



*“The Transfiguration” by Ludovico Carracci*

Our Savior Lutheran Church

# The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Order of Holy Communion

*In Nomine Jesu*



Music for Meditation & Prayer

Ringing of the Bells

Prelude

THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE

By J. Scott

Greetings & Announcements

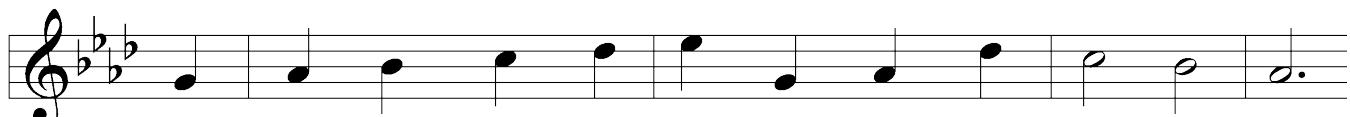
# Hymn of Invocation

## THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE

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1 The God of A - br’ham praise, Who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
2 The God of A - br’ham praise, At whose su - preme com - mand  
3 The God of A - br’ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cent grace  
4 He by Him - self has sworn; I on His oath de - pend.  
△ 9 The whole tri - um - phant host Give thanks to God on high.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.  
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.  
Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.  
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, To heav’n as - cend.  
“Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!” They ev - er cry.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav’n con - fessed;  
I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow’r,  
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.  
I shall be - hold His face; I shall His pow’r a - dore  
Hail, A-br’ham’s God and mine! I join the heav’n - ly lays:



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.  
And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow’r.  
And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus’ blood.  
And sing the won - ders of His grace For - ev - er - more.  
All might and maj - es - ty are Thine And end - less praise!

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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

### “EXALTATE DOMINUM DEUM NOSTRUM”

*(Intoned by Laetare with Congregation on Gloria Patri; Psalm 84:1–2a, 4, 10–11; antiphon: Psalm 77:18b)*

Your lightnings lighted | up the world;\*  
the earth trem- | bled and shook.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O | Lord of hosts!\*  
My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the Lord.  
Blessed are those who dwell | in your house,\*  
ever sing- | ing your praise!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.\*

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.  
For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and | honor.\*

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.

**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.**

Your lightnings lighted | up the world;\*  
the earth trem- | bled and shook.

# Kyrie

(Mark 10:47)

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**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,

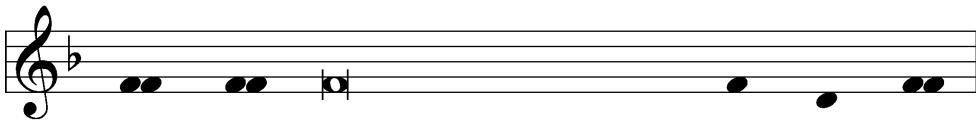
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**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  
16 feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
20 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Pow - er,  
23 rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or -

26

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

30

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

34

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

37

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

41

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

45

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

49

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

53

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

57

For the Lamb who was slain has been given His  
 reign. Alleluia. This is the  
 feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia,  
 alleluia, alleluia.

61

65

69

## Collect of the Day

(2 Timothy 4:22)

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** *Amen.*

*(Be Seated)*

# Ministry of Music

## PRAISE THE LORD

Canon by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Jubilate Choir

*Praise the Lord, Sing a new song.*

*Tell God's salvation, tell it day to day, Shout the glory, shout it to all.  
Let the heav'ns be joyful, earth be glad; Let roaring sea give forth its praise;  
Field and mountain join the song. All together sound the joyful praise.*

## Old Testament Reading

### EXODUS 34:29-35

[29] When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. [30] Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. [31] But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. [32] Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. [33] And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. [34] Whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, [35] the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

*Moses became the mediator of the covenant between God and His people. On the crest of Sinai the prophet stood in the presence of God and received His Word. In so doing Moses became a prototype of Christ, the divine Mediator, who would bridge the gap between God and fallen humanity. Moses' face shined with the reflected glory of God when he came down from the mountain. Christ is Himself the Glory of God.*

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

## Gradual

*(Intoned by Laetare; Psalm 45:2a; 110:1)*

You are the most handsome of the | sons of men;\*  
grace is poured up- | on your lips.  
The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my | right hand,\*  
until I make your enemies your | footstool."

# Epistle Reading

## 2 PETER 1:16–21

[16] For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. [17] For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” [18] we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. [19] And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, [20] knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. [21] For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

*Peter assures his readers that the Word of God is more reliable than eyewitness testimony because the prophets and apostles were inspired to write each and every word of their message by the Holy Ghost. The apostle uses his own experience on the Mount of Transfiguration to illustrate his point.*

**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 17th chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

# Gospel Reading

## ST. MATTHEW 17:1-9

[1] After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. [2] And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. [3] And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. [4] And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” [5] He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” [6] When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. [7] But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” [8] And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. [9] And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

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



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Peter, James and John were given a glimpse of heavenly glory on the Mount of Transfiguration. Throughout most of His time on earth, our Lord chose to conceal the glory and power that were rightfully His as He humbled Himself to live among us. The Transfiguration became a wondrous exception to that pattern to strengthen the faith of His disciples and empower their subsequent proclamation of Christ's Gospel of Salvation. We too have been given the wondrous opportunity to encounter the glory of the Lord as He comes to us today in Word and Sacrament.*



## 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.*

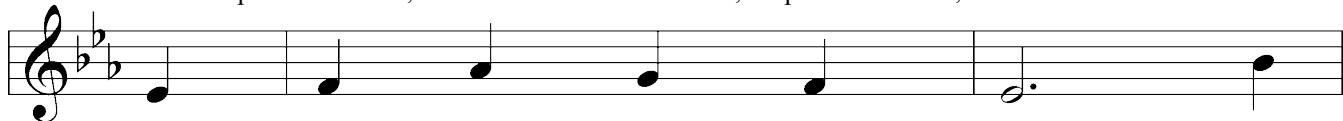
*And I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
The Lord and Giver of Life,  
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,  
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
Who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the 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

## 'TIS GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE

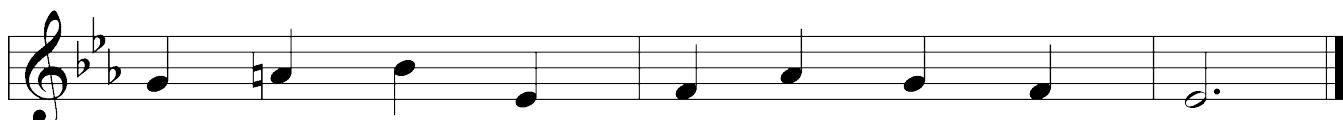
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1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy  
 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy  
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past And  
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, We  
 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet



glo - ry fills the night; Thy face and gar - ments,  
 beau - ty to be - hold Where Mo - ses and E -  
 hope of things to be, We hail Thy bod - y  
 see Thy king - dom come; We long to hold the  
 we may not re - main; But since Thou bidst us



like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
 li - jah stand, Thy mes - sen - gers of old.  
 glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.  
 vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.  
 leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

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*(Stand for Text)*

Sermon

TEXT: 2 PETER 1:16-21  
 “NO CLEVERLY DEVISED MYTHS”

*(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

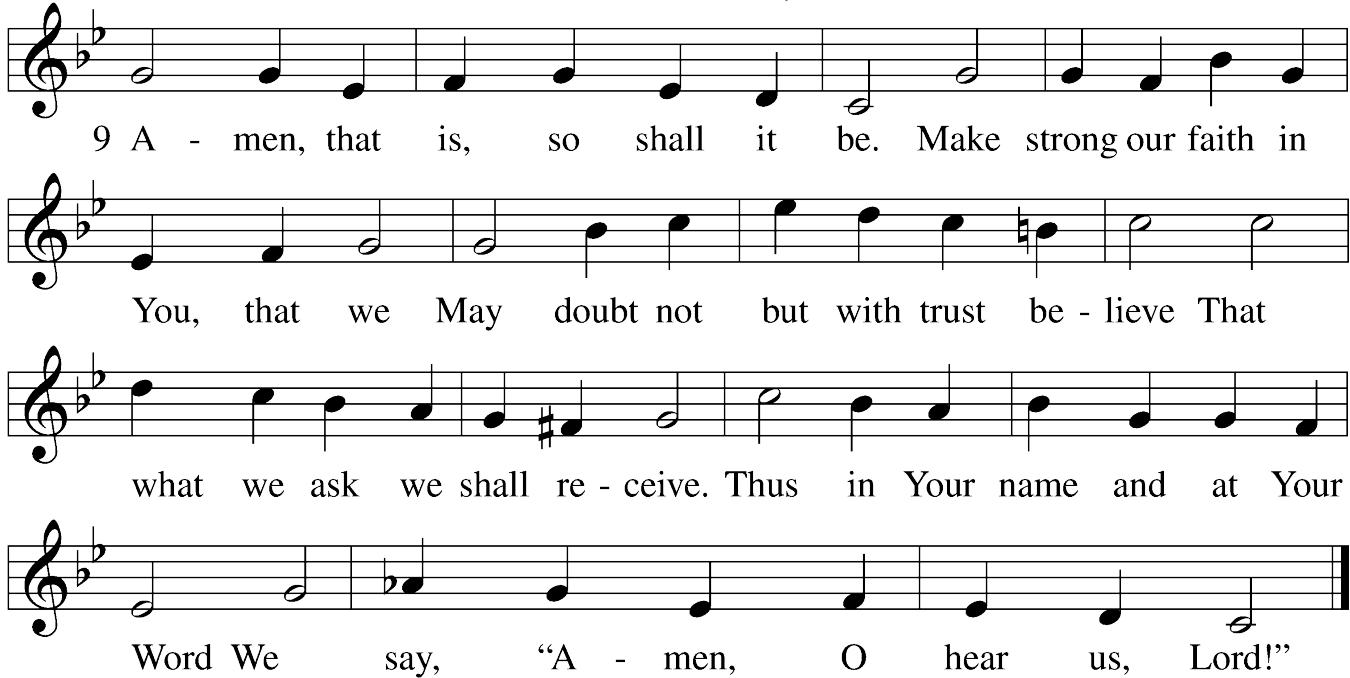
## Voluntary

'TIS GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE

# Catechism Hymn

## OUR FATHER, WHO FROM HEAVEN ABOVE

Text & Tune: attr. Martin Luther – “Vater Unser”; LSB #766 st. 9 © 2006 CPH



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** What is The Lord’s Prayer – Conclusion?  
**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.”*

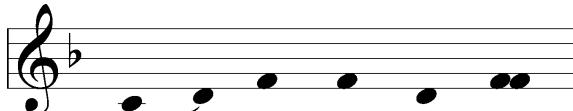
**P** A lesson from Psalm 50:15 –  
**C** *[A]nd call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.*

(Stand)

## Intercessory Prayer

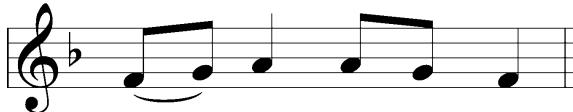
### Preface

**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.



**P** The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



**C** And al - so with you.

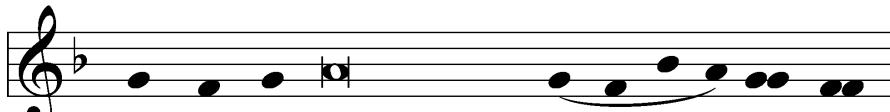


**P** Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(Psalm 136)



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. 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  $\text{\tfrac{X}{\text{+}}}$  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  $\text{\tfrac{X}{\text{+}}}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

# Pax Domini

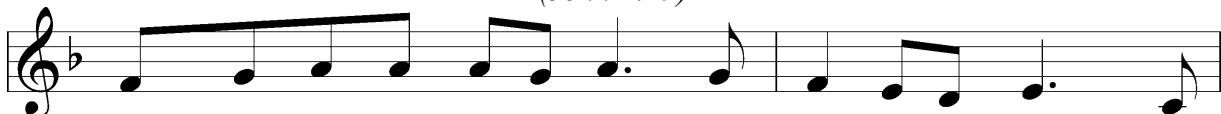
(John 20:19)

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

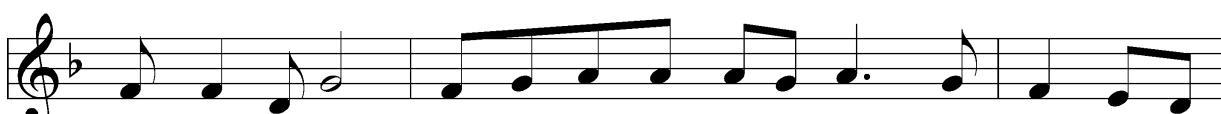
**C** *And also with you.*

# Agnus Dei

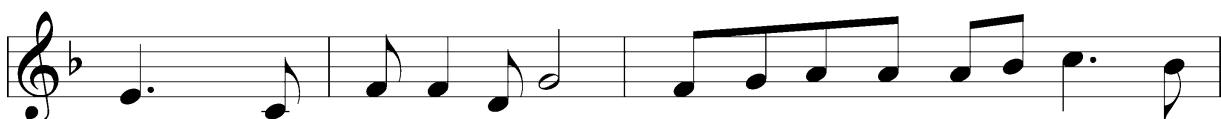
(John 1:29)



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



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



sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Be Seated)

# Distribution

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# Distribution Hymns

## CHRIST, WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES

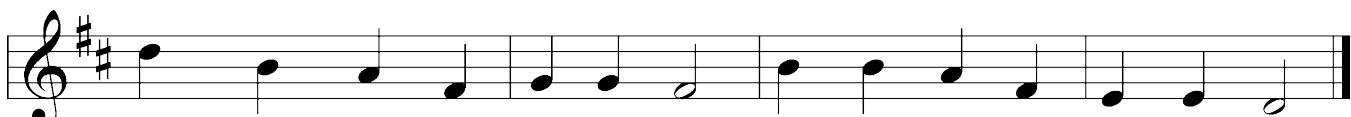
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1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa - nied by Thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ - teous - ness, a - rise; Tri - umph o'er the shades of night.  
Joy-less is the day's re - turn Till Thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di-vine, Scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.  
Till they in - ward light im - part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
More and more Thy - self dis - play, Shin - ing to the per - fect day.

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## Ministry of Music

### THEE WE ADORE

Words: Thomas Aquinas; Music: Plainchant Tune arr. Ralph M. Johnson  
Jubilate Choir

1. *Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee, Who in thy sacrament art pleased to be;  
Both flesh and Spirit in thy presence fail, Yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.*
2. *Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God: Cleanse us, unclean, with thy most cleansing blood;  
Increase our faith and love, that we may know the hope and peace which from thy presence flow.*
3. *O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see: May what we thirst for soon our portion be,  
To gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face, The vision of thy glory and thy grace.  
Amen, Amen.*

## BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Text: tr. Joseph A. Seiss; Tune: Silesian, 19<sup>th</sup> cent. – “Schönster Herr Jesu”; LSB #537 © 2006 CPH

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

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

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

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## JESUS ON THE MOUNTAIN PEAK

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1 Je - sus on the moun - tain peak Stands a - lone in  
 2 Trem - bling at His feet we saw Mo - ses and E -  
 3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came: God pro - claim - ing  
 4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets

glo - ry blaz - ing; Let us, if we dare to speak,  
 li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law  
 in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!  
 sing be - fore Him, First and Last and on - ly One.

Join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.  
 Shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:  
 Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der,  
 All cre - a - tion shall a - dore Him!

Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia!

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*(Stand)*

## Post-Communion Canticle

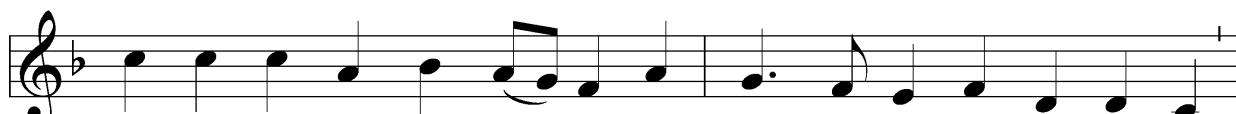
### THANK THE LORD



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly 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 fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** *Amen.*

## Benediction

*(Numbers 6:24-26)*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

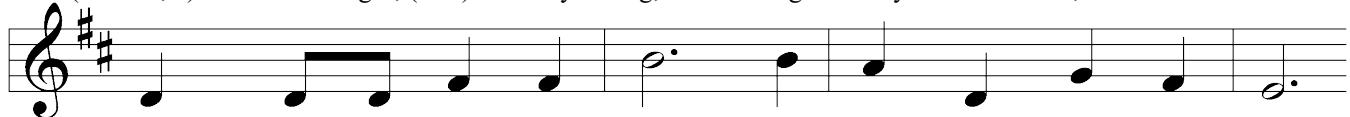


**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

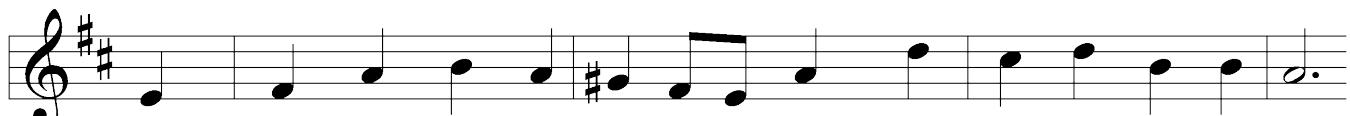
# Closing Hymn

## CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

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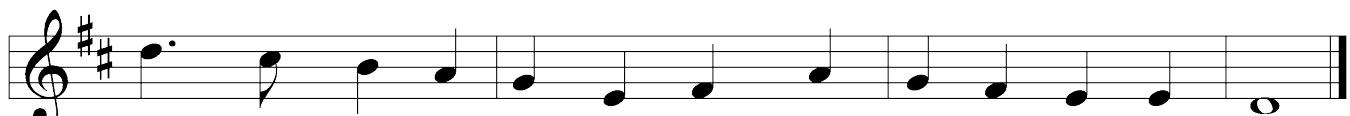
1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in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



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



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



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

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## Postlude

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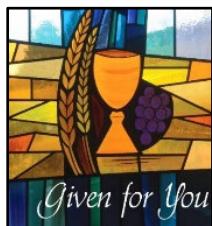
*Enter reverently, meditate quietly, worship sincerely, serve Christ faithfully.*

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: Transfiguration of Our Lord** – Jesus radiates the glory of God among human beings humbled by sinful brokenness. This glory resides not in a certain age or a particular appearance or a specific ability but in God's love for us creatures as His children. Let us behold this glory embodied in the least of these and remind neighbors of their eternal worth. *Holy Son of God, lead us to listen and mimic You in respecting, protecting, advocating, and assisting. 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 8 @ 9:30 am.**  
"Let a man examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup."  
*1 Corinthians 11:28*

The Word of God teaches that the bread and wine of the Sacrament are the true Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. This precious gift of God's grace is to be received in a sense of reverent awe after careful self-examination. The Bible defines that self-examination as a personal recognition of the real presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the Sacrament, and a repentant acknowledgment of my own sinfulness recognizing my absolute dependence upon Christ as the only source of forgiveness for my sin. Scripture further instructs that our participation in Christ's Body and Blood together is the most profound and powerful way for Christians to acknowledge their unity in the faith. That is to say, when we share in the Body and Blood of Jesus at this altar, we are thereby indicating our common commitment to all of the doctrines of God's Word as they are taught in this congregation. Because of these Biblical convictions, we respectfully request that visitors, who wish to join us in receiving the Body and Blood of Christ and thereby identify with our confession of Bible truth, speak with one of our pastors before attending the Lord's Supper.

## Get the OSL App...

**SERMON VIDEOS** are on our app or website at [www.OSL.cc](http://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 –**

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

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

### **10:45 AM – Adults**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**High School – 4:12 Youth Room**

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

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade – C103**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade – C113**

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

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

**Kindergarten – B110**

**3 & 4 yrs – B109**

**18 mos. – 3 yrs – B111**

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Thelma Oberndorfer in loving memory of Jimmy Oberndorfer.



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

Each flower arrangement is \$60. You will find the flower clipboard on the hutch in the narthex. Remember to write a "W" if you want the flowers, or "S" to send them to the sick. Thank you!

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

**Young Adults Bible Study—Mondays—6PM—OSL Youth Room:** This group is young adults (both married and single). *We will study the Gospel of Mark.* We'll have snacks and refreshments as we gather to study and visit. Please tell your friends!

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



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

**PASTOR WHITE'S WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** is from 10:00-12:00 with a break in the middle. We are studying *Romans, Chief Part of the New Testament and the Very Purest Gospel.* Food and fellowship provided of course!

**ZOOM BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS** – Join us for the Word on the Web as we study 1 Corinthians, on Thursdays at 6PM. Go to: <https://osl.cc/the-word-on-the-web> to join the study. You need Zoom installed on your phone or computer with microphone and camera to participate.

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

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

## OSL 5K FUN RUN

March 28th, 2026



ALL FUNDS RAISED BENEFIT THE OSL  
4:12 HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP  
SUMMER FELLOWSHIP TRIPS



**REGISTER TODAY**

\*By March 1, 2026,  
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**GREETERS NEEDED** to serve the Lord with gladness! Get to know your fellow church family. Call Garry Stuhr for information: 281-704-7129.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

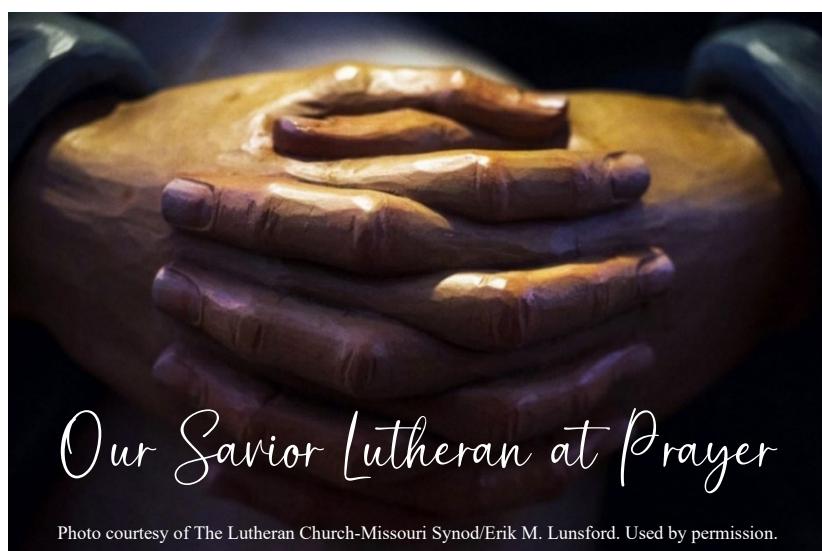


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**Our Savior Lutheran at Prayer:**

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

Choose from these Classes:

**Pastor Cholak: Walking through the Pentateuch**

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

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

**This week's meal for Jan 28 is Sheet Pan Pot Pie.**



**MEASURE OF DEVOTION:** Last week Sunday, we had 310 people in attendance (last year 326), 957 viewers online.

### Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week .....	\$ 43,329.41
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 3 .....	\$ 94,387.42
Tithes & Offerings needed each week .....	\$ 43,385.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 3 .....	\$ 130,155.00
Special Contributions to date .....	\$ 64,996.76

*“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 25, at 9:30 AM

**ELDERS:** James Kriegel / Dirk Kemnitz / Ken Wright / Austin Pugh  
**USHERS:** Gobrogge Team  
**SOUND:** Witt  
**CARTS:** Gavin Team  
**ACOLYTES:** Noelle Synnott / Sophia Williams  
**ALTAR GLD:** Glenda Cochran Team 2  
**COMM. ASST:** James Kriegel / Dirk Kemnitz / Ken Wright / Austin Pugh / Dennis Mueller  
**EVANGELISM:** Team 4: O'Neill / Schmidt  
**GREETERS:** TEAM 8: Greenwood / Domann  
**MUSIC:** Jubilate Choir  
**VIDEO:** Adam White / Wesley White

#### Next Week, Sunday, February 1, at 9:30 AM

Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman  
Symcox Team  
J. Wilbanks  
Work Team  
George Baughman / Eli Morris  
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Team 3: Kriegel  
TEAM 9: Kemnitz / Kunkel  
OSL Kindergarten / 4th Grade  
Adam White / Wesley White

### Schedule Your Tithe!

Use the OSL app, free in the App Store. No monthly fee; No set up fee; No hidden fees; Lowest processing rates that continue to drop as your giving increases.

All credit and debit cards (including AMEX) are processed at 2.3% + .30 cents per transaction. All ACH donations are 1% with no cents.

There is also a “GIVE” link at the top of our website: [www.OSL.cc](http://www.OSL.cc)



### 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY Potluck F.E.A.S.T. is February 15!

Join us in the Bible Class Room after Sunday School on the 3rd Sunday of the month for **F.E.A.S.T.** (Fellowship, Eating, And Sharing Together). Gather together, share a meal, and deepen the relationships that make our congregation so special! Whether you are a new member looking to meet people or a long-time attendee hoping to reconnect, this event is for everyone. It's a casual, welcoming environment where conversation flows as freely as the coffee. There will be carts set up in the Family Room that morning with power strips for crockpots. The ovens will be available to keep some things warm, and the school has said that we can use their warmers, too! The board will provide drinks and dinnerware. **Bill Prestwood:** 806-626-5244, [bprestwood@osl.cc](mailto:bprestwood@osl.cc)



# OSL at a Glance

## Sunday, January 25, 2026 ~ Transfiguration

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

## Monday, January 26, 2026

Young Adults Bible Study-YR	6:00pm	Youth Room
Monday Night Revelation Bible Class	6:30pm	Bible Class Room

## Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Parochial Ed-BC	7:00pm	Bible Class Room
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## Wednesday, January 28, 2026

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



## Thursday, January 29, 2026

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

## Friday, January 30, 2026

<i>Men Alive Retreat</i>	<i>3:00pm</i>	<i>Offsite</i>
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## Saturday, January 31, 2026

<i>Men Alive Retreat</i>	<i>Offsite</i>
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## Sunday, February 1, 2026

<i>Men Alive Retreat</i>	<i>Offsite</i>	
Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Confirmation Class-YR	8:15am	Youth Room
<b>Matins</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Church &amp; online</b>
Sunday School	10:45am	
Evangelism Meeting - EO	12:00pm	Evangelism Office
Exultae Brass-Choir Rm	12:00pm	Choir Room
Senior Youth (the 4:12)-YR	12:00pm	Youth Room

**Fellowship Mardi Gras Family BINGO Night is Saturday, February 7 at 6:00 pm in the Church Bible Class Room!** 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! Good time to clean out your games, toys & books, or bring something fun & new. We will also have some CA\$H prizes as well!



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# MEN'S RETREAT

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# Scholarship: The Problem with Abortion

## **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE?**

All pro-life middle school students (6th - 8th grade) and high school students (9th - 12th grade) in Houston or its surrounding cities are eligible to compete for this scholarship. Only one submission per student is allowed. By entering this contest, you confirm that the essay submission is your own original creation.

## **WHAT ARE THE AWARDS?**

The **1st place winner** of the middle school division and the high school division will each be awarded with a **\$1,000** scholarship. The **2nd place winner** of the middle school division and the high school division will each be awarded with a **\$500** scholarship.

## **GENERAL RULES:**

1. Contestants must compose their work with limited guidance from others.
2. Houston Coalition for Life will have the right to edit, publish, or otherwise duplicate work entered into the contest without payment to the creator.

## **CONTEST RULES:**

1. Each entry must include the contestant's name, grade, and school/church.
2. Essays must include at least 500 words but no more than 1,000 words. This does not include the title, bibliography, endnotes, or footnotes.
3. Any quotations or copyrighted material used in an essay must be identified properly.

## **JUDGING:**

Members of Generation Vitae, Houston Coalition for Life's young adult group, will score each submission on a scale from 1 - 10 on these factors:

1. Interpretation of the topic (The Problem with Abortion)
2. Level of originality and/or creativity
3. Quality of the piece

## **HOW TO ENTER:**

Submit essay entries by email to [alexandra@houstoncoalition.com](mailto:alexandra@houstoncoalition.com) with the subject line **“Learn for Life Scholarship Contest” by 4:00 PM on February 12, 2026.**

Please indicate whether the submission is for the middle school or high school division.

For questions, please call

(713) 395-1330 or email

Christine Melchor at

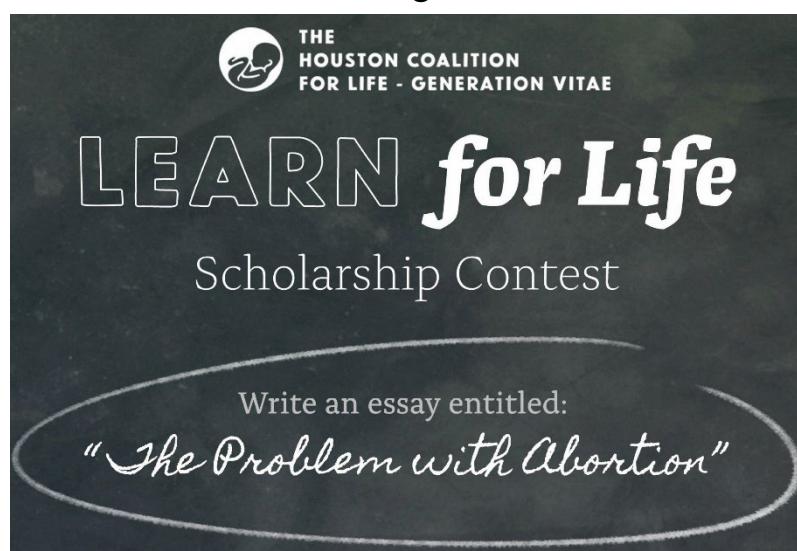
[christine@houstoncoalition.com](mailto:christine@houstoncoalition.com)

or Alexandra Sizemore at

[alexandra@houstoncoalition.com](mailto:alexandra@houstoncoalition.com)

## **NOTIFICATION OF THE WINNERS:**

Contest winners will be notified by April 2, 2026 and will be presented their award at the Houston Coalition for Life's Annual Benefit Dinner which takes place April 10, 2026.



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

Our Savior Lutheran, 5000 W Tidwell, Houston TX 77091

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*Our speakers include:*

**Rev Laurence White,**

Our Savior Lutheran, Houston



**Rev Robert Paul,** Memorial, Houston

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



**Rev Michael Salemink,** Concordia Seminary, Ft Wayne

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

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



**Rev Dr Aric Fenske,**

Director of Lutherans For Life



**Mrs Carol Tobias,**

President of National Right to Life

## SPOTLIGHT ON LIFE



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

Ephesians 6:16



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**Eva Nitsch & Caroline Klein,** Young Adult Representatives  
*Pro-Life Aggies is dedicated to promoting respect for and the preservation of all innocent life from fertilization to natural death. As a secular, non-partisan organization, we work to build a culture of life at Texas A&M University through supportive services for pregnant and parenting students, activism, volunteer work, and education.*

