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Septuagesima

Order of Holy Communion

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Music for Meditation & Prayer

Ringling of the Bells

Prelude

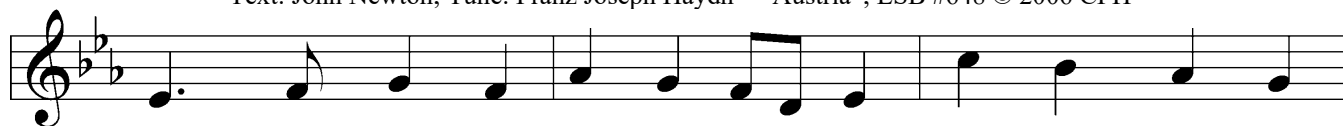
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Greetings & Announcements

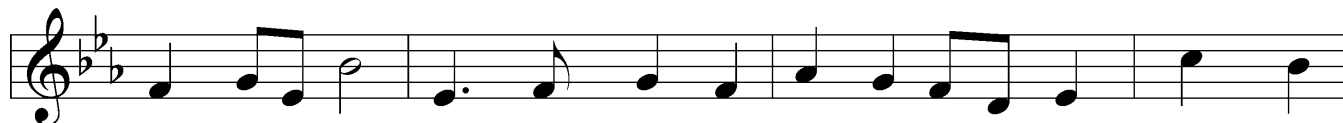
Hymn of Invocation

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

Text: John Newton; Tune: Franz Joseph Haydn – “Austria”; LSB #648 © 2006 CPH



1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y
2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e -
3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, See the cloud and
4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a



of our God; He whose word can - not be bro - ken Formed you
ter - nal love, Well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters And all
fire ap - pear For a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, Show - ing
mem - ber am, Let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will



for His own a - bode. On the Rock of A - ges found - ed,
fear of want re - move. Who can faint while such a riv - er
that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner
glo - ry in Your name. Fad - ing are the world's vain plea - sures,



What can shake your sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's
Ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace, which like the
Light by night and shade by day, Safe they feed up -
All their boast - ed pomp and show; Sol - id joys and



walls sur - round - ed, You may smile at all your foes.
Lord, the giv - er, Nev - er fails from age to age.
on the man - na Which God gives them on their way.
last - ing trea - sures None but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

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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

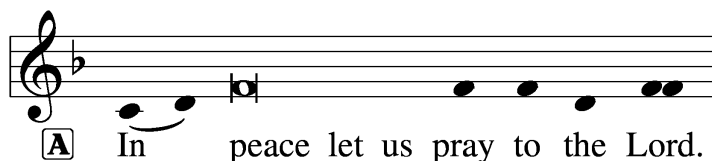
“IN TRIBULATIONE MEA INVOCAVI DOMINUM”

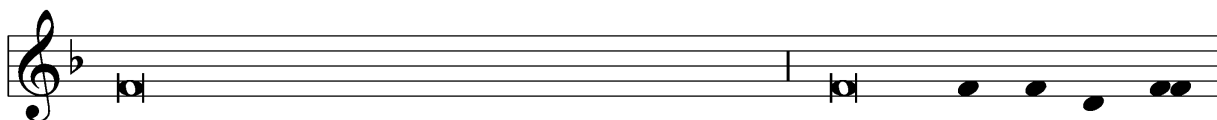
(Intoned by Laetare with Congregation on Gloria Patri; Psalm 18:1–2a, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: vv. 5–6a)

The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;*
the snares of death con- | fronted me.
In my distress I called up- | on the LORD.*
From his temple he | heard my voice.
I love you, O | LORD, my strength.*
The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my de- | liverer.
For you save a humble | people,*
but the haughty eyes | you bring down.
[You have] equipped | me with strength*
and made my way | blameless.
For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the | nations,*
and sing | to your name.
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.
The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;*
the snares of death con- | fronted me.
In my distress I called up- | on the LORD.*
From his temple he | heard my voice.

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.



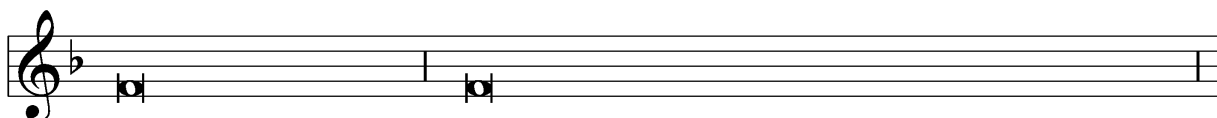
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



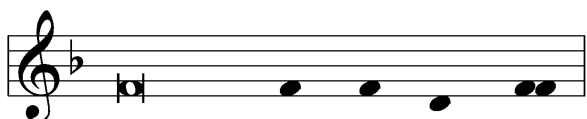
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



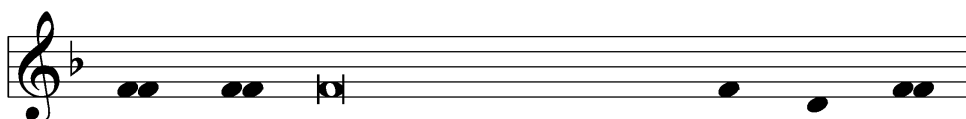
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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

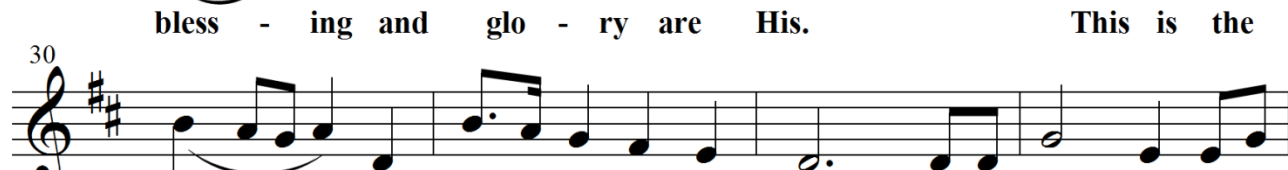
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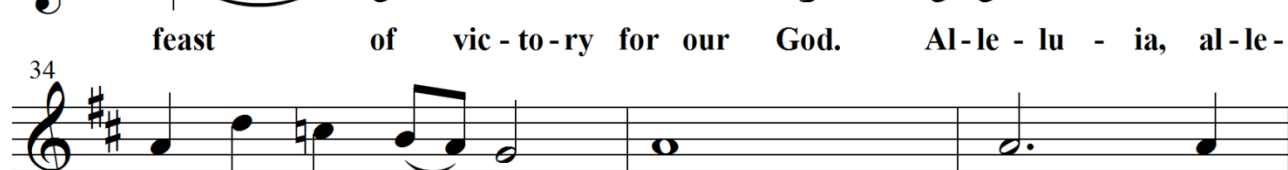
20 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Pow - er,

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

26


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

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

34

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

37

45

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, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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)

Ministry of Music

Exclamation of Praise

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Jubilate Choir

Sing unto the Lord with joyful hearts. Lift an alleluia! Now let the jubilation start.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Celebrate God's grace.

Sing unto the Lord with thankful hearts. Lift a glad hosanna! Praise ye the Lord with tuneful art.

Sing an alleluia, and give yourself to praise.

Come, fill this house with song. Sing to the Lord. Sing to the Lord. Sing a new song.

Let ev'ry voice be strong. Sing to the Lord. Sing to the Lord. Sing a hymn of adoration.

God's great love endures forever. God's great love endures forever. Love endures to ev'ry generation.

Sing to the Lord. Sing a new song, for His name is excellent.

Sing to the Lord, Sing a new song, for His Word is wonderful!

Sing to the Lord. Sing a new song. God alone is worthy.

Let all creation sing unto the Lord! O sing unto the Lord. Sing praise to the Lord!

Sing unto the Lord with joyful hearts. Lift an alleluia!

Now let the jubilation start. Sing an alleluia, and give yourself to praise.

How great is the grace and the glory of the Lord. Alleluia!

He is a great King above all the nations. Alleluia!

Reflect upon His mercy. Rejoice in all His goodness.

Recommit your hearts to God! Recommit your hearts to God!

We stand and look into the future. We lay our dreams before the Lord!

Lord, lead us with your Spirit! Create in us a new alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sing unto the Lord with joyful hearts. Lift an alleluia!

Now let the jubilation start. Alleluia! Alleluia! Celebrate God's grace.

Sing unto the Lord with thankful hearts. Lift a glad hosanna! Praise ye the Lord with tuneful art.

Live an alleluia, and give yourself to praise.

Come, fill this place with song. Sing to the Lord. Sing to the Lord. Sing a new song.

Let ev'ry voice be strong. Sing to the Lord. Sing to the Lord. Sing a hymn of adoration.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sing unto the Lord with servant hearts. Live an alleluia! Sing unto the Lord. Let caring start.

Live an alleluia, and give yourself to praise!

Sing a joyful alleluia! Sing a joyful alleluia!

Sing alleluia! Live alleluia! Now give yourself to praise! Alleluia!



Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 17:1–7

[1] All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. [2] Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” [3] But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” [4] So Moses cried to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” [5] And the Lord said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. [6] Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. [7] And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

The sad pattern of grumbling and complaining evidenced here was consistent throughout Israel's wilderness wandering - and the balance of Old Testament history. No matter how much God gave them, no matter how many miraculous blessings were showered upon them, they were never satisfied. This tragic obsession with me and my needs is one of the foundational characteristics of sin. Sin blinds us to what God has done and always turns us inward upon ourselves and our insatiable desire for more.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual

(Intoned by Laetare; Psalm 9:9–10, 18–19a)

The LORD is a stronghold for | the oppressed,*
a stronghold in times of | trouble.
And those who know your name put their | trust in you,*
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who | seek you.
For the needy shall not always be for- | gotten,*
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for- | ever.
A- | rise, O LORD!*
Let not | man prevail.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 9:24–10:5

[24] Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. [25] Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. [26] So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. [27] But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified. [10:1] I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, [2] and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, [3] and all ate the same spiritual food, [4] and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. [5] Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

God's deliverance of His people at the Red Sea and His faithful provision for their needs thru the manna and the water from the rock in the wilderness all foreshadowed the ultimate deliverance of God's people through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Despite the ingratitude of the Children of Israel, God saved them by grace. So we too, are saved by grace despite our consistent failure to recognize and celebrate His undeserved love.

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 20th chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

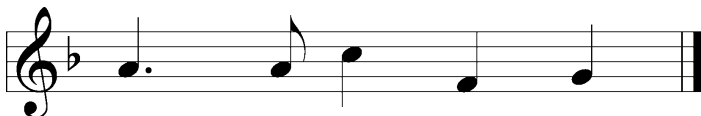
Gospel Reading

St. Matthew 20:1-16

[1] “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. [2] After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. [3] And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, [4] and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ [5] So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. [6] And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ [7] They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ [8] And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ [9] And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. [10] Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. [11] And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, [12] saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ [13] But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? [14] Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. [15] Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ [16] So the last will be first, and the first last.”

Our Lord's parable of the laborers in the vineyard teaches the fundamental lesson that the love of God cannot be earned or deserved. God's love is always the spontaneous, gracious demonstration of the love which is the essence of God's nature. Those who indulge in self-righteous comparisons of themselves with others whom they perceive to be less worthy delude themselves and diminish the wonder of God's undeserved love.

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

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

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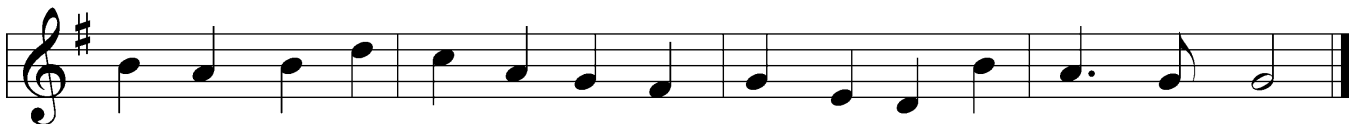
1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, “Who will go and work to - day?
2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, If you can - not preach like Paul,
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on’s wall,
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, “There is noth - ing I can do,”



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?
You can tell the love of Je - sus, You can say He died for all.
Point - ing out the path to heav - en, Of - f’ring life and peace to all,
While the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing And the Mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.
If you can - not rouse the wick - ed With the judg - ment’s dread a - larms,
With your prayers and with your boun - ties You can do what God com - mands;
Take the task He gives you glad - ly, Let His work your plea - sure be;



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, “Here am I, send me, send me”?
You can lead the lit - tle chil - dren To the Sav - ior’s wait - ing arms.
You can be like faith - ful Aar - on, Hold - ing up the proph - et’s hands.
An - swer quick - ly when He call - eth, “Here am I, send me, send me!”

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(Stand for Text)

Sermon

Text: St. Matthew 20:1–16

“You Go into the Vineyard Too”

(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

Hark the Voice

Catechism Hymn

Our Father, Who from Heaven Above

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9 A - men, that is, so shall it be. Make strong our faith in

You, that we May doubt not but with trust be - lieve That

what we ask we shall re - ceive. Thus in Your name and at Your

Word We say, “A - men, O hear us, Lord!”

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The weekly recitation of the scripture and catechism lessons in the Divine Service helps to link us together with the children of our congregation and school who work weekly on the memorization of these texts. In the Divine Service we gather and recall the words of our youth, the words of our confirmation, the words of eternal life. The Catechism is more than a textbook. The Catechism is a prayer book which is used throughout our life. The Catechism as a prayer book speaks to all our needs, giving us God’s promises so that we might learn to “ask Him as dear children ask their dear Father.” The Catechism even gives us the very words with which to pray.

Catechism Lesson

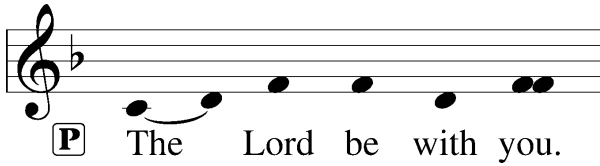
- P** A lesson from 1 Peter 3:5-6 –
- C** “[Holy women] were submissive to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.”
- P** What is the Conclusion to The Lord’s Prayer?
- C** *For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*
- P** What does this mean?
- C** *This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so.”*

(Stand)

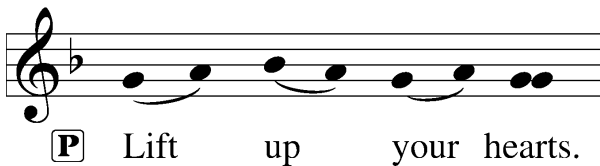
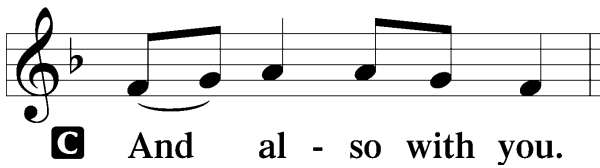
Intercessory Prayer

Preface

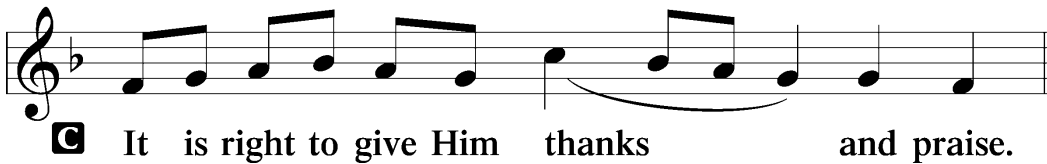
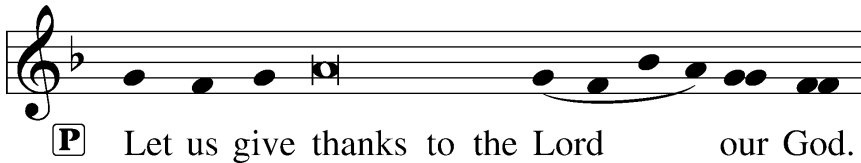
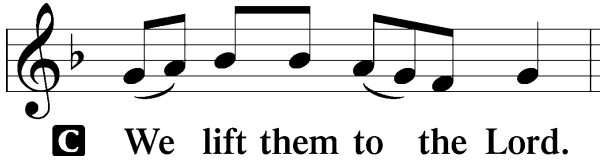
Worship Note: The sound of the Zimbelstern announces the invitation that brings the realms of heaven and voices here on earth to sing the great hymn of praise to our Lord. As the pastor reads “therefore with angels and archangels....” the bells peal in festive celebration.



(2 Timothy 4:22)



(Colossians 3:1)

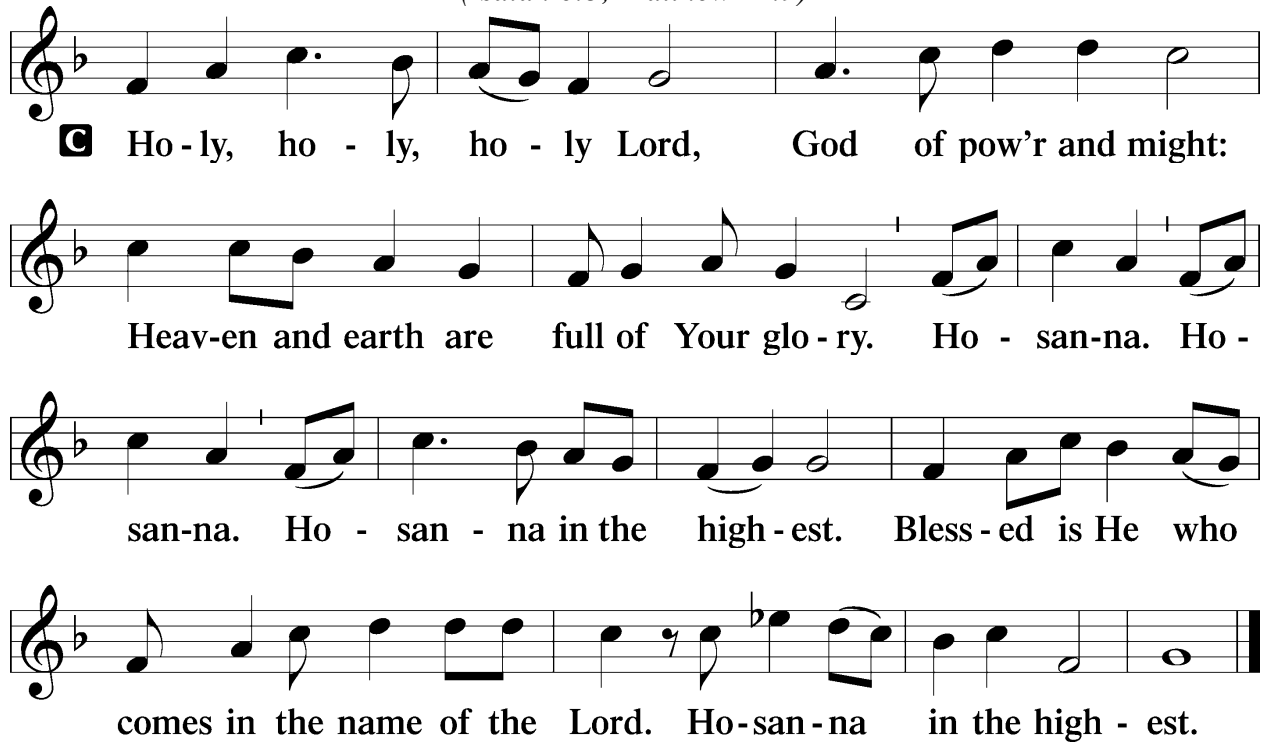


(Psalm 136)

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

Sanctus

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

- C** *Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom And the power and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen*

Words of Institution

(Matthew 26:26-28)

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

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

Pax Domini

(John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C *And also with you.*

Agnus Dei

(John 1:29)

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

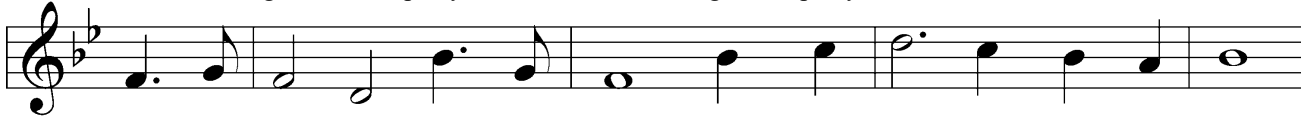
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Distribution & Hymns

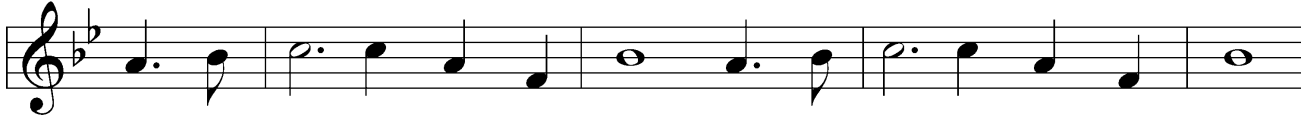
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Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Text: Augustus M. Toplady; Tune: Thomas Hastings – “Toplady”; LSB #761 © 2006 CPH



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
 When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
 Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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Fight the Good Fight

Text: John S. B. Monsell; Tune: “Mendon”; LSB #664 © 2006 CPH



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your
 3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; His bound - less
 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es



strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and
 eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way be -
 mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and en - dur - ing
 not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and

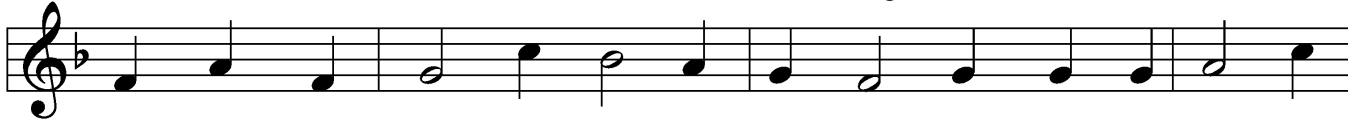


it shall be Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.
 you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.

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By Grace I'm Saved

Text: Christian L. Scheidt; Tune: Cornelius H. Dretzel – “O Dass Ich Tausend Zungen Hätte”; LSB #566 sts. 1–4 © 2006 CPH



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

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

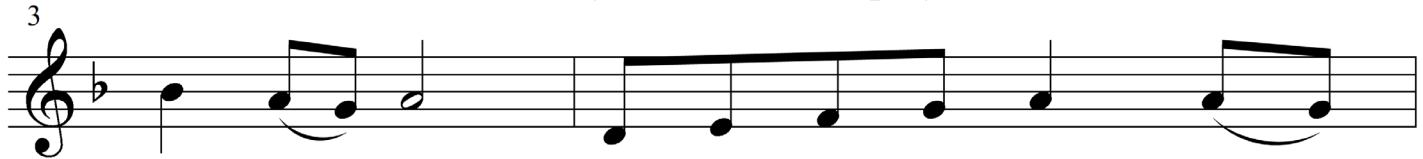
Alleluia, Song of Sweetness

Text: Latin, 11th cent.; Arrangement: Donald Busarow; Tune: "Picardy"; © 1991 CPH; Nathan Russ – Cello

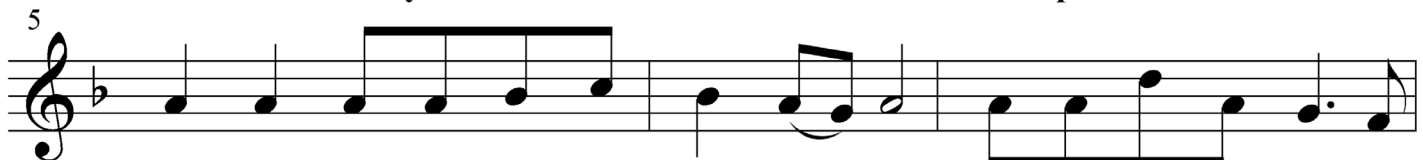
Choral Introduction: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



All: 1. Al - le - lu - ia, song of sweet - ness, Voice of joy that
Choir: 2. Al - le - lu - ia thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -
Choir: 3. Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while
All: 4. There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the
lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans -
Trin - i - ty. At the last to keep Thine



an - them Ev - er dear to choirs on high; In the house of God a -
moth - er, All thy chil - dren sing with thee; But by Bab - y - lon's sad
gres - sions make us for a - while fore - go; For the sol - emn time is
Eas - ter In our home be - yond the sky, There to Thee for - ev - er



bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
com - ing, When our tears for sin must flow.
sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Choral Conclusion: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

St. George's Windsor

By C. Callahan

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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: Septuagesima – God our Father can draw water from rock (Exodus 17:6), reward the unworthy (Matthew 20:9), and make the last first (Matthew 20:16). Surely, He will overhaul our hopeless circumstances and lost causes, even when human pains and mistakes have brought them about (1 Corinthians 10:1-5). Indeed, we not only witness it but participate in it as well (Exodus 17:5). *Keeper of our souls, work faith in us and those we serve to await great transformation at Your hand. 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, February 11 @ 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)

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)

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 Shawn & Bridgette Barber in celebration of their 20th wedding anniversary on January 31.

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

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

Non-OSL 7th/8th GRADE CONFIRMATION ZOOM—Sundays at 6:00 PM

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

WEEKLY MEN’S BIBLE STUDY –All men are invited on **Wednesday** mornings in the Bible Class Room, at 6:30-7:30 a.m. Join on ZOOM, ID: 88057716122, passcode: oslma. Contact Channing Wood at 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 New Year’s resolution!*** Food and fellowship provided of course!

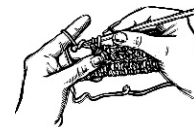
ZOOM BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS – Join us for the Word on the Web as we study Mark’s Gospel on Thursdays at 7PM. Go to: <https://osl.cc/the-word-on-the-web> to join the study. You need Zoom installed on your phone or computer with microphone and camera to participate.

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



Dire need for hemming blankets! The Blue Buses are seeing so many moms, we’re handing out baby blankets like crazy! If you can help crochet or **hem blankets**, please contact Ethelene Marshall: 713-849-9266 or 713-542-7534.



CART CREW DRIVERS NEEDED! Please consider joining a Cart Crew Team! You must be 16 or older and have a valid driver’s license. Please contact the church office 713-290-9087, or Andy Adams 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.

Attention High School Youth! This year's Higher Things summer trip will be to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to the campus of Concordia University Wisconsin, Monday (6/24) through Friday (6/28). Any student having just completed 8th grade through and including students having just graduated 12th grade are eligible to join us. The cost of your registration (due to OSL): \$350 (Now-Jan 31); \$375 (Feb 1-Apr 30); \$400 (May and later). This fee includes your transportation, room and board, and any group activities during the trip. The 4:12 will be holding various fundraisers like the upcoming Quiz Night. Look for more details to come soon on that annual event.

Please visit www.osl.cc/ht and click the "register here" button to register and drop a check in the offering plate or mail to the church (please put "Higher Things" in the memo line). Only those persons who have filled out a registration form and paid their fee will be registered for the trip. If you have questions, please email Pastor Cholak. We will have more details the closer we get to our departure. We will schedule a parent information meeting for later in the spring. Any parents or adults wanting to join us as chaperones, please contact Pastor Cholak ASAP: scholak@osl.cc.



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FOR THE
WEEKEND**
(Lodging, meals &
entertainment included)

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE #: _____

MEASURE OF DEVOTION: Last Sunday, we had 421 people in attendance (last year 415), 370 viewers online.

Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week	\$ 16,378.00
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 3	\$ 83,988.49
Tithes & Offerings needed each week	\$ 40,600.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 3	\$ 121,800.00
General Fund Income to date	\$ 238,712.84
Special Contributions to date	\$ 62,820.21
Eagle Fund (School Fundraising Campaign for current school year)	\$ 40,921.38

“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 28, at 9:30 AM	Next Week, Sunday, February 4, at 9:30 AM
ELDERS:	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
USHERS:	Halbert Team	Downie Team
SOUND:	Greenwood	Blake
CARTS:	Downie Team	Kriegel Team
ACOLYTES:	Janiah Thomas / Emma Witt	Lucas Downie / Abi Halbert
ALTAR GLD:	Ann Putman Team	—
COMM. ASST:	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman	—
EVANGELISM:	Team 5 Al	Team 1 Lee
GREETERS:	TEAM 10: Schmidt / Stuhr	TEAM 1: Blackmar / Carter
MUSIC:	Jubilate Choir / Nathan Russ	—
VIDEO:	Mitchell Stephens / Adam White / Wesley White	Mitchell Stephens / Adam White / Wesley White



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Women's Saturday Workouts!

Join me for workouts and fellowship on Saturday mornings. Women of all ages welcome! Whether you're an exercise expert or have never done a workout in your life, you are welcome to come! Starting with the basics, you'll learn how to safely move your body, build strength and coordination, and just have a good time!

Workouts start **Saturday, February 10th @ 9:00 AM in the school gym.**
All you need is comfy clothes, tennis shoes, water, and a towel or yoga mat.

If you have any questions, you can call or text:
Emily Kemnitz at 713-443-4086. Hope to see you there!



OSL at a Glance

Sunday, January 28, 2024

<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
Jr Youth Fusion-YR	4:00pm	Youth Room
Non-OSL Confirmation-Zoom	6:00pm	Zoom online

Monday, January 29, 2024

<i>Bon Appétit</i>	<i>11:00am</i>	<i>in home</i>
Young Adults Bible Study-YR	6:00pm	Youth Room

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

Parochial Ed-School Conference Room	7:00pm	School Conference Room
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Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Men's Bible Study-BC	6:30am	Bible Class Room
Bible Class-BC	10:00am	Bible Class Room
Bulletin Deadline	12:00pm	Church Office

Thursday, February 1, 2024

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
Lutheran Confessions Bible Study -BC	7:00pm	Bible Class Room
Word Web Bible Study-Zoom	7:00pm	https://osl.cc/the-word-on-the-web

Friday, February 2, 2024

<i>Men Alive – Men's Retreat</i>	<i>Camp Lonestar</i>
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Saturday, February 3, 2024

<i>Men Alive – Men's Retreat</i>	<i>Camp Lonestar</i>
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Sunday, February 4, 2024

<i>Men Alive – Men's Retreat</i>		<i>Camp Lonestar</i>
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
Non-OSL Confirmation-Zoom	6:00pm	Zoom online

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Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller (St. Paul Lutheran, Austin)
Celebrating Life All the Way to the End

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

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

Rev. Ryan Ogrodowicz (Grace Lutheran, Brenham)
Angels, Demons, & Death

Rev. Michael Salemink (Lutherans For Life, Executive Director)
*Going Gracefully: How the Christian Gospel Invites Us to Share in
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\$25 Tickets

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Family BINGO Night

*Saturday, February 10 at 6:00 pm
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Bring your favorite pot of New Orleans' style or Cajun dish to share, and we will provide the King Cake and drinks! Remember your white-elephant gifts for the BINGO prizes: gadgets, art, décor, games, toys & books, or bring something fun & new. *We will also have some CASH prizes!*

