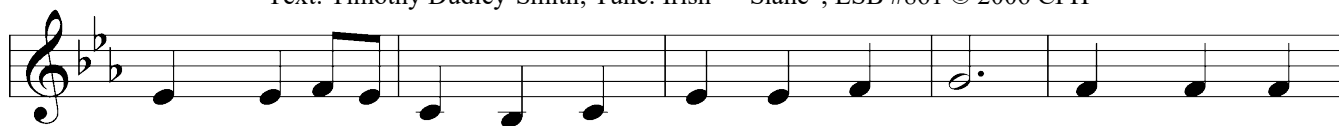
Distribution

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Distribution Hymns

Christ Be My Leader

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1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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Ministry of Music

Come Share the Lord

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Jubilate Choir

We gather here in Jesus' name, His love is burning in our hearts like living flame.

For through His loving Son the Father makes us one.

Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.

We'll gather soon where angels sing, we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King.

Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait. Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.

For He will feed us with His presence here, this bread and wine will do us good,

Our deepest hungers He will satisfy, for He is life and peace and rest and drink and food.

He joins us here, He breaks the bread. The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead.

The One we love the most is now our gracious host.

Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here, ev'ryone belongs. Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

We are now the family of which the Lord is head. Though unseen He meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

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The Lamb

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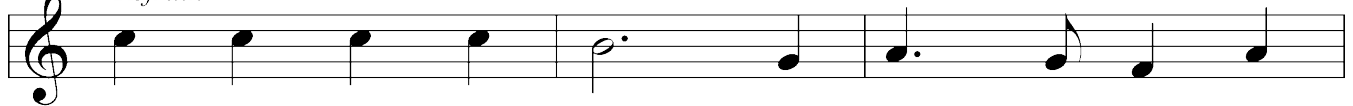


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.

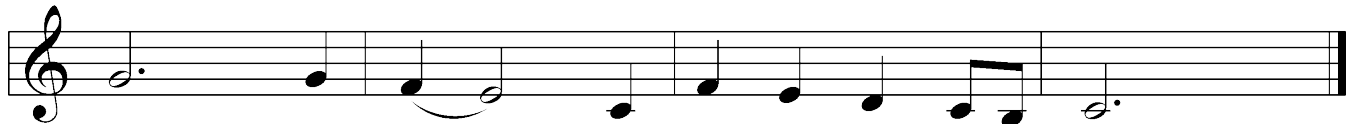


Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.; Tune: French, 17th cent. – “Picardy”; LSB #621 © 2006 CPH

1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and
 2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard
 4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
 earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
 on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing
 sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence

For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -
 In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the
 From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to
 As with cease - less voice they cry: “Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
 van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!”

Text and tune: Public domain

(Stand)

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 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)

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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Text (sts. 1–3, 5): Matthew Bridges; (st. 4): Godfrey Thring; Tune: George J. Elvey – “Diademata”; LSB #525 © 2006 CPH



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
Choir: 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri-fied.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
Fruit of the mys-tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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Postlude

Diademata

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Welcome!

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

It is our heartfelt prayer that all who worship here this day may encounter the love of our Savior. According to His promise, He is here today reaching out to us in love through Word and Sacrament. If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you have found it here so that we may rejoice in serving the Lord together. If we can be of service to you or your family in any way please do not hesitate to ask.

LIFE THOUGHTS / PRAYER: Last Sunday of the Church Year – Our Savior considers human bodies so precious that He has already begun making a new earth for them to enjoy eternally (Isaiah 65:17-25). He has not designed humankind's bodily existence as disposable but as indispensable to our identity and abundant life. How shall this affect our approach to illness, disability, conception, and age? *Prayer: King of creation, increase our respect and protection for the bodies of others with the esteem You bestow upon our own. 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 **Thanksgiving Eve, November 26 @ 7:00 PM,** and **Thanksgiving Day, November 27 @ 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 (click MEDIA at the top). CDs of sermons are available for \$2 each. You may also request past sermons and special services on your attendance card. Our *Bible Through One Year* plan is also on our app.



Bible Class & Sunday School Options for all:

8:15 AM –

7th- 8th Grade Non-OSL School Students Confirmation: Confirmation students learn together as they develop their faith, learning how to pray, read and study Scripture, and defend their faith. (Pastor Cholak – Youth 4:12 Room)

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

10:45 AM – Adults

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

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

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

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

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

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

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS AS LISTED – 10:45 AM

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

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

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

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Armstrong Family in celebration of Ryan's and Jules' birthdays, and by the Downie Family: Soli Deo Gloria!

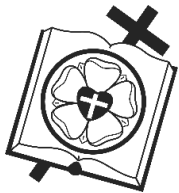


Flower Chart is available to sponsor the church flowers for your special occasions!

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

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

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



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

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



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

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS – Join us for the Word on the Web as we study Romans on Thursdays at 6PM. Go to: <https://osl.cc/the-word-on-the-web> to join the study. You need Zoom installed on your phone or computer with microphone and camera to participate.

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

CART CREW DRIVERS NEEDED! Please consider joining a Cart Crew Team! You must be 16 or older and have a valid driver's license. Please contact the church office 713-290-9087, or Andy Adams aadams@adamsins.com, to add your name to the list.

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

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

Fall Volleyball League: Sundays in the gym at 5:00pm. If anyone is interested, contact us at allthewaiser@gmail.com.



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



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



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

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

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

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



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

**Advent
Wednesdays:**
Dec 3, 10 & 17

Supper @ 5:30pm

Worship @ 7:00pm

Our fellowship suppers are in the Bible Class Room from 5:30-6:30pm, prepared by Chef Diana Foraker, and served by:

Dec 3: LWML Cheerful Helpers

Dec 10: Elders

Dec 17: Bon Appétit





Poinsettias for Christmas

The Altar Guild will be decorating our church with poinsettias again this year. Celebrate the joy of our newborn Savior with flowers in memory of loved ones or a special occasion. Your dedication will be printed in a special book that will be handed out at the Christmas services. Below is a form you may use and place in the offering plate, mail to us, or email your request to Jackie at jlowery@osl.cc. Each poinsettia plant is \$15.00. Checks are to be made out to OSL.

Poinsettias will be available for pick up after the New Year's Eve Service. Poinsettia dedication deadline for the book is December 15.

Yes, I want ____ poinsettias @ \$15.00 each = \$_____ enclosed.

Name: _____

Dedication: _____



MEASURE OF DEVOTION: Last week Sunday, we had 305 people in attendance (last year 367), 477 viewers online.

Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week	\$ 35,047.92
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 46	\$ 1,703,165.41
Tithes & Offerings needed each week	\$ 42,134.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 46	\$ 1,938,164.00
Special Contributions to date	\$ 585,013.06

“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, November 23, at 9:30 AM

ELDERS: Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Mark Dube / Gene Kunkel

USHERS: Downie Team

SOUND: T. Wilbanks

CARTS: Stephens Team

ACOLYTES: Holly Crabtree / Stella Halbert

ALTAR GLD: Crystal Copeland Team 3

COMM. ASST: Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Gene Kunkel / Mark Dube

EVANGELISM: Team 4: O'Neill / Schmidt

GREETERS: TEAM 1: Carter/Malsons

MUSIC: Jubilate Choir

VIDEO: Adam White / Wesley White

Next Week, Sunday, November 30, at 9:30 AM

Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Mark Dube / Gene Kunkel

Halbert Team

J. Wilbanks

Downie Team

Andrea Pugh / Austin Pugh

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Team 1: Nino

TEAM 4: Copeland / Downie

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Adam White / Wesley White

LET'S SOAR TOGETHER!



Our Savior Lutheran

EAGLE FUND 2025

Annual Fund Campaign



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It is with deep regret and a heavy heart that we must announce the cancellation of this year's highly anticipated Nativity event. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are unable to proceed with the production as planned. We understand the disappointment this news will bring, and we sincerely apologize to everyone who was looking forward to participating in or attending this cherished tradition. We want to express our gratitude for your enthusiasm and understanding. The mystery of the Nativity is an important part of our shared holiday celebration, and while we are sad to miss a year, our commitment to this event remains strong. We are already turning our focus to the future and are excited to confirm that we are actively planning for the return of a Nativity event next year, anticipating a memorable experience for all. We wish you and your families a peaceful and blessed holiday season.

Sincerely,

Board of Evangelism and Assimilation



OSL at a Glance

Sunday, November 23, 2025

<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
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
Cherington Hasselbrook Wedding	4:30pm	Sanctuary
Church Volleyball League	5:00pm	Gymnasium

Monday, November 24, 2025

Bulletin Deadline	12:00pm	Church Office
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Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Prayer Request printing deadline	3:00pm	Church office
Carillon Ringers	6:15pm	Choir Loft
Jubilate Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary	7:00pm	Choir Loft

Wednesday, November 26, 2025

<i>Church Office Closed</i>		
Men's Bible Study-BC	6:30am	Bible Class Room
Thanksgiving Eve Communion Service	7:00pm	Church & online

Thursday, November 27, 2025 ~ Thanksgiving Day

<i>Church Office Closed</i>		
Thanksgiving Day Communion Service	9:30am	Church

Friday, November 28, 2025

Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 29, 2025

<i>OSL Ladies Texas Hold'em Tournament</i>	<i>6:30pm</i>	<i>Toddy Oaks, 20120 Franz Rd</i>
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Sunday, November 30, 2025 ~ Advent

Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Confirmation Class-YR	8:15am	Youth Room
Matins	9:30am	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45am	



Schedule Your Tithe!

Use the OSL app, free in the App Store. No monthly fee; No set up fee; No hidden fees; Lowest processing rates that continue to drop as your giving increases. All credit and debit cards (including AMEX) are processed at 2.3% + .30 cents per transaction. All ACH donations are 1% with no cents. There is also a "GIVE" link at the top of our website: www.OSL.cc

Christmas

COOKIES

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

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

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

OR order online!

Order deadline: Sunday, Dec 14



SCAN TO ORDER

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

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

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Pickup Date: Sunday, Dec 21 by the Bible Classroom

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

W.O.W.

WOMEN OF THE WORD

LADIES, JOIN US FOR OUR SPRING
RETREAT AT THE BEAUTIFUL TRINITY PINES
CONFERENCE CENTER! APRIL 17-19, 2026



Worship with us for Thanksgiving:

Wednesday, **November 26, at 7:00 PM**

Thursday, **November 27, at 9:30 AM**

Both services will have Holy Communion

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Those To Serve for Thanksgiving:

Wednesday, November 26, at 7:00 PM

ELDERS: Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Mark Dube / Gene Kunkel
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SOUND: Whiting
CARTS: Adams Team
ACOLYTES: Wesley White
ALTAR GLD: Lorie Moehlman Team 4
COMM. ASST: Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Gene Kunkel / Mark Dube
EVANGELISM: Team 4: O'Neill / Schmidt
GREETERS: TEAM 2: Renevier
MUSIC: Jubilate Choir / Carillon Ringers / Exultae Brass
VIDEO: Adam White / Wesley White

Thursday, November 27, at 9:30 AM

Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Mark Dube / Gene Kunkel
 Symcox Team
 Witt
 Pampell Team
 Alex Dellaughter / Wesley White
 Amanda Crabtree Team 5
 Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Gene Kunkel / Mark Dube
 Team 4: O'Neill / Schmidt
 TEAM 3: Cherington / Guevara
 Blake Crabtree / Jeff Armstrong / Ethel Hikal
 Adam White / Wesley White

I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.
Psalm 69:30 ESV