



I AM  
Fearfully  
AND  
Wonderfully  
Made

PSALM 139:14

Our Savior Lutheran Church

# *A Celebration of Life*

## *Giving Thanks to God*

### *For His Most Precious Gift*

**Affirming Our Commitment to Stand for Life  
in a Culture Obsessed with Death**

*In Nomine Iesu*



*Music for Meditation and Prayer*  
*Prelude*  
**Lord of Life**

*Greetings and Announcements*

# Opening Hymn

## Lord of Life

Text: Laurence L. White; Tune: "In Babilone"

1. Lord of Life, You love the child - ren, Each one pre - cious  
 2. Sav - ior, You have lived a - mong us, Dwelt with - in your  
 3. Death is all that sin can of - fer, Hid - den in a  
 4. John, un - born with - in his moth - er, Leaped for joy be -  
 5. Lord of Life, You love the child - ren, Once You were Your -

4  
 in moth - er's sight; Those the world des - pised, re - ject - ed,  
 shroud of womb; From the Ho - ly Ghost's con - cep - tion,  
 fore the lies; "Seek your plea - sure! Make your choic - es!"  
 self a Lord; For he knew death's reign had end - ed  
 a child; Small, de - fense - less and un - no - ticed,

7  
 God's be - lov - ed, His de - light; As from dust You  
 Christ the God - Man there did bloom: Thru the months of  
 No one hears the ba - by's cries. Si - lent screams so  
 When he heard blest Mar - y's word, Christ a - live with -  
 In Your moth - er, meek and mild. Tho we can - not

10  
 fash-ioned A - dam, With a Fa - ther's ten - der care, Still You shape each  
 won-drous wait - ing, Til the bles - sed Babe was born, Life a - mid a  
 long un - heed - ed, Rise be - fore God's throne a - bove; To the Fa - ther  
 in His moth - er Come to break death's fa - tal hold Come to keep God's  
 see or hear them, May we love the child-ren too: So that in our

14  
 child's con - cep - tion, Each life's won - der You dec - lare.  
 world of dy - ing, Hope for hope - less men for - lorn.  
 Who had formed them Each a price - less gift of love.  
 an - cient pro - mise Of the wo - man's Seed fore - told.  
 love for child - ren, All may see our love for You.

(Stand)

*Prayer of Invocation*  
**A Celebration of Life**  
Psalm 139:1–16

**P** O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

**C** *You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.*

**P** You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

**C** *Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.*

**P** You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**C** *Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.*

**P** Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

**C** *If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!*

**P** If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

**C** *If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,” even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.*

**P** For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb.

**C** *I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.*

**P** Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

**C** *Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them.*



(Be Seated)

# Hymn of the Day

## A Pall of Death Lies O'er Our Land

Text: Laurence White; Tune: "Erhalt Uns Herr"; Te Deum #29 © 2016 OSL

1. A pall of death lies o'er our land, Great Lord of Life stretch  
 2. In Da - vid's ci - ty blood was shed To ease King Her - od's  
 3. God knows each un - born child by name. He loves them one and  
 4. We wor - ship choice and scorn the Lord. We seek our will and  
 5. As salt and light then let us stand To stop the kill - ing

5

forth Thy hand. A - rouse Thy peo - ple with Thy  
 des - p'rate dread Now in our ci - ties chil - dren  
 all the same. He sees their dreams; He hears their  
 spurn His Word. His day of Judge - ment now draws  
 in this land. Have mer - cy on our na - tion

8

pow'r, Be Thou our strength in this dark hour.  
 die, Their blood cries out to God on high.  
 cry. It breaks God's heart to watch them die.  
 near That dread - ful day which sin - ners fear.  
 Lord, Re - store and heal us by Thy Word.



## Service of the Word

### *Old Testament Lesson*

#### **Genesis 1:26–28**

[26] Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

[27] So God created man in his own image,  
    in the image of God he created him;  
        male and female he created them.

[28] And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

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

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

### *Epistle Lesson*

#### **1 John 3:11–24**

[11] For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. [12] We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother’s righteous. [13] Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. [14] We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. [15] Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. [16] By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. [17] But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? [18] Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. [19] By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; [20] for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. [21] Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; [22] and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. [23] And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. [24] Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

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

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

*(Stand)*

## *Gospel Lesson*

### **St. John 1:1–18**

[1] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] He was in the beginning with God. [3] All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. [4] In him was life, and the life was the light of men. [5] The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. [6] There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. [7] He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. [8] He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. [9] The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. [10] He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. [11] He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. [12] But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, [13] who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. [14] And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. [15] (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) [16] And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. [17] For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. [18] No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**C** *Thanks be to God.*



*(Be Seated)*

## Baptism Hymn

### Children of the Heavenly Father

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg; Tune: Sweden 1873 – “Tryggare Kan Ingen Vara”; LSB #725 © 2006 CPH



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

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

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

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## Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Lucy Belle Mushinski



*Sermon Hymn*

**Rouse This Church, Great God, Our Father**

*Text: L. L. White; Tune: "Nettleton"*

1. Rouse this church, Great God, our Fath - er, Move through -  
 2. Make this church a liv - ing wit - ness To the  
 3. Sin has wrought its bleak des - truc - tion All a -  
 4. Like the an - cient He - brew child - ren Trapped and  
 5. Chal - lenge us, great God, our Fath - er To the

3  
 out - her life to - day; Fill us with a burn - ing  
 pow - er of her Lord. Send us to the world a -  
 round on ev' - ry side; Each man serves his own de -  
 caught be - fore the sea Found de - liv - 'rance in the  
 task which must be done. That Thy peo - ple may be

6  
 fer - vor, Nev - er from Thy Word to stray. Bless us  
 round us, With Thy Spir - it Word; To the  
 si - re Trapped in lust and and pride; To the  
 path - way O - pened up for Thee; Je - sus  
 faith - ful To the Truth taught by Son. Bold-ly  
 With a -

9  
 with re - newed com - mit - ment To a life of min - is - try, Which pro -  
 tur - moil of our ci - ty To the cha - os of our land, To all  
 Christ and His Sal - va - tion Is the on - ly way of life; Hosts of  
 lead us for - ward, Fath - er, To the fu - ture Thou hast won, Faith - ful  
 ware - ness of Thy pur - pose, With com - mit-ment to Thy call May we

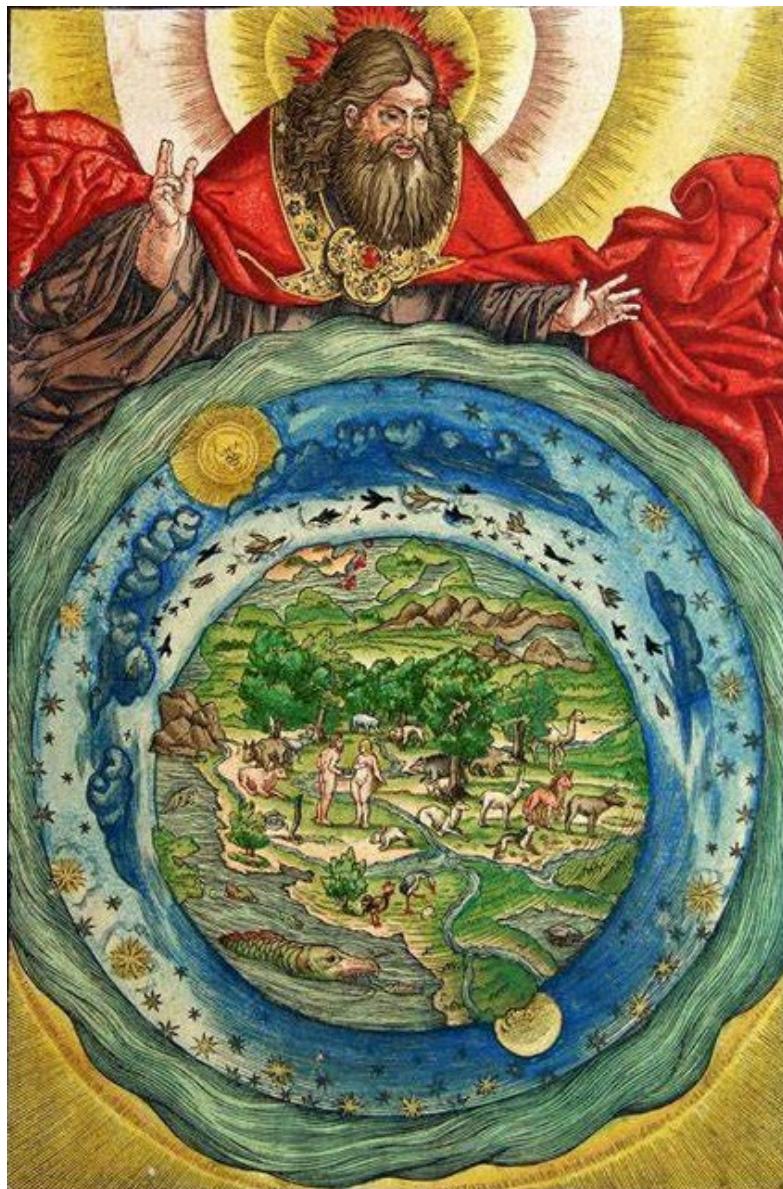
13  
 claims be - fore our cul - ture Sav - ing Truth that sets men free.  
 those who need Thy Gos - pel, Let us preach at Thy com - mand.  
 death are all a - round us May we con - quer in this strife!  
 to the ho - ly pur - pose, Which in us Thou hast be - gun.  
 brave - ly now move for - ward Serv - ing Christ the Lord of all.

*(Stand for the Reading of the Text)*

*Sermon*

**Text: Genesis 1:26-28**

**“Life From God”**



*(Stand)*

*Votum*

## *Offertory*

(*Psalm 51:10-12*)

**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## *Offering Prayer*

(*Be Seated*)

## *Offering*

## *Voluntary*

### **Tryggare Kan Ingen Vara**

*By M. Burkhardt*

*(Stand)*

## Canticle

### Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Text: Thomas O. Chisholm; Tune: William M. Runyan – “Faithfulness”; LSB #809 © 2006 CPH*



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Refrain  
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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## *Intercessory Prayer*

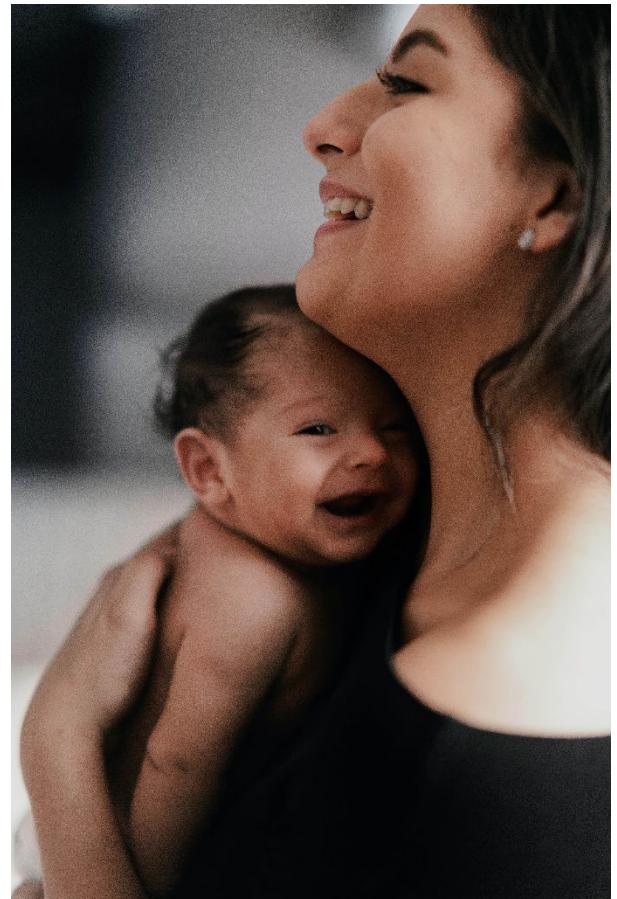
**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.  
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Heavenly Father, grant us all humility to recognize the sanctity of every human life You have created, redeemed, and called as Your own precious treasure and to receive each neighbor as gift and privilege. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** *hear our prayer.*

**P** Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Let us speak Your grace and show Your forgiveness to any whose hearts have been broken by the abortion of their own children or by participation in any other violence against the sanctity of life, that they may turn to You in trust. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** *hear our prayer.*

**P** Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. By our witness and assistance, deliver from death, deception, and despair those scheduled for abortion, those awaiting adoption, those experiencing surprise pregnancy, those facing terminal diagnosis, those considering suicide or euthanasia, and those endangering embryonic human beings. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** *hear our prayer.*

**P** Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. In our time, in our land, and the world over, bring an end to abortion, embryocide, physician-assisted suicide, and all pressures to use death as a solution to suffering. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** *hear our prayer.*

**P** Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Guide the minds and hands of medical professionals to serve as instruments of Your saving and healing care and to resist the temptation to hasten the end of any human life; and especially do we implore Your visitation and intervention to relieve the afflictions of our brothers and sisters. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** *hear our prayer.*



**P** Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Multiply unto us the celebrations of body, family, and length of days that we rejoice with gratitude to You for these undeserved and undivided delights. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** *hear our prayer.*

**P** Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Provide and preserve lawmakers and officials over us who safeguard the sanctity of every human life in public policy and practice, and move us to support and encourage them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** *hear our prayer.*

**P** Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Open our ears and loosen our tongues to advocate for every neighbor's welfare with courage and compassion, and work calm and consensus through our respectful dialogue and enthusiastic servanthood. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** *hear our prayer.*

**P** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great. Cheer our spirits with forgiveness, faith, and fellowship, until by repentance and resurrection we enter into everlasting life before You, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** *Amen.*

### *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*

### *Benediction*

**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** *Amen.*

## Closing Hymn

### Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda; Tune: Welsh, 18<sup>th</sup> cent. – “Ar Hyd Y Nos”; LSB #922 © 2006 CPH



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.  
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Clos - er to Me;  
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My  
I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.  
heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.  
Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.  
Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.  
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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## Postlude

### Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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# Welcome!

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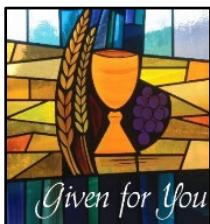
*Enter reverently, meditate quietly, worship sincerely, serve Christ faithfully.*

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-LIFE SUNDAY:** “No amount of scientific progress can defeat death. No political ruler can promise eternal life. Only Jesus can make and keep that promise. The promise of hope and life is ours to proclaim. It is the promise that a world without hope needs to hear. In Jesus we have hope for the future, the living hope of life in His presence forever.” Dr. Carol Geisler, Lutheran Hour Ministries. *Prayer: Humble, gentle Jesus, radiate light, life, and love in the unlikeliest of places and people. Bestow on us Your compassion and servanthood. May Your forgiving grace shine in our darkness. 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 25 @ 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 –**

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

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

### **10:45 AM – Adults**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS AS LISTED – 10:45 AM**

**High School – 4:12 Youth Room**

**7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – C105**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade – C103**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade – C113**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – C116**

**1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – C115**

**Kindergarten – B110**

**3 & 4 yrs – B109**

**18 mos. – 3 yrs – B111**

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by the Symcox Family in honor of Jo-Caroll & Dennis Mueller's wedding anniversary; and by Shawn & Bridgette Barber in celebration of their 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary.



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

Each flower arrangement is \$60. 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 will study the Gospel of Mark.* We'll have snacks and refreshments as we gather to study and visit. Please tell your friends!

**\*REVELATION Bible Study (\*starts Jan 26): Mondays, 7:00 - 8:30pm in the Bible Class Room with Pastor White.** Everyone is welcome! There will be light snacks beginning at 6:30pm, with the study starting at 7pm. Join us for God's Word and great Christian fellowship. **ZOOM option:** Go to <https://osl.cc/mondaynight-biblestudy>. For the best experience, *please download the Zoom app* on your phone or computer. Contact Bill Prestwood with any questions: [bprestwood@osl.cc](mailto:bprestwood@osl.cc) or 806-626-5244.



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

**PASTOR WHITE'S WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** is from 10:00-12:00 with a break in the middle, 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 1 Corinthians, on Thursdays at 6PM. Go to: <https://osl.cc/the-word-on-the-web> to join the study. You need Zoom installed on your phone or computer with microphone and camera to participate.

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

**CART CREW DRIVERS NEEDED!** Please consider joining a Cart Crew Team! You must be 16 or older and have a valid driver's license. Please contact the church office 713-290-9087, or Andy Adams [adams@adamsins.com](mailto:adams@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.

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

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**Men Alive Donuts & Coffee:** Donuts are provided between church service and Sunday school and are a gift to all our congregation. We are grateful for Free Will offerings as they help the church by offsetting cost. Christ did not exclude the children from his Grace! Scan this QR Code or Search: menalive@osl.cc



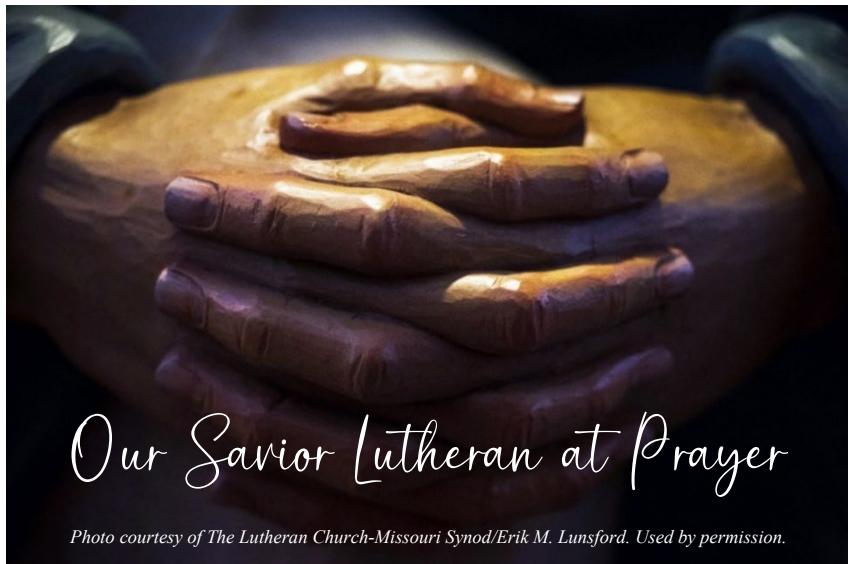
**The Stitches Fellowship Group** will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, **January – March**, and will meet every week starting in **April**.

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



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

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



*Our Savior Lutheran at Prayer*

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

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**F.A.S.T. Classes** are on Wednesdays, through **February 11**. Meals will be in the Church Bible Class Room at 5:30pm with multiple classes in the church building downstairs at 6:30pm, and closing with Evening Prayer. Childcare available. Join us for Fellowship And Study Together!

Choose from these Classes:

**Pastor Cholak: Walking through the Pentateuch**

**Bill Prestwood: Numerical Patterns in the Bible**

**Stephanie Cholak: Mommy & Me: Raising Little Lutherans**

*This week's meal for Jan 21 is Hamburgers.*



**MEASURE OF DEVOTION:** Last week Sunday, we had 402 people in attendance (last year 490), 582 viewers online.

### Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week .....	\$ 72,472.02
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 52B .....	\$ 2,191,154.89
Tithes & Offerings needed each week .....	\$ 42,134.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 52B .....	\$ 2,190,968.00
Special Contributions to date .....	\$ 893,437.45

*“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.” Malachi 3:10*

### Those To Serve:

#### Today, Sunday, January 18, at 9:30 AM

**ELDERS:** James Kriegel / Dirk Kemnitz/ Ken Wright /Austin Pugh  
**USHERS:** Downie Team  
**SOUND:** Whiting  
**CARTS:** Kriegel Team  
**ACOLYTES:** Alex Dellaughter / Trip Halbert  
**ALTAR GLD:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**COMM. ASST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**EVANGELISM:** Team 3: Kriegel  
**GREETERS:** TEAM 7: Fehrenkamp  
**MUSIC:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**VIDEO:** Adam White / Wesley White

#### Next Week, Sunday, January 25, at 9:30 AM

James Kriegel / Dirk Kemnitz/ Ken Wright /Austin Pugh  
Gobrogge Team  
Witt  
Gavin Team  
Noelle Synnott / Sophia Williams  
Glenda Cochran Team 2  
James Kriegel, Dirk Kemnitz, Ken Wright, Austin Pugh,  
Dennis Mueller  
Team 4: O'Neill / Schmidt  
TEAM 8: Greenwood / Domann  
Jubilate Choir  
Adam White / Wesley White

### 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](http://www.OSL.cc)



### F.A.T. SUNDAY IS TODAY!

The Evangelism & Assimilation Boards are excited to announce the “new” monthly **Fellowship All Together Potluck** on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** of every month, immediately following Sunday School in the Bible Class Room. Gather together, share a meal, and deepen the relationships that make our congregation so special! Whether you are a new member looking to meet people or a long-time attendee hoping to reconnect, this event is for everyone. It’s a casual, welcoming environment where conversation flows as freely as the coffee. The board will provide drinks and dinnerware. **Bill Prestwood:** 806-626-5244, [bprestwood@osl.cc](mailto:bprestwood@osl.cc)



## CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE OF REFUGE STATEMENT

*Our congregation is publicly designated as a Congregational House of Refuge. We pledge ourselves as a place of safety and support for anybody experiencing an unplanned pregnancy.*

**We believe that every child – no matter what age or origin, appearance or ability – comes as a gift from Almighty God Himself.**

- We believe that pregnancy is not a sin and that carrying a baby is not a punishment.
- We believe in receiving and loving not only these little ones but also their mothers and fathers and families.

**As a Congregational House of Refuge, we pledge not to endorse or advise abortion.**

- We pledge not to gossip about you, ridicule, belittle, or abandon you in your pregnancy.
- We pledge not to tolerate any members of this assembly hurting you with comments or conduct contrary to God's truth and Christ's love given in His own holy Word.

**As a Congregational House of Refuge, we promise to surround you with encouragement and assistance.**

- We promise to unite our collective efforts to walk with you every step of the way, helping you carry and care for your child both before and after birth.
- We promise to empower and encourage men to become loving fathers who protect women and children to faithfully fulfill their God-given vocations as fathers and husbands.
- We promise to support and accompany you if compassion and courage for your child draws you toward the choice of adoption.

**And as a Congregational House of Refuge, we rejoice that the grace of God redeems even our difficulties.**

- The Gospel of Jesus Christ extends also to abortions anyone may have already undergone.
- If you are suffering grief or guilt over an abortion, please hear that our Heavenly Father loves your life as much as the one that was lost, and our Savior was crucified and has risen for this sin as well.
- The Lord beholds and forgives your repentant heart, and you may go forth in peace.
- We stand ready to connect with further spiritual care and resources to bring about complete relief, healing, and freedom.



# OSL at a Glance

## Sunday, January 18, 2026 ~ LIFE Sunday

Event	Time	Location
Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Confirmation Class-YR	8:15am	Youth Room
<b>Matins - Mushinski Baptism</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Church &amp; online</b>
Sunday School	10:45am	
Cantate-Choir Rm	12:00pm	Church Choir Room
F.A.T. SUNDAY Potluck - BC	12:00pm	Bible Class Room
Life Team Meeting-YR	12:00pm	Youth Room



## Monday, January 19, 2026 ~ Martin Luther King Day

Young Adults Bible Study-YR	6:00pm	Youth Room
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## Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Elders mtg-BC	7:00pm	Bible Class Room
LWML Night Circle-FR	7:00pm	Family Room



## Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Men's Bible Study-BC	6:30am	Bible Class Room
Chapel - Sanctuary	8:15am	Sanctuary
Bible Class-BC	10:00am	Bible Class Room
Bulletin Deadline	12:00pm	Church Office
<b>Winter F.A.S.T. &amp; Meal</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Bible Class Room</b>



## Thursday, January 22, 2026

Prayer Request printing deadline	3:00pm	Church office
Carillon Ringers	6:15pm	Choir Loft
Jubilate Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary	7:00pm	Choir Loft
Word Web Bible Study-Zoom	7:00pm	<a href="https://osl.cc/the-word-on-the-web">https://osl.cc/the-word-on-the-web</a>

## Friday, January 23, 2026

Father-Daughter Dance Set up	4:30pm	Cafeteria
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## Saturday, January 24, 2026

<i>Texas Rally for LIFE in Austin-Early Bus</i>	6:00am	<i>Meet at OSL &amp; drive to Austin</i>
<i>Texas Rally for LIFE in Austin-Later Bus</i>	9:00am	<i>Meet at OSL &amp; drive to Austin</i>
Father-Daughter Dance	6:30pm	Cafeteria

## Sunday, January 25, 2026 ~ Transfiguration

Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Confirmation Class-YR	8:15am	Youth Room
<b>Communion</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Church &amp; online</b>
Sunday School	10:45am	
Jr Youth Fusion-YR	12:00pm	Youth Room
Laudate-Choir Rm	12:00pm	Church Choir Room

**Free Conference, February 21, 2026 • 8:30am - 4:30pm**

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### ***Our speakers include:***

Rev Laurence White,

## Our Savior Lutheran, Houston



Rev Robert Paul, Memorial, Houston



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

***Preparing for the Battle: Ecclesia Vigilans*** — The Church has a role in equipping families to be wise and shrewd in the defense of their neighbors. Culture and society continues to undermine the value of life in the womb and out of the womb. There is a need for the church to be ever watchful as she awaits the consummation of the age. Fathers, mothers, teachers and pastors have a responsibility as the “watching church” to be well-educated on the scriptural and ecclesial perspective on life. This session will be directed towards equipping and forming Christians to be watchful as the battle rages.



Rev Michael Salemink, Concordia Seminary, Ft Wayne

### *The Least of These: Examining Embryo Experimentation*

— Explore biotechnologies like *in vitro* fertilization, mitochondrial replacement therapy (three-parent embryos), germline genetic editing, stem cell research, human cloning, wombs, vaccine production, *in vitro* gametogenesis, etc.



Rev Dr Aric Fenske,

## Director of Lutherans For Life



Mrs Carol Tobias,

Mrs Carol Trebas,  
President of National Right to Life

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

# SPOTLIGHT ON LIFE



**Take up the shield of faith,  
with which you can extinguish  
all the flaming darts of the evil one.**

## Ephesians 6:16



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# LIFE MAGNIFIED



## Life Magnified 2026

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



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