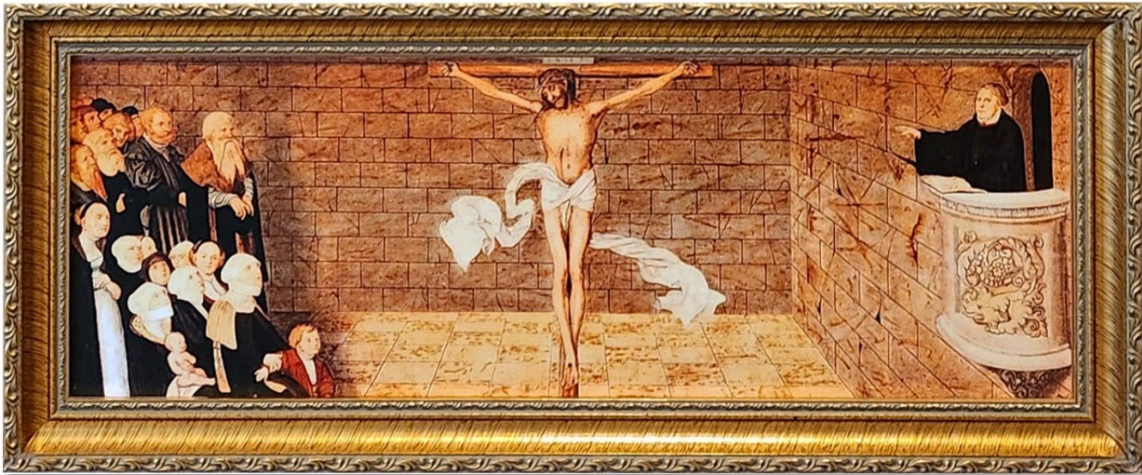




“For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”
1 CORINTHIANS 3:11



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN



Martin Luther Before the Diet of Worms – “Here I Stand”

ORDER of holy communion

In Nomine Jesu



Prelude

Arpeggio Brass

<i>Canzon Cornetto</i>	S. Scheidt / G. Olson / J. Siebern
<i>Canzon XII</i>	G. Gabrieli / U. Alpers / J. Siebern
<i>La Bavara</i>	G. Cesare / G. Smith / J. Siebern
<i>Two Ayres for Cornetts & Sagbuts</i>	J. Adson / Robert King
<i>Achieved Is The Glorious Work</i>	F. J. Haydn / D. Miller / J. Siebern
<i>A Mighty Fortress</i>	Martin Luther / E. Raum / J. Siebern

Greetings and Announcements

(Stand)

Processional Hymn

let luther's heirs come forth this day

Text: Pastor C. J. Rehn; Translation: L. White; Tune: Melchior Vulpus – “Lobt Gott Den Herren, Ihr”; Te Deum #200 © 2016 OSL
On the Occasion of the 400th Anniversary of Luther's Birth - 1886



1. Let Lu - ther's heirs_ come forth this day, With hymns of
2. With Lu - ther's spir - it, stal - wart, bold, May God our
3. Our vic - t'ry ban - ner raise on high De - fy - ing
4. Now seize the mom - ent! Take your place With - in the
5. In these last days, let Luth - er's heirs, cast off luke-



ex - ul - ta - tion. A migh - ty host_ in
hearts in - spire. Now to his doc - trine
Sa - tan's pow - er. De - clare in one_ ex -
line_ of bat - tle! And this our watch - word
warm in - dif - f'rence; Break free from Sa - tan's



vast ar - ray Sound forth this proc - la - ma - tion;
firm - ly hold With strength that will_ not tire.
ul - tant cry God's tri - umph in_ this hour.
by_ God's grace A - mid the foe's vain prat - tle;
dead - ly snares, stand firm to meet his chal - lenge!



God's Word and Lu - ther's doc - trine pure Shall now, and ev - er -
God's Word and Lu - ther's doc - trine pure Shall now, and ev - er -
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more en - dure. Let all the world take no - tice!
more en - dure. Re - joice and sing_ God's prai - ses!
more en - dure. Death's bit - ter reign is end - ed!
more en - dure. Our vic - t'ry is_ ac - com - plished.
more en - dure As stead - fast, faith - ful war - riors.



Prayer of Invocation

P We begin in the Name of Almighty God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C *Amen.*

P At the end of the apostolic age, St. John the Revelator foretold a time when a messenger sent from God would again proclaim the everlasting Gospel of salvation: “Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal Gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth – to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, ‘Fear God and give Him glory because the hour of His judgment has come. Worship Him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.’” Our fathers understood this prophecy to be a prediction of the Lutheran Reformation and the restoration of the Gospel of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone. In these troubled times, surrounded by a world perverted by evil and a church that has grown indifferent to the Truth and complacent in the face of wickedness, God’s faithful people yearn to hear again the clear clarion call of the Gospel messenger. We fervently pray that our gracious Lord may send forth His faithful spokesmen once again to proclaim that everlasting Gospel.

C *May God’s Word and Luther’s doctrine pure now and evermore endure.*

P We gather today to commemorate the great events of the Reformation, to celebrate our rich heritage as Lutherans, and to rededicate ourselves to the faithful confession of God’s Word that has been the historic hallmark of the Lutheran Church – so that in these last days the precious legacy with which we have been blessed may be preserved for those who will come after us. Let this be our resolve and our humble prayer:

C *May God’s Word and Luther’s doctrine pure now and evermore endure. Amen.*

(Be Seated)

Invocation Hymn

a mighty angel soaring high

Text: L. L. White; Tune: John S. Monsell – “Mendon”; Te Deum #22 © 2016 OSL

1. A might - y an - gel soar - ing high,
2. E - ter - nal Gos - pel he pro - claimed
3. This Good News does not, can - not change;
4. His faith - ful cham - pion, God did choose
5. These - were post - ed, God's Word preached,
6. Damned by the church, by king con - demned,

5
Broke through the dark - ness of the sky;
To all the earth in Je - sus' name;
In ev - 'ry age, it stands the same.
Bold - ly to preach His Gos - pel's news;
And soon through - out the realm it reached.
Brave Luth - er did not bow to them.

9
Black swirl - ing clouds of lies and fear,
To ev - 'ry na - tion, lan - guage tribe,
Man's works can - not for sin a - tone;
Sent to de - nounce the Temp - ter's lies,
"Trust in the Lord, God's on - ly Son.
"My con - science cap - tive to God's Word,

13
Fled from his path, as he drew near.
"Glo - ry to God" did he a - scribe.
Sal - va - tion is by grace a - lone.
Which from the cross would turn our eyes.
He shed His blood, our tri - umph won.
Christ's sav - ing Gos - pel must be heard."

first Lesson

revelation 14:6–7

[6] Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. [7] And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Canticle

ISAIAH, mighty seer

Text & Tune: Martin Luther

I - sa - iah, might-y seer, in days of old The Lord of

all in spir - it did be - hold High on a loft - y throne, in

splen-dor bright, With flow-ing train that filled the Tem-ple quite.

A - bove the throne were state - ly ser - a-phim; Six wings had

they, these mes - sen - gers of Him. With twain they veiled their fac - es,

as was meet, With twain in rev - 'rent awe they hid their feet,

And with the oth - er twain a - loft they soared, One to the

oth - er called and praised the Lord: "Ho - ly is God, the Lord of

33
 Sab - a - oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth!

37
 Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Be - hold, His

41
 glo - ry Fill - eth all the earth!" The beams and lin - tels trem - bled

45
 at the cry, And clouds of smoke en - wrapped the throne on high.



"Isaiah's Vision"

(Be Seated)

Epistle Lesson

ROMANS 3:19–28

[19] Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. [20] For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. [21] But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— [22] the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: [23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [24] and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, [25] whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. [26] It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. [27] Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. [28] For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*



“Allegory of Law and Grace” by Lucas Cranach the Elder 1529

Gradual

(Intoned by Laetare; Psalm 48:1a, 12–14a)

Great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised*
in the city | of our God!
Walk about Zion, go around her, number her | towers,*
consider well her ramparts, go through her | citadels,
that you may tell the next gener- | ation*
that this is God, our God forever and | ever.

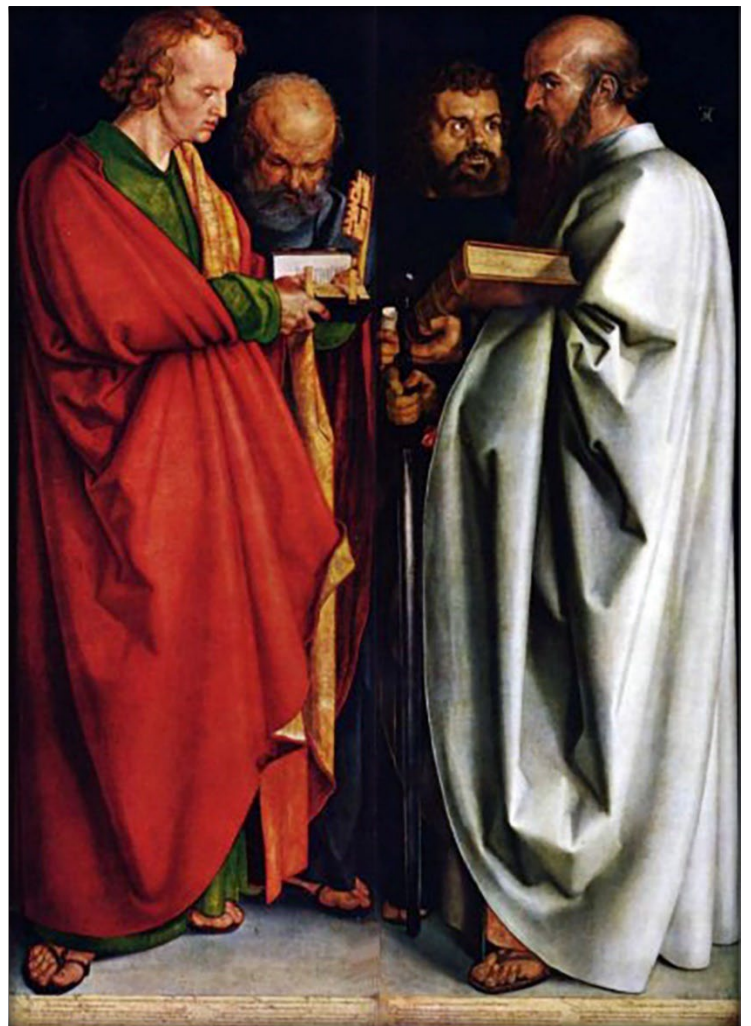
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Holy Gospel st. John 8:31–36

[31] So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, [32] and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” [33] They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?” [34] Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. [35] The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. [36] So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

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

(Be Seated)



*“Four Apostles: John, Peter, Mark, and Paul”
by Albrecht Dürer 1526*



Reformation Illustration by Lucas Cranach

Ministry of Music the solid rock

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Jubilate Choir & Arpeggio Brass

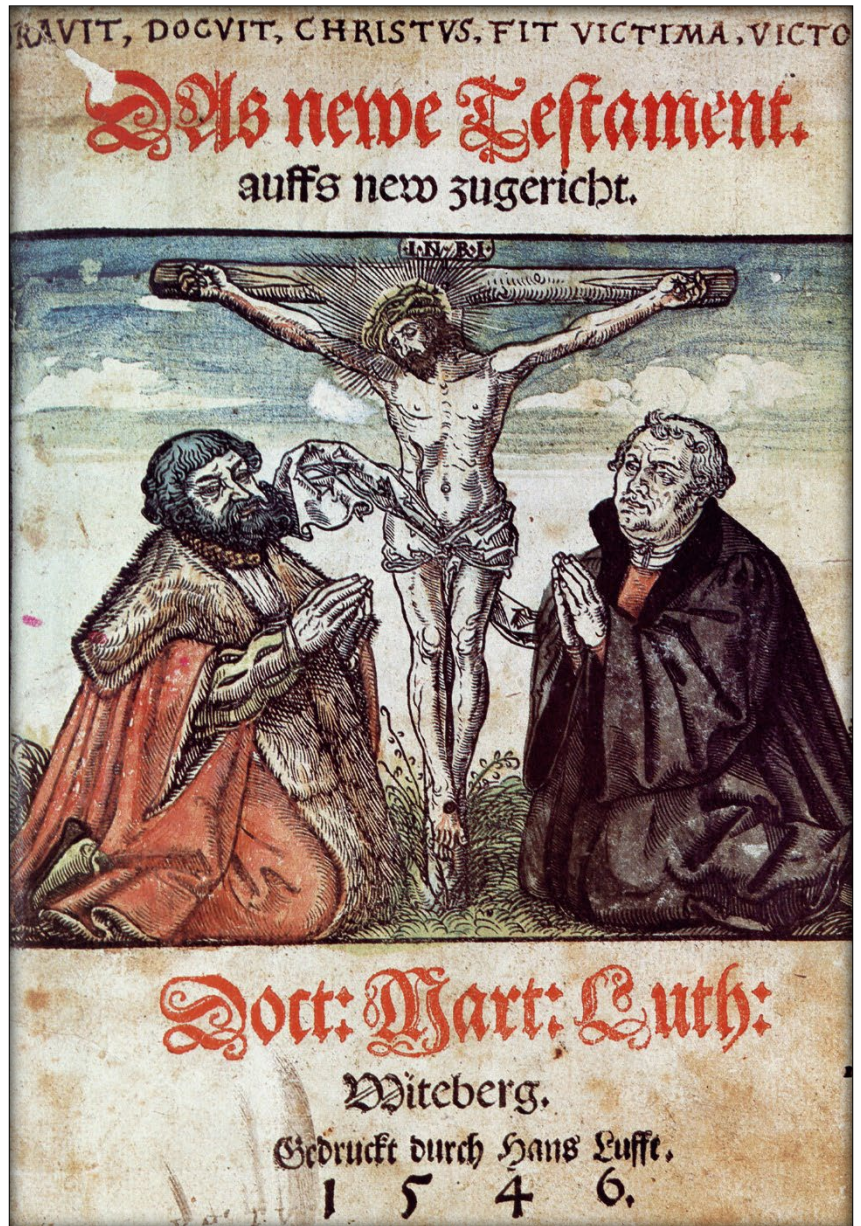
*My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.
When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.
His oath, His covenant, His blood, Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.
When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand. On Christ alone I stand!*

(Stand)

An Affirmation of Our faith as heirs of the lutheran reformation

by C. F. W. Walther

By divine conviction we believe that there is a Truth here on earth and that this Truth is contained in God's Word, that is, in the divinely inspired writings of the apostles and prophets. We also believe that these Sacred Writings have the purpose of imparting the light of this one complete Truth to man, sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death. We believe, therefore, that these Writings are so clear that a human being is able to recognize and to draw this one Truth from them. We are furthermore convinced that there have always been people who possessed this treasure and that in particular our fathers were granted this unspeakable grace by God and deposited this precious treasure in the Confessions of the so-called Evangelical Lutheran Church... Thus, we cannot voice the Truth we have found as nothing more than our own opinion which is not determinative, but we are compelled to declare it as the one, old, eternal, unchangeable Truth. We must proclaim and defend it as our most precious possession, upon which our own salvation and that of all people depends. We must reject and condemn all of the contrary opinions of men as dangerous, harmful, and destructive error... Our sole interest lies in bearing witness to what we have learned as the Truth; in passing on what we have received; in speaking because we believe.



(Remain Standing)

Hymn of the Day

a mighty fortress is our god

Text & Tune: Martin Luther – “Ein Feste Burg”; Public Domain



1. A might - y For - tress is our God,
 2. With might of ours can naught be done,
 3. Tho' dev - ils all the world should fill,
 4. The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y Shield and Weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed; But for us fights the Val - iant One,
 All ea - ger to de - vour us, We trem-ble not, we fear no ill,
 Nor an - y thanks have for it; He's by our side up - on the plain



That hath us now o'er - tak - en. The old e - vil Foe
 Whom God Him-self e - lect - ed. Ask ye, Who is this?
 They shall not o - ver-pow'r us. This world's prince may still
 With His good gifts and Spir - it. And take they our life,



Now means dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Je - sus Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 Scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none,
 Goods, fame, child, and wife, Let these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his e - qual.
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds the field for - ev - er.
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit - tle word can fell him.
 They yet have noth - ing won; The King - dom ours re - main - eth.

(Stand for Text)

Sermon

text: psalm 46
"a mighty fortress"



(Stand)

Votum

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(Be Seated)

Offering

Voluntary
share my yoke

Joy Webb / Y. Jung / J. Siebern
Arpeggio Brass

(Stand)

Confession and Absolution

P We gather together in Your Great Name, O God, to seek Your forgiveness.

C *We stand at the foot of the cross, pleading for Your mercy.*

P In humbleness and with contrite hearts, we make our confession.

C *O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.*

P I ask each of you, in the presence of God who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?

C *I do.*

P Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in His name?

C *I do.*

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 our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May our Great God comfort your heart by His holy Absolution, and strengthen you by His Sacraments, that your joy may be full. Peace be with you.

C *Amen. We thank You Lord, and re-dedicate ourselves to You. Amen. Alleluia! Amen.*



The Lord's Prayer

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

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.”

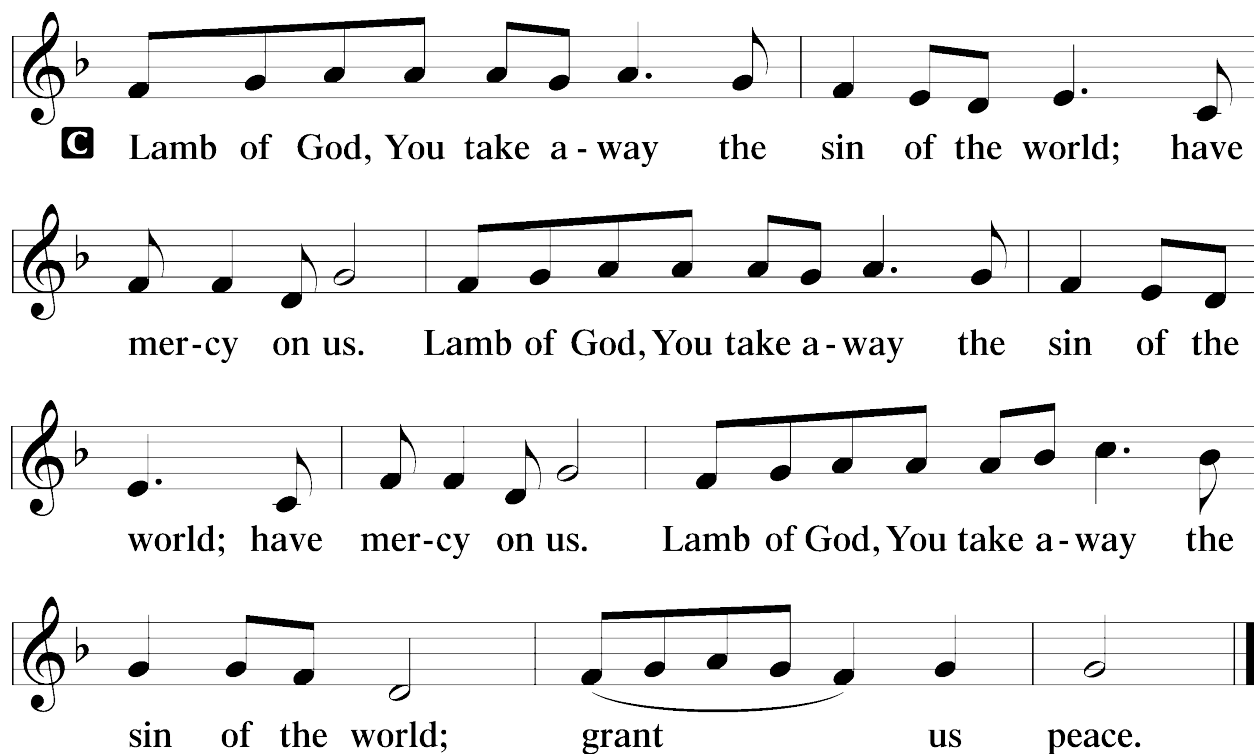
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

✠ Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C *And also with you.*

Agnus Dei



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 and Hymns

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

built on the rock

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig; Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman – “Kirken Den Er Et Gammelt Hus”; LSB #645 © 2006 CPH



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
 Choir: 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how
 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



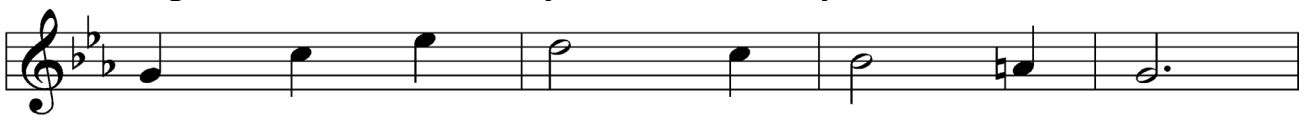
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives
 faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
 ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



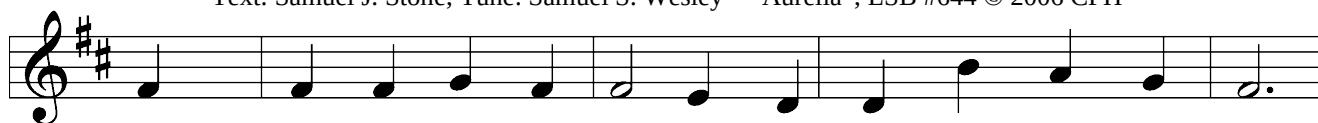
But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
 Choos - es to live with us in love,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
 You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

the church's one foundation

Text: Samuel J. Stone; Tune: Samuel S. Wesley – “Aurelia”; LSB #644 © 2006 CPH



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

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preserve thy word's pure doctrine

Text: Andreas Gryphius; tr. L. White; Tune: Henry T. Smart – "Lancashire"; Te Deum #265 © 2016 OS�



1. Pre - serve Thy Word's pure doc - trine, Lord, in these fi - nal
2. Pre - serve Thy sac - red hon - or, Crush false - hood and the
3. Pre - serve the migh - ty fort - ress Which Christ's blood bought and
4. Pre - serve Thy flock, Good Shep - herd, When howl - ing wolves draw
5. Pre - serve O Lord, Thy child - ren, Thine own blest her - i -
6. Pre - serve with - in our hear - ing Your Word which sanc - ti -
7. Pre - serve mid wave and tem - pest, Thy Chur - ch's ho - ly



days; That Christ - en - dom may flour - ish, Thy peo - ple hum - bly
 foe; Con - vince, con - vert, en - light - en, That all Thy Truth may
 built; Which rests up - on God's prom - ise, Washed clean of shame and
 near; Rouse sleep - ers from their slum - ber, Wipe sin's de - lu - sions
 tage; Smash down, des - troy, and scat - ter, All who a - gainst Thee
 fies, The wit - ness to Your glo - ry, The Light in this dark
 ark. And nev - er let her floun - der, On shore or jag - ged



pray. Pre - serve true faith a - mong us, That hope may calm our
 know; Sad souls still trapped in er - ror Lost help - less in sin's
 guilt, Huge hordes of ev - il gath - er, Thy true Church to as -
 clear. Thou know - est those who wan - der, In false - hood's path to
 rage; Let Thy com - mand - ments guide us, Feed us with heav'n's own
 night; May we drink from this foun - tain, Mid earth's dead des - erts
 rock. That we by Thy pro - tec - tion, Sail safe - ly through this



fears, Let none Thy Word steal from us With - in this vale of tears.
 night Whom Thou a - lone can bright - en, Christ, ev - er - last - ing Light.
 sail: Raise high her strong stone ram - parts, That Sa - tan's hosts shall fail.
 stray; O Lord, Thou ten - der Shep - herd, Re - store them to Thy way.
 bread; That through - out life we serve Thee, Be faith - ful un - to death.
 dry, May this voice guide our foot - steps, To heav - en's home on high.
 sea; With sails un - furled reach har - bor, In blessed e - ter - ni - ty.



"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

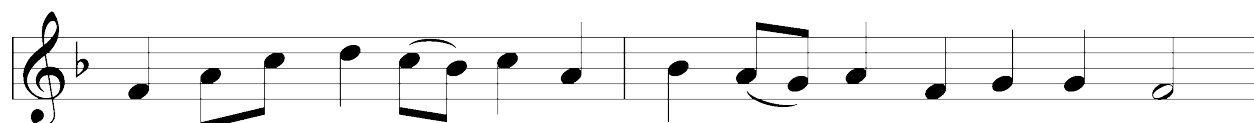
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Post-Communion Canticle

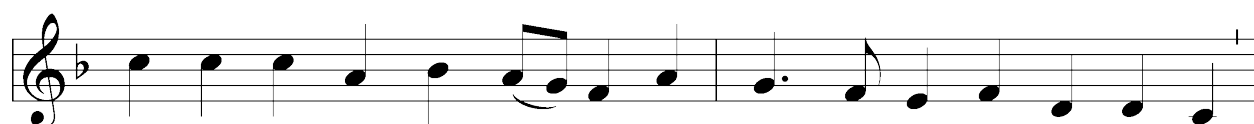
thank the lord



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.



A Litany of Dedication and Prayer

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has spoken by inspired prophets and apostles, so that all mankind might know of Your will and believe in Jesus our Savior and Lord.
- C** *We praise and magnify Your Holy Name.*
- P** You have promised that Your Word will never pass away and that the gates of Hell will not prevail against Your Church. Despite the furious opposition of Satan and those who serve him and despite their desperate attempts to undermine Your Word and destroy Your Church, Your gracious promises continue to hold firm for us today as they did for our forefathers in days gone by.
- C** *We praise and magnify Your Holy Name.*

P We thank You for raising up bold men and women of faith in every age who have been willing to fearlessly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. On this day of special commemoration, we thank You for the good confession of Dr. Martin Luther and those who bravely stood by his side in defense of the Truth. They were willing to risk everything rather than deny anything taught by the Bible. For their steadfastness and courage:

C *We praise and magnify Your Holy Name.*

P We humbly confess our failure to be worthy of that rich heritage. Distracted by worldly things we have grown indifferent to the things of the Spirit. Complacency has frequently replaced commitment among us. In these permissive times we have learned to compromise and adjust instead of contending for the faith. Diplomatic silence and easy-going toleration have all too often replaced forthright confession. For these and all of our sinful failures:

C *Forgive and renew us for Jesus' sake.*

P Gracious Heavenly Father, we pray that like the great heroes of the Reformation we may be men and women whose consciences are captive to the Word of God. Fill our hearts with a burning love for Your Holy Word and with a fervent eagerness to confess its saving truth before all men. Enable us to be stalwart warriors of the cross in these last days, that the Scriptural faith, which is our heritage as Lutherans, may be passed on to those who will come after us. To that end, O Lord our God,

C *Bless and empower us in Your Word and Sacraments.*

P We pray confidently at Christ's command and trusting in His faithful promise.

C *In the blessed Name of Jesus. Amen.*



Benediction

Recessional Hymn

here I stand

Text: L. L. White; Tune: "Erhalt Uns, Herr"; Te Deum #148 © 2016 OSL



1. Be - fore the pow'r of church and state The young monk stood to
 2. Re - cant your teach - ings, yield and live. Your earth - ly mon - arch
 3. I can - not and I will not yield. I trust in Christ, His
 4. The world's de - mand is still the same, De - ny God's Truth for
 5. The dev - il and the world will rage, A - gainst God's Truth in
 6. We stand by Luth - er's side this day As hum - bly now we



learn his fate. He heard the em - per'r's stern de -
 will for - give. Take back your doc - trines damned and
 Word, my Shield. I must o - bey my God's com -
 pow'r and fame. May our res - ponce ring through the
 ev - 'ry age, But faith - ful to our Lord's com -
 ask and pray That God stretch forth His gra - cious



mand; His bold re - ply was "Here I stand!"
 banned. Bold Luth - er's an - swer, "Here I stand!"
 mand: My con - science cap - tive, "Here I stand!"
 land; We will not yield for "Here we stand!"
 mand, We trust His Word so "Here we stand!"
 hand And bless our church for "Here we stand!"

Postlude

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Johann Pezel / Robert King

Arpeggio Brass

Trumpet – Demetrius Sheats Jr.
 Trumpet – Jennifer Rogers
 French Horn – Ray Wadenpfuhl Jr.
 Trombone/Organizer - John Siebern
 Tuba – Dr. Matthew Lamm

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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 / Reformation Sunday – The Reformation truths Lutherans have celebrated for over 500 years apply beautifully and powerfully to life issues. A human being's identity and sanctity come from God's grace in creating, redeeming, and calling each one. Abilities or accomplishments, efforts or emotions cannot establish anyone's value or invalidate anyone's worth. *Prayer: Gracious Savior, let us honor with You the preciousness of every human person because of Your grace, forgiveness, and free salvation. 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, November 9, at 9:30 a.m.** *“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

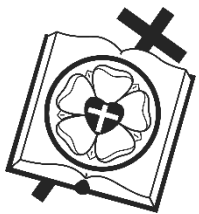
The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Mical Renz to honor the Reformation and in loving memory of Alison; and by the Mushinski Family in celebration of Elyssa & Armando DeDios' 1st wedding anniversary today.



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: Will not play today, but resumes Nov 2, on 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: Freewill Donations.
No Cash? Scan this QR Code or Search: menalive@osl.cc

Welcome all who enjoy “Stitching” crafts - **crochet, knit, cross stitch, embroidery, etc.** This Fellowship Group meets on **Tuesdays at 6:30pm** in the **Family Room**. Come visit with others that enjoy working on projects and want help from others in the process. For questions, please contact Jackie Jolley-Lowery at jlowsy@osl.cc or call the church office.



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.



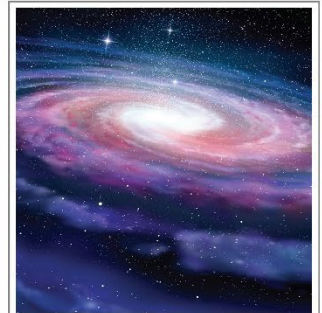
Our Savior Lutheran at Prayer: Subscribe to this short daily devotion and prayer that is published daily during the school year. Devotions are delivered directly to your email inbox, usually in the morning. Use QR code or go to our website:
www.osl.cc/oslatprayer

NEEDED: Flat Bed Sheets, any color or size, and in good condition, to sew onto the back of quilts. For any questions, see Sandi Hall. Donations can be brought to the church office.



The Stars: An Introduction
Friday, November 21
8:00 pm - Soccer Field

Join us as we explore the vast depths of God's creation as we look to the stars. Uranus and the constellation Leo are in good view.



OSL Astronomy Club



NIGHT GOLF IS BACK!

11.14.25

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GOLF TOURNAMENT

9 holes in daylight • 9 holes in darkness

3:00 PM START



8502 RIO GRANDE ST,
JERSEY VILLAGE, TX 77040

For More Information Call:
Channing Wood 281-236-8105
MenAlive@OSL.cc

Tee time is now 3:00pm!

Prime Rib Dinner!

Night time:

Glow Balls & Glow Sticks!



The purpose of this annual golf tournament is to raise funds for our benevolent activities (pro-life, military, and missionary organizations) and provide financial assistance to families with medical and economic needs.

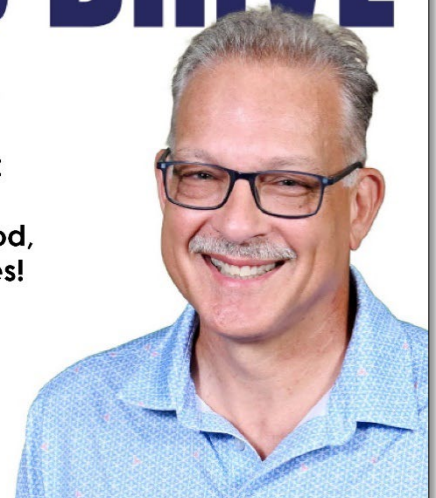
BLOOD DRIVE

Our Savior Lutheran

Update on our
September Blood Drive:
6 members & 4 from
our community donated blood,
which can save up to 30 lives!



Contact Bill Prestwood
(713) 290-9087



MEASURE OF DEVOTION: Last week Sunday, we had 328 people in attendance (last year 426), 618 viewers online.

Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week	\$ 21,873.00
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 42	\$ 1,547,795.21
Tithes & Offerings needed each week	\$ 42,134.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 42	\$ 1,769,628.00
Special Contributions to date	\$ 550,424.81

“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, October 26, at 9:30AM ~ Reformation	Next Week, Sunday, November 2, at 9:30 AM~ All Saints
ELDERS:	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson	Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Mark Dube / Gene Kunkel
USHERS:	Downie Team	Gobrogge Team
SOUND:	Whiting	Witt
CARTS:	Pampell Team	Downie Team
ACOLYTES:	Melanija Jokic / Paige Lawder / Eli Morris / Prynce Willis / Camryn Winfree	George Baughman / Gunnar Nitsch / Katie Ripple / Megan Ripple / Harlow Schatte
ALTAR GLD:	Ann Putman Team	—
COMM. ASST:	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson/ Brian Nitsch	—
EVANGELISM:	Team 1: Nino	Team 2: Stuhr
GREETERS:	TEAM 7: Fehrenkamp	TEAM 8: Greenwood / Domann
MUSIC:	Arpeggio Brass / Jubilate Choir	School
VIDEO:	Adam White / Wesley White	Adam White / Wesley White

**LET'S SOAR
TOGETHER!**



Our Savior Lutheran

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Annual Fund Campaign



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Schedule Your Tithe!

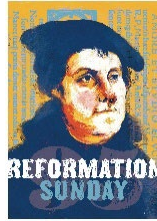
Use the OSL app, free in the App Store. No monthly fee; No set up fee; No hidden fees; Lowest processing rates that continue to drop as your giving increases. All credit and debit cards (including AMEX) are processed at 2.3% + .30 cents per transaction. All ACH donations are 1% with no cents. There is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

OSL at a Glance

Sunday, October 26, 2025 ~ Reformation Sunday

Event

Bible Class
Confirmation Class-YR
Festival Communion
Sunday School
Jr Youth Fusion-YR
Lutherfest!



Time

8:15am
8:15am
9:30am
10:45am
12:00pm
12:00pm

Location

Bible Class Room
Youth Room
Church & online

Youth Room
Outside Pavilion & Gym



Monday, October 27, 2025

Young Adults Bible Study-YR
Life with God-New Member Class - BC

6:00pm
7:00pm

Youth Room
Bible Class Room



Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Stitches Fellowship Group - FR
Parochial Ed-BC

6:30pm
7:00pm

Family Room
Bible Classroom

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

Men's Bible Study-BC
Chapel - Sanctuary
Bible Class-BC
Bulletin Deadline
F.A.S.T. Dinner & Classes

6:30am
8:15am
10:00am
12:00pm
5:30pm

Bible Class Room
Sanctuary
Bible Class Room
Church Office
Cafeteria & Classrooms



Thursday, October 30, 2025

Prayer Request printing deadline
Carillon Ringers
Jubilate Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Word Web Bible Study-Zoom

3:00pm
6:15pm
7:00pm
7:00pm

Church office
Choir Loft
Choir Loft
<https://osl.cc/the-word-on-the-web>

Friday, October 31, 2025 ~ Reformation Day

Reformation Day Chapel Service 8:15am

Sanctuary



Saturday, November 1, 2025 ~ All Saints Day

Sunday, November 2, 2025 ~ Daylight-Saving Time Ends

Bible Class
Confirmation Class-YR
Matins
Sunday School
Evangelism Meeting - EO
Exultae Brass-Choir Rm
Sr Youth Meeting-YR
Church Volleyball League

8:15am
8:15am
9:30am
10:45am
12:00pm
12:00pm
12:00pm
5:00pm

Bible Class Room
Youth Room
Church & online

Evangelism Office
Choir Room
Youth Room
Gymnasium





**Fellowship
And Study
Together
Wednesdays:
through Nov 12**

Light meal at 5:30pm, a short study at 6:30 (from many to choose), and evening prayer.

Menu: Oct 29 – Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Dessert

Choose from these Classes:

Pastor White: “Apocrypha The Hidden Books” – 400 years passed between Malachi at the end of the Old Testament and Matthew at the beginning of the New Testament. During these long centuries hundreds of books were written within Judaism which claimed to come from God. Filled with fascinating history and often bizarre theology they remain a fascinating part of the heritage of Judaism and Christianity. This introductory study will help you find the “Hidden Books” of the Apocrypha!

Jeff Armstrong: Comparative Religions – Find out what our fellow Christian brothers and sisters believe. Where are we united and where do we differ?

Jackie Lowery: Crochet 101 – Want to learn how to crochet or brush up on what you learned? We are going to start with the basics and build on that foundation to learn how to crochet independently. We will discover:

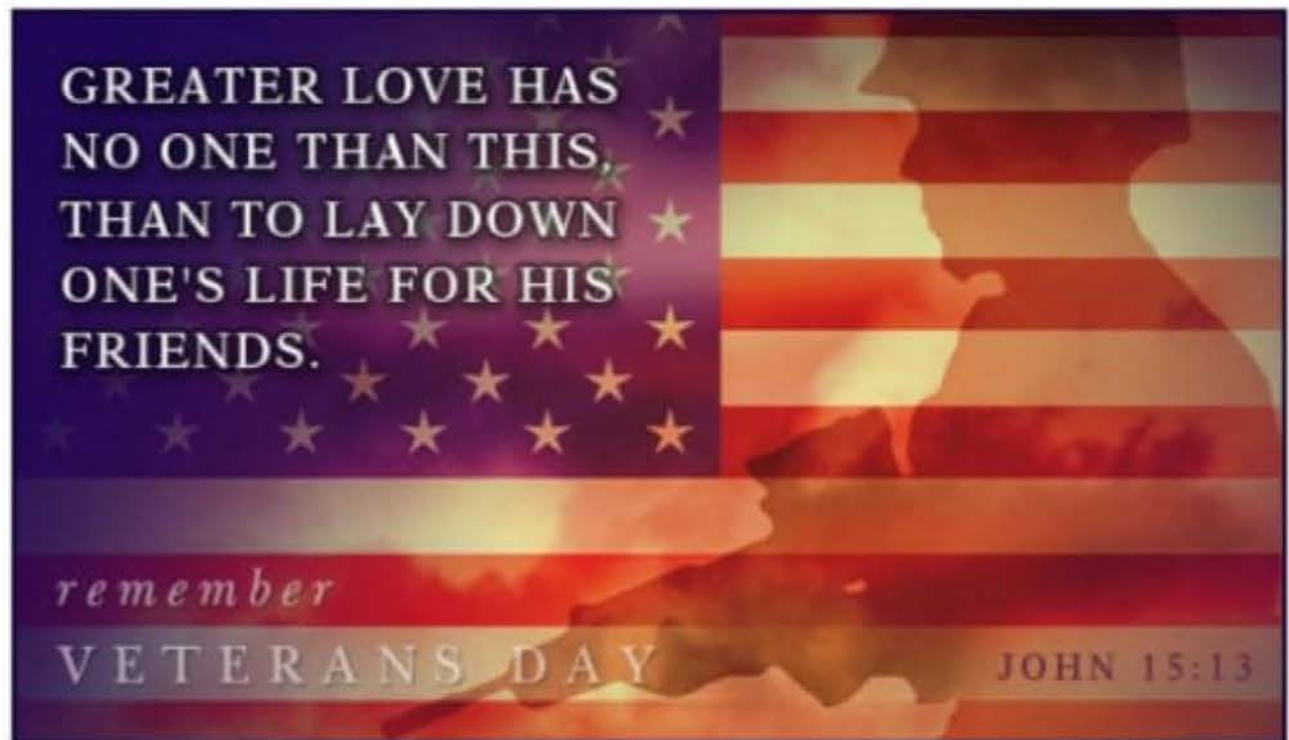
- The basics of different types of yarn and tools to use
- How to do basic stitches
- The “anatomy” of crochet stitches
- How to read crochet patterns and diagrams

Tools and yarn provided - you just need yourself! Come learn and support others that want to learn!

From the Principal’s Desk – Unpacking Classical Learning – Join Principal Thaelke for a behind-the-scenes look at the heart of learning at Our Savior Lutheran School. In this engaging series, you’ll explore the why behind what we teach—uncovering the purpose, philosophy, and power of a Classical Lutheran education. Whether you’re new to classical education or simply curious about what sets Our Savior apart, this series offers a clear, thoughtful, and inspiring look into the curriculum and culture that define our school. Topics will include:

1. From Calling to Classroom: The Heart of Classical Lutheran Education & the Art of Growing Great Teachers
2. Lingua Latina: Unlocking Minds, One Word at a Time
3. From Counting to Conquering: The Path of Mastery Math
4. Not One-Size-Fits-All: Assessing to Support Every Mind
5. Forming Bodies and Minds: The Joy of Play, the Gift of Limits

Childcare is provided. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Cholak: scholak@osl.cc.



Veteran's Day Chapel

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 8:15

**Our Savior Lutheran School wants to recognize
our veterans in chapel.**

**Please join our scholars as we thank our Armed
Forces for protecting our country.**

**Reception following chapel in the Family Room downstairs for
all veterans sponsored by the Lutheran Junior Honor Society.**

Please join us as we honor you!

Light refreshments, coffee, and juice to be served.

Our Savior Lutheran Church & School

Lutherfest!

Reformation
Sunday

October 26

Worship Service: 9:30 am

in Church with Choir, Bells & Brass

Sunday School: 10:45 am

Lutherfest!

12:00-3:00 pm

Gym & Outside Pavilion

Delicious Food by the Holy Smokers,

Games, Face Painters!

Bouncy Houses! Hayrides!

Live Entertainment by

Das Ist Lustig! and...

"95 Pieces" Table Treats!



We are asking families, individuals & church groups to decorate a table, which will be around the pavilion court, and provide treats for the kids! Details: www.OSL.cc

Fun, Family-Friendly Costumes are welcome!

