



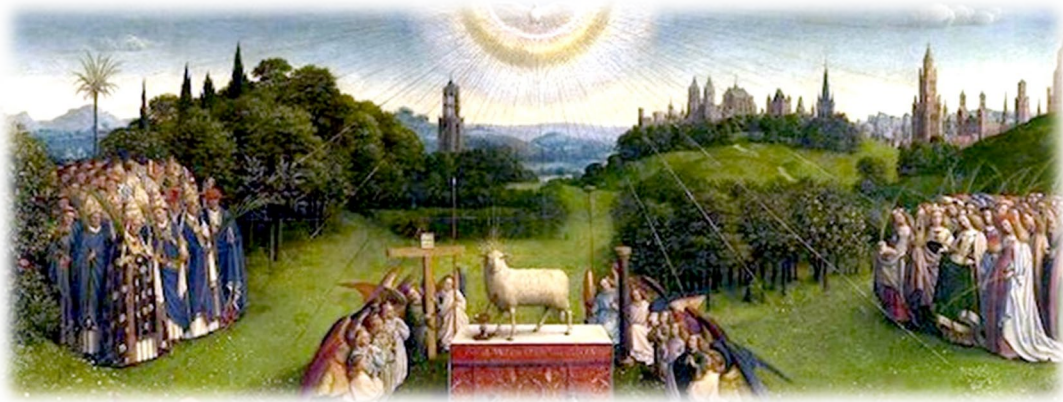
“Christ the King” from the Ghent Altarpiece 1432, by Jan van Eyck

Our Savior Lutheran

Last Sunday of the Church Year

Order of Holy Communion

In Nomine Jesu



Preservice Music

Ringling of the Bells

Prelude

Royal Procession

By M. Shaw

Greetings & Announcements

Hymn of Invocation

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

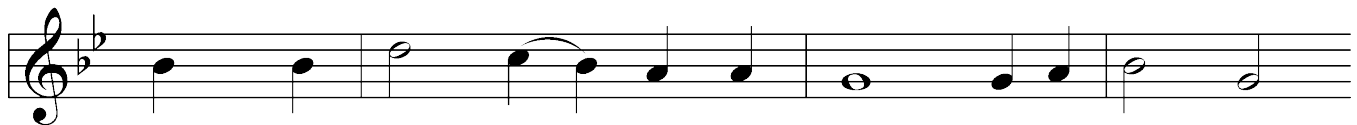
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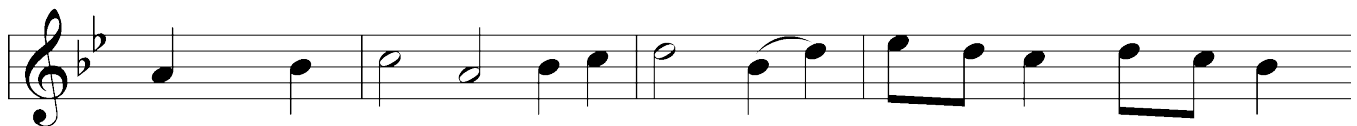
1 Lord, en - throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, First - be - got - ten
2 Though the low - liest form now veil You As of old in
3 Pas - chal Lamb, Your of - f'ring, fin - ished Once for all when
4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly man - na, Strick - en rock with



from the dead, You a - lone, our strong de - fend - er,
Beth - le - hem, Here as there Your an - gels hail You,
You were slain, In its full - ness un - di - min - ished
stream - ing side, Heav'n and earth with loud ho - san - na



Lift - ing up Your peo - ple's head. Al - le - lu - ia,
Branch and flow'r of Jes - se's stem. Al - le - lu - ia,
Shall for - ev - er - more re - main, Al - le - lu - ia,
Wor - ship You, the Lamb who died, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus, true and
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! We in wor - ship
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Cleans - ing souls from
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ris'n, as - cend - ed,



liv - ing bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
join with them; We in wor - ship join with them.
ev - 'ry stain; Cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain.
glo - ri - fied! Ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

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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

“REDEMPTOR DOMINI CONVERTETUR ET VENIET IN SION CUM CANTU”

(Intoned by Pastor 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,*

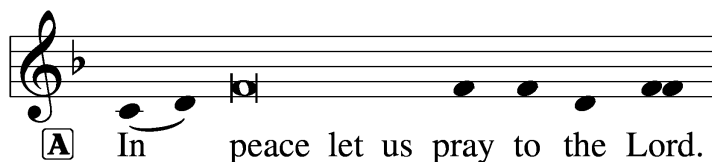
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

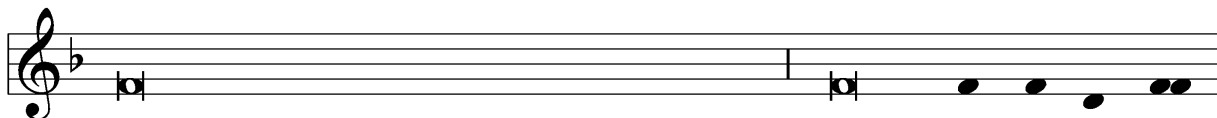
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Kyrie

(Mark 10:47)





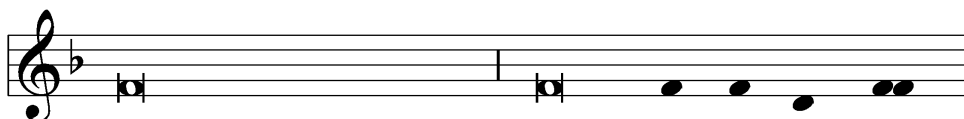
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



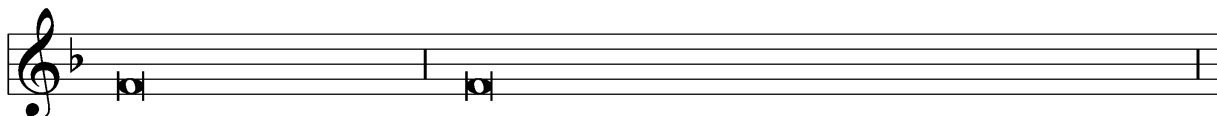
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



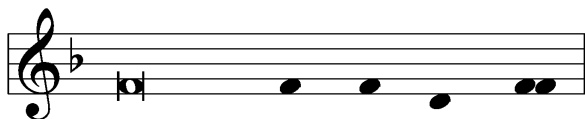
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



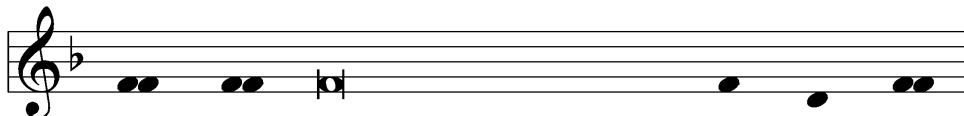
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



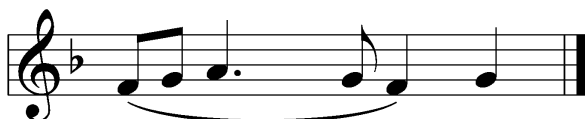
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C Lord, have mer - cy.



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 -

26

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

30

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

34

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

37

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

45

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

53

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

57

For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His

61

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

65

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

69

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 Pastor; 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)

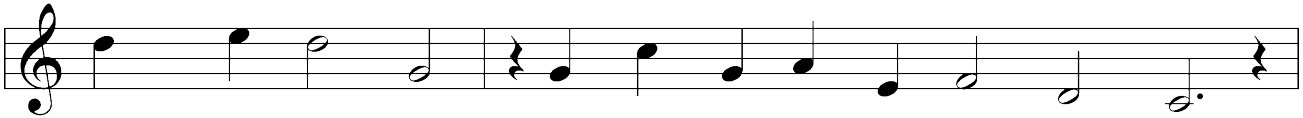
Sermon Hymn

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

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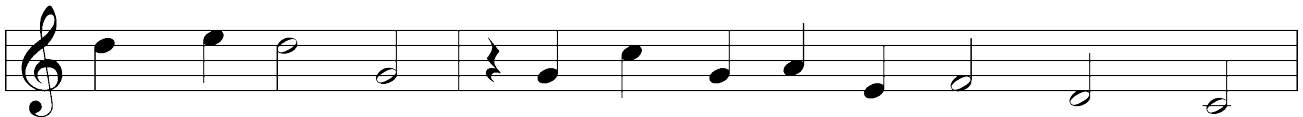
1 “Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing,” The watch - men on the
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, And all her heart with
3 Now let all the heav’ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



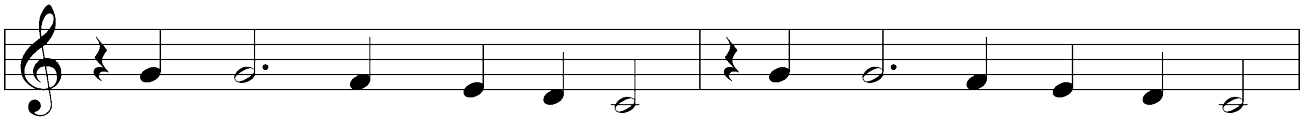
heights are cry - ing; “A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!”
joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym-bals’ clear - est tone.



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
“Wake, Awake!”

(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

Wachet Auf

Catechism Hymn

Our Father, Who from Heaven Above

Text & Tune: Martin Luther – “Vater Unser”; LSB #766, st. 2 © 2006 CPH



2 Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord, In pu - ri - ty to
keep Your Word, That to the glo - ry of Your name We
walk be - fore You free from blame. Let no false teach - ing us per -
vert; All poor de - lud - ed souls con - vert.

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Catechism Lesson

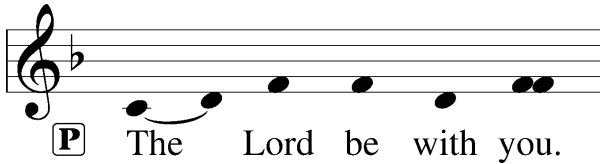
- P** A lesson from Romans 13:7 –
- C** *“Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.”*
- P** What is the 1st Petition of The Lord’s Prayer?
- C** *Hallowed be Thy name.*
- P** What does this mean?
- C** *God’s name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.*
- P** How is God’s name kept holy?
- C** *God’s name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God’s Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!*

(Stand)

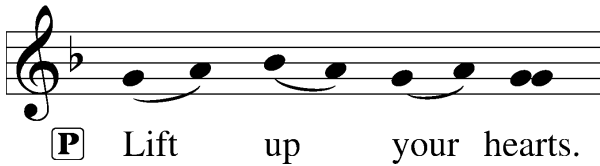
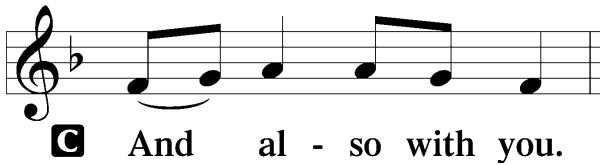
Intercessory Prayer

Preface

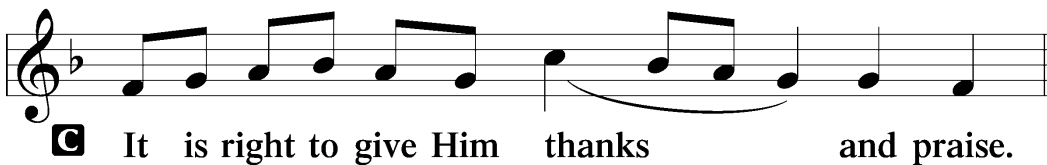
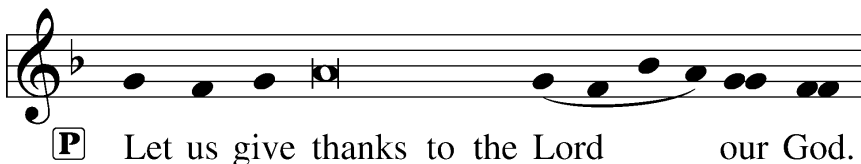
Worship Note: The sound of the Zimbelstern announces the invitation that brings the realms of heaven and voices here on earth to sing the great hymn of praise to our Lord. As the pastor reads “therefore with angels and archangels....” the bells peal in festive celebration.



(2 Timothy 4:22)



(Colossians 3:1)

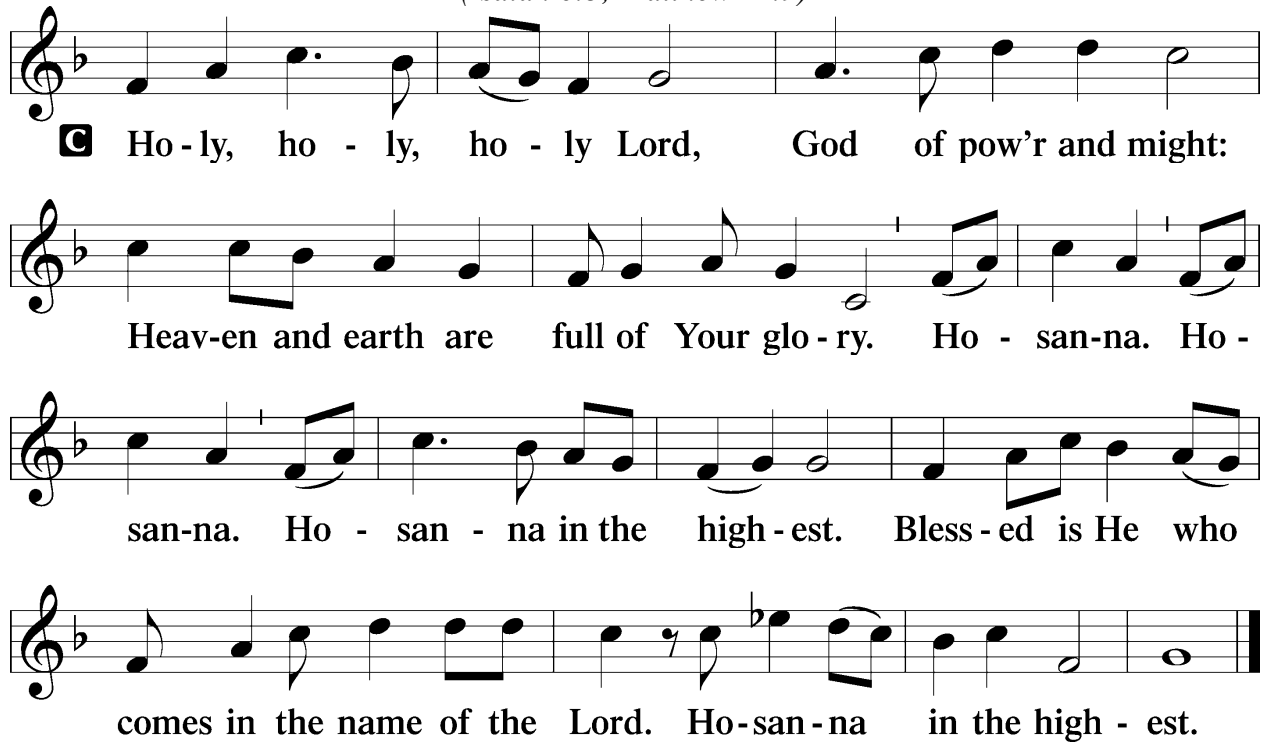


(Psalm 136)

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.

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)

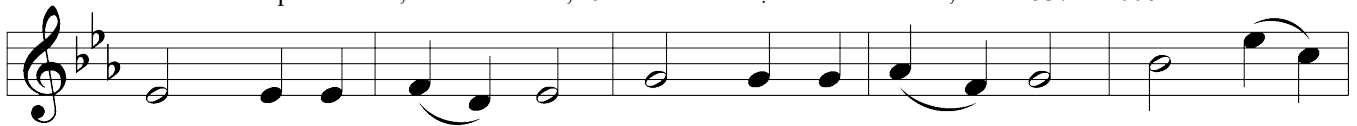
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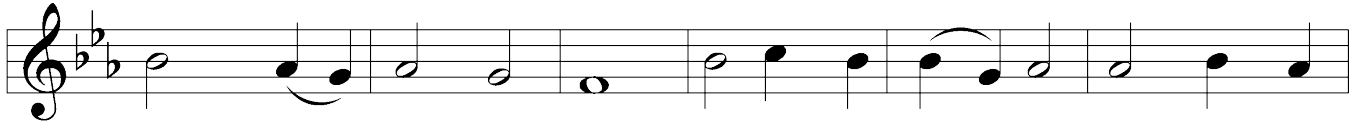
Distribution Hymns

Beautiful Savior

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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

Text: Charles Wesley; Tune: French 17th century – “Picardy”; LW #15 © 1982 CPH


1. Lo, he comes with clouds de - scend - ing, Once for ev - 'ry
2. Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him Robed in glo - rious
3. Those dear to - kens of his Pas - sion Still his daz - zling
4. Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee, High on thine e -

3

Musical notation for Exercise 3, showing a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a melody consisting of eighth and quarter notes with slurs.

sin	-	ner	slain;	Thou	-	sand	thou	-	sand	saints	at	-
maj	-	es	-	ty;	Those	who	set	at	nought	and		
bod	-	y	bears,	Cause	of	end	-	less	ex	-	ul	-
ter	-	nal	throne;	Sav	-	ior,	take	the	pow'r	and		

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tend	-	ing	Swell	the	tri - umph	of	his	train:
sold		him,	Pierced	and	nailed him	to	the	tree,
ta	-	tion	To	his	ran - somed	wor -	ship	ers.
glo	-	ry,	Claim	the	king - dom	for	thine	own.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Christ	the	Lord	re -	turns		to		reign.
Shall	their	true	Mes -	si	-	ah		see.
Gaze	we	on	those	glo	-	rious		scars!
Thou	shalt	reign,	and	thou		a	-	lone!



The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

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

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

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

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 to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

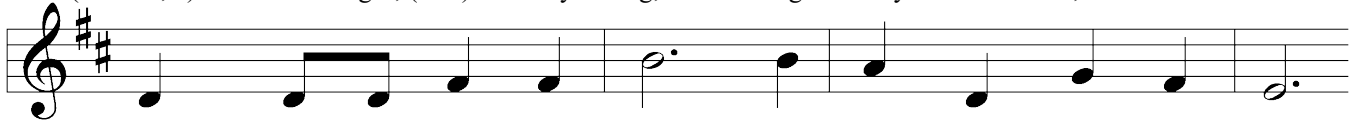


C A-men, a-men, a - men.

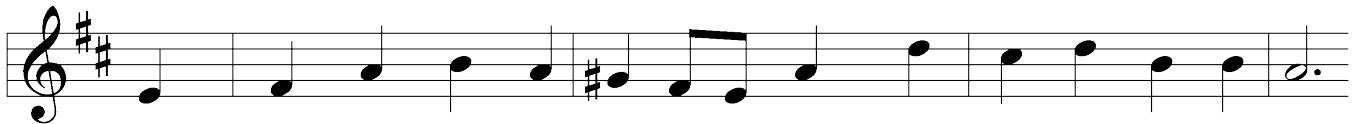
Closing Hymn

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,
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

Jesus Is King!

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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 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: 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 **Sunday, December 10 at 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.

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Bible Class & Sunday School Options for all:

8:15 AM –

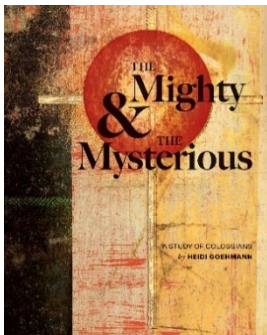
7th-8th Grade Catechism/Confirmation: Confirmation students learn together as they develop their faith, learning how to pray, read and study Scripture, and defend their faith. (Pastor Cholak – Youth 4:12 Room)

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)



NEW 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

7th – 8th Grade – C105

6th Grade – C103

5th Grade – C113

3rd – 4th Grade – C116

1st – 2nd 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 Armstrongs in celebration of Thanksgiving; and by David & Kim Renevier in honor of their wedding anniversary.



2024 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!

Life With God: New Member Classes on Mondays @ 7pm – Our adult information class covers the most important teachings of the Bible as they are believed, taught, and confessed in this Lutheran Congregation. The class is designed for anyone considering membership in Our Savior Lutheran Church and for members of the congregation who would like a great review of basic Bible doctrine. It should be particularly interesting for both member and non-member school parents to familiarize yourself with what your kids are learning in class every day. **Class is on Mondays, from 7:00-8:30pm. Babysitting and refreshments are provided.**



WEEKLY MEN’S BIBLE STUDY –All men are invited on **Wednesday** mornings in the Bible Class Room, at 6:30-7:30 a.m. 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*. Make Bible study a regular part of your schedule. 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.

OSL is looking for some new EXTENDED CARE STAFF for next semester. Interested persons can call Mrs. Cherington at 713-290-8277, or email: lcherington@oslschool.org.

Qualifications for Extended Care Staff:

- Need to be at least 18 years old.
- High School Graduate
- Some experience with childcare would be valuable but not completely necessary.
- A desire to work with children and be a Christian role model to them.
- Willing to learn and be trained in childcare.
- About 15-18 hours a week - after school hours

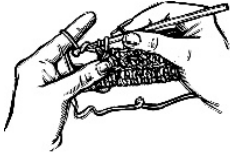


Order Legacy Bricks! All orders closing on December 31. Bricks will be installed in May. Proceeds benefit the 8th grade trip to Washington DC where they learn their responsibilities as Christian citizens.



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 .

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 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 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.

STAMPS – Cheerful Helpers are collecting stamps trimmed to ¼". Please put them in the mailbox in Pastor White's Bible Class Room. – Sandi Hall, Human Care Chairman.

Greeting Cards are available in the Bible Class Room. Each box is \$6 or \$7. Make checks payable to OSL, with Circle of Grace in the memo.

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MEASURE OF DEVOTION: Last Sunday, we had 321 people in attendance (last year 346), 295 viewers online.

Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week	\$ 27,161.37
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 47	\$ 1,634,948.47
Tithes & Offerings needed each week	\$ 40,600.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 47	\$ 1,908,200.00
General Fund Income to date	\$ 4,219,688.97
Special Contributions to date	\$ 439,394.89

“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, November 26, at 9:30 AM

ELDERS: Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White
USHERS: Halbert Team
SOUND: Witt
CARTS: Stephens Team
ACOLYTES: Abi Halbert / Kaden Resendez
ALTAR GLD: Diana Stephens Team
COMM. ASST: Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White
EVANGELISM: Team 1 Lee
GREETERS: TEAM 5: Friedrich / Kriegel
MUSIC: —
VIDEO: Amélie Boerger / Chad Greenwood / Mitchell Stephens / Adam White / Wesley White

Next Week, Sunday, December 3, at 9:30 AM

James Kriegel / Alvin Fritsche / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes
 Downie Team
 Greenwood
 Adams Team
 Livy Adams / Lily Luna
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 Team 2 Garry
 TEAM 6: Nalley / Edwards

The Altar Guild will be decorating our church with poinsettias to celebrate the joy of our newborn Savior 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. Use this form and place in the offering plate, mail to us, or email to Jackie at jlowery@osl.cc. Each poinsettia plant is \$15.00. Checks 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 17th.



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

Name: _____

Dedication: _____

OSL at a Glance

Sunday, November 26, 2023

<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

Monday, November 27, 2023

<i>Young Adults Bible Study-YR</i>	<i>6:00pm</i>	<i>Youth Room</i>
New Member Class-BC	7:00pm	Bible Class Room

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Parochial Ed-BC	7:00pm	Bible Class Room
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Wednesday, November 29, 2023

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, November 30, 2023

Prayer Request printing deadline	3:00pm	Church office
<i>UH Campus Ministry</i>	<i>6:00pm</i>	<i>University of Houston</i>
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

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Men Alive-A101	8:30am	cafeteria
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Sunday, December 3, 2023 ~ Advent

Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Confirmation Class-YR	8:15am	Youth Room
Matins	9:30am	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45am	
Exultae Brass-Choir Rm	12:00pm	Choir Room
Sr Youth Meeting-YR	4:00pm	Youth Room
Non-OSL Confirmation-Zoom	6:00pm	Zoom online



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