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Our Savior Lutheran

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Order of Matins

In Nomine Jesu



Music for Meditation & Prayer

Ringling of the Bells

Prelude
Son of God
by J. Scott

Greetings & Announcements

Opening Hymn

Son of God, Eternal Savior

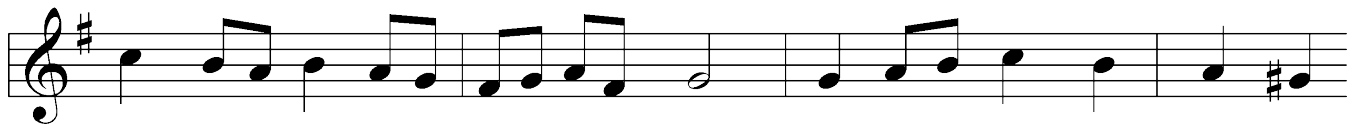
Text: Somerset T. C. Lowry; Tune: c. 1710, Amsterdam – “In Babilone”; LSB #842 © 2006 CPH



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
Free - ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the
Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards
toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

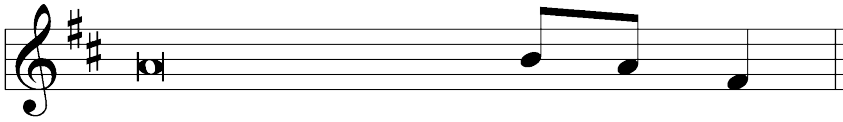
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Versicles

P O Lord, open thou my lips,

(Psalm 51:15)



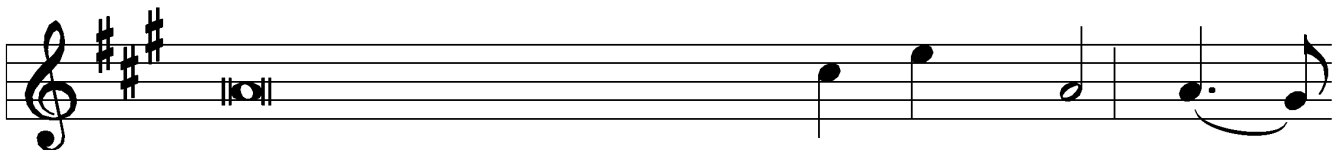
C And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

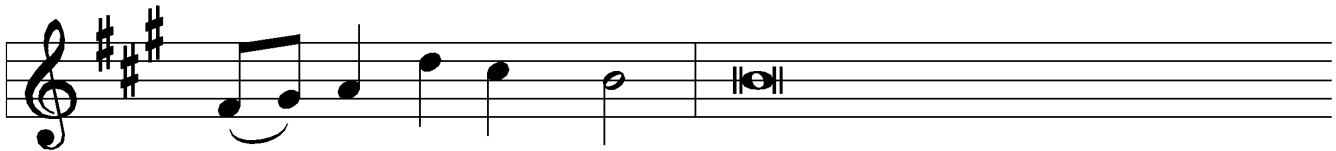
(Psalm 70:1)



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



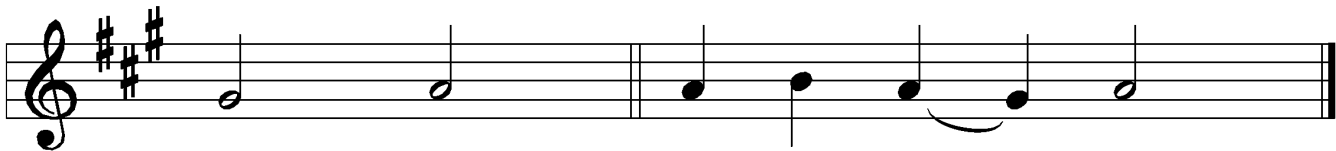
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and



to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is



now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end.



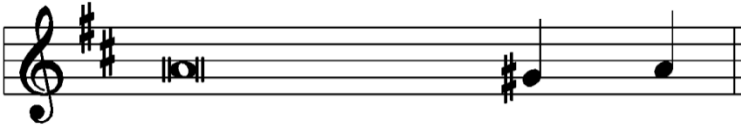
A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia!

Invitatory

P Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:

(Psalm 95:6)



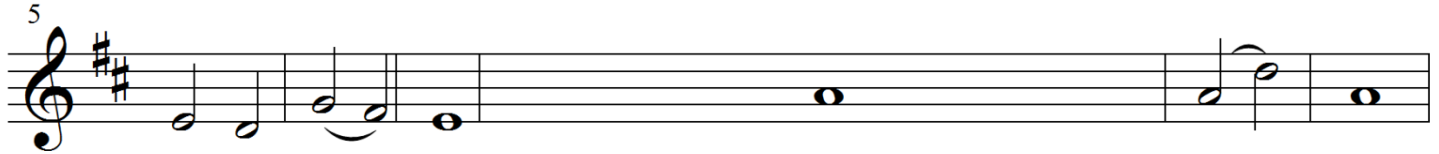
C For He is our Mak - er.

Venite Exultemus Domino

Psalm 95:1-7



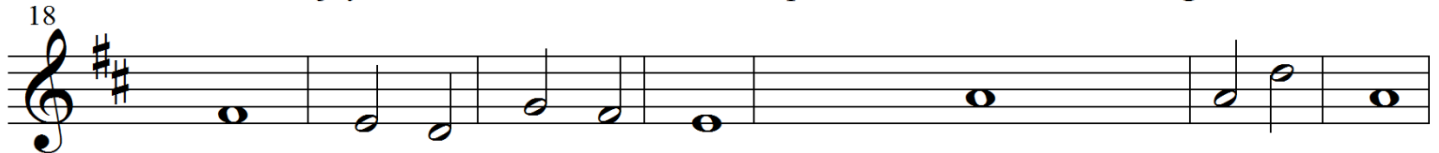
Oh, come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come before His presence with thanks - giv ing:



and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God:



and a great King a - bove all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth:



the strength of the hills is His al - so. The sea is His, and He made it:



and His hands formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and bow down:



let us kneel before the Lord, our Mak - er. For He is our God:

46

and we are people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

50

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

57

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with-out end. A - men.

Psalmody

“Deus in Habitaculo Sancto Suo”

(Intoned by Pastor with Congregation on Gloria Patri; Psalm 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19; antiphon: vv. 5b, 6a, 35b)

God is in his holy habi- | tation;*

[he] settles the solitary | in a home.

The God of Israel—he | is the one*

who gives power and strength to his | people.

God shall arise, his enemies shall be | scattered;*

and those who hate him shall flee be- | fore him!

But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult be- | fore God;*

they shall be jubilant | with joy!

O God, when you went out before your | people,*

in your goodness, O God, you provided for the | needy.

Blessèd be the Lord, who daily | bears us up;*

God is our sal- | vation.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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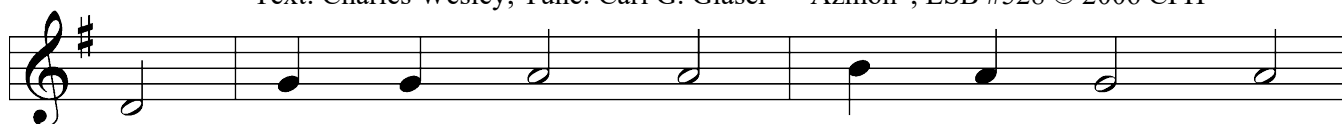
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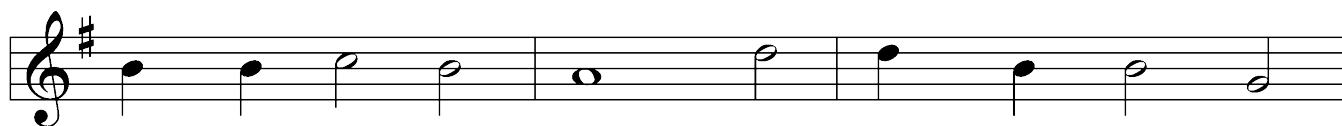
Hymn of the Day

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Text: Charles Wesley; Tune: Carl G. Gläser – “Azmon”; LSB #528 © 2006 CPH



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -
3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.
sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own
Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone,
Be justified by grace.

6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made
For ev'ry soul of man.

7 To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n.

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Old Testament Reading

Genesis 4:1–15

[1] Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord.” [2] And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. [3] In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, [4] and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, [5] but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. [6] The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? [7] If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.” [8] Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. [9] Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” [10] And the Lord said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. [11] And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. [12] When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” [13] Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. [14] Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” [15] Then the Lord said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

Sin became the grim reality of human nature in the aftermath of Adam’s fall. The destructive, deadly character of that sinfulness immediately became evident in the fratricide of Cain and Abel. Jealousy, anger, violence, death – these are the ugly truths behind the devil’s lies of freedom and self-fulfillment. The depravity of human nature leaves us unable to help ourselves and totally dependent upon the undeserved grace of God.

P But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



C Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 2:1–10

[1] And you were dead in the trespasses and sins [2] in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— [3] among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children

Paul is inspired to proclaim the wonder of God’s grace. The grace brings new life to those who were dead in trespasses and sin. That grace restores harmony with the loving God whom we have disobeyed and defied. That grace makes believers out of unbelievers. The apostle makes it unmistakably clear that our salvation has absolutely nothing to do with who we are or anything we could have done. It is all God’s grace.

P But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



(Stand)

[9] [Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: [10] “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. [11] The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. [12] I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ [13] But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ [14] I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

P But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



The Pharisee had everything going for him. He was a Bible scholar, a religious man, who conscientiously tried to live out his beliefs. The publican had nothing. He was a traitor who collected taxes for the hated Romans. He was an outcast, scorned and rejected by all men. But in the eyes of God, the Pharisee had nothing and the tax collector had everything. The self-righteous Pharisee was blinded by his own pride while the publican trusted in the undeserved love of God. That is the difference between life and death.



(Be Seated)

Baptism Hymn

The Lord Is My Light

Text: tr. Lorraine Florindez; Tune: Alberto Taulé – “El Señor Es Mi Luz”; LSB #723 © 2006 CPH

Refrain

The Lord is my light and my sal-va - tion, The Lord is the
strong-hold of my life. Since the Lord is my life, my
strength, and my all, Whom then shall I fear? *To Stanzas*

Stanza

1 There is one thing I ask of the Lord: To dwell in His
house for - ev - er, To gaze on the beau-ty of the
Lord All the days of my life. *Refrain*

(Refrain)

2 Do not hide Your face, O Lord; Ev - 'ry day I will
 seek Your face. Though my fa - ther and moth - er may for -
 sake me, The Lord will re - ceive me. *Refrain*

(Refrain)

3 Teach me, Lord, and keep me on Your paths; Guide me, Lord, a -
 long a lev - el way. I will gaze on the good - ness of the
 Lord In the land of all the liv - ing. *Refrain*

(Refrain)

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Augustus Benjamin Pugh



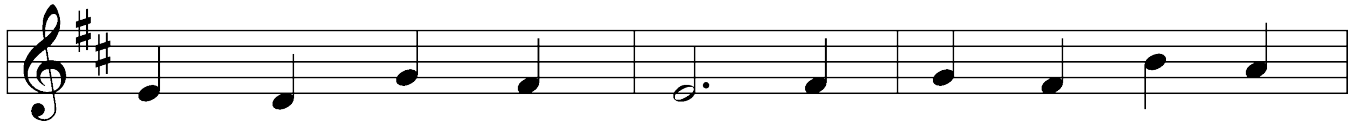
Sermon Hymn

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Text: John Newton; Tune: Alexander R. Reinagle – “St. Peter”; LSB #524 © 2006 CPH



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My
4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing
Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.
hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.
trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.
way, my end, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

- 5 How weak the effort of my heart, How cold my warmest thought!
But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.
- 6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim With ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name Refresh my soul in death!

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Sermon

Text: St. Luke 18:9–14

“Thanks For Me!”

(Stand)

Votum

Offertory

(Psalm 51:10-12)



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Offering Prayer

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Offering

Voluntary

“He Leadeth Me”

By William Bradbury; Arranged by Deborah Govenor
Jackie Jolley-Lowery, flute & Jeff Armstrong, harp

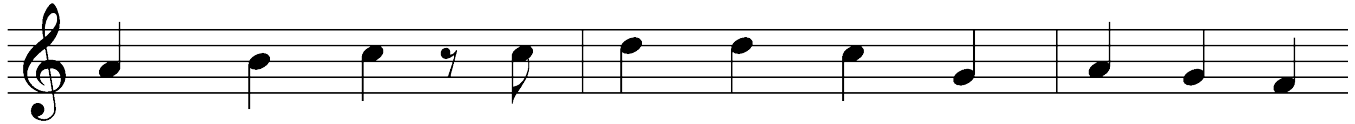
Catechism Hymn

These Are the Holy Ten Commands

Text: Martin Luther; Tune: German, 13th cent. – “In Gottes Namen Fahren Wir”; LSB #581, sts. 6-7 © 2006 CPH



6 “You shall not mur - der, hurt, nor hate; Your an - ger dare not
7 “Be faith - ful to your mar - riage vow; No lust or im - pure



dom - i - nate. Be kind and pa - tient; help, de - fend,
thoughts al - low. Keep all your con - duct free from sin



And treat your foe as your friend.” Have mer - cy, Lord!
By self - con-trolled dis - ci - pline.” Have mer - cy, Lord!

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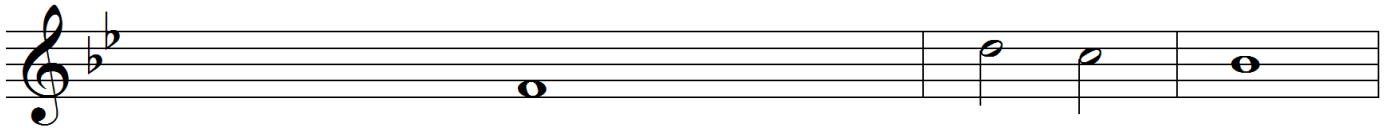
Catechism Lesson

- P** What is the Fifth Commandment?
C *You shall not murder.*
P What does this mean?
C *We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.*
- P** What is the Sixth Commandment?
C *You shall not commit adultery.*
P What does this mean?
C *We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.*
- P** A lesson from Jeremiah 1:5a –
C *“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you.”*

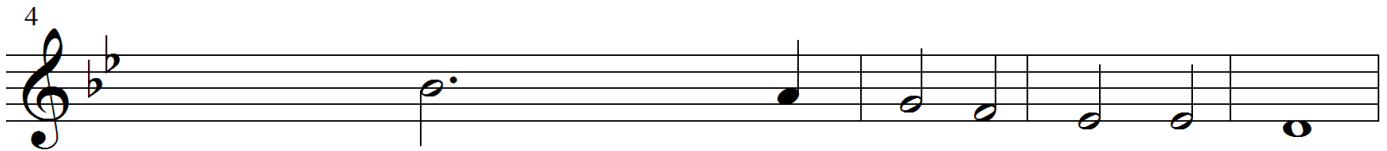
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Canticle - Te Deum Laudamus

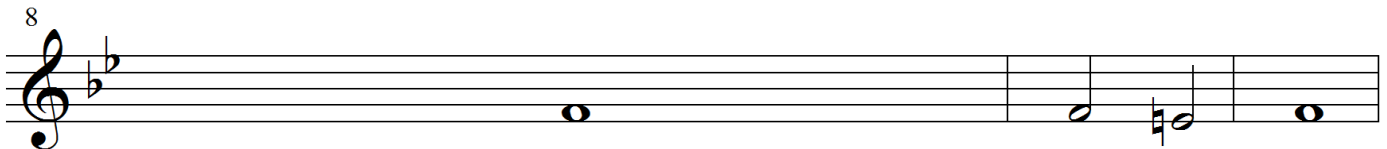
("We Praise Thee O Lord" is one of the most ancient and glorious hymns of the Church. Tradition indicates that it was composed by Ambrose of Milan on the occasion of the baptism of St. Augustine in A.D. 387. The "Te Deum" is an exalted song of praise and thanksgiving to God the Father and God the Son, based upon the outline of the Apostle's Creed. Martin Luther thought so highly of this great hymn that he suggested it be included among the basic creedal statements of Christendom. This morning we are blessed to add our voices to a grand chorus of saints and angels across the centuries in singing the praises of our wondrous God.)



1. We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
3. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
5. The noble army of martyrs praise Thee;



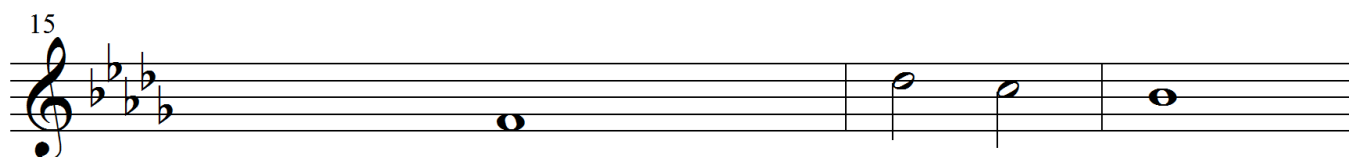
1. All the earth doth worship Thee, the Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.
3. Heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Thy glo - ry.
5. The holy Church throughout all the world doth ac - knowl - edge Thee:



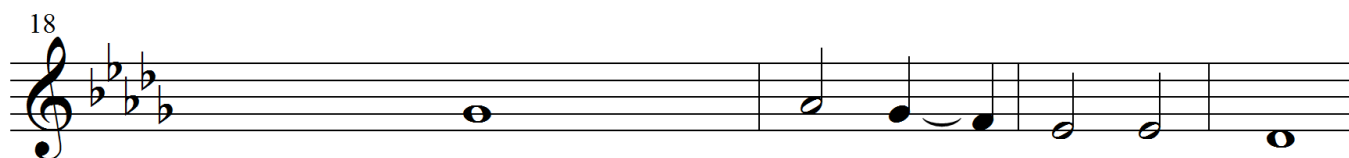
2. To Thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers there - in;
4. The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee;
6. The Father of an infinite majesty; Thine adorable true and on - ly Son,
7. Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.



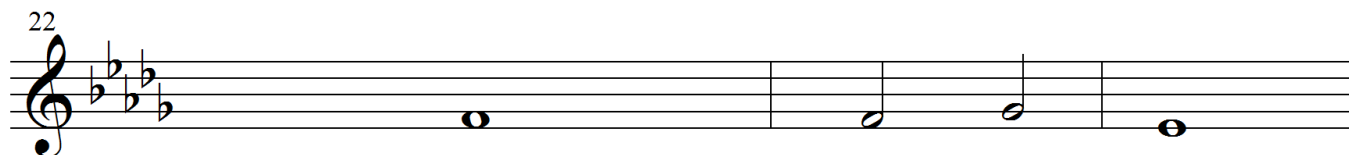
2. To Thee cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
4. The goodly fellowship of the proph - ets praise Thee;
6. also the Holy Ghost, the Com - fort - er.
7. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



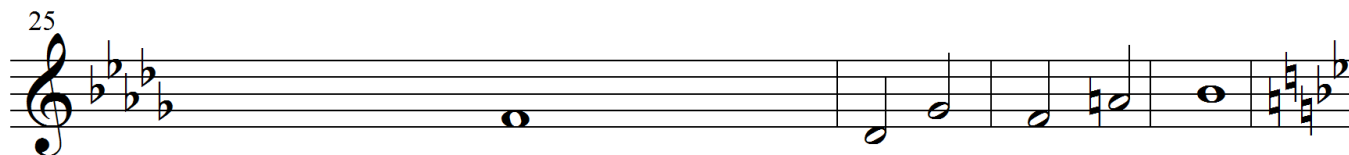
8. When Thou tookest upon Thee to de - liv - er - man,
 10. Thou sittest at the right hand of God
 12. We therefore pray Thee, help Thy ser - vants,



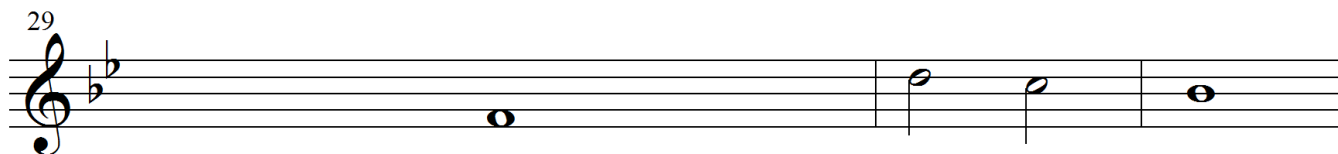
8. Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a vir - gin.
 10. in the glory of the Fa - ther.
 12. whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy pre - cious blood.



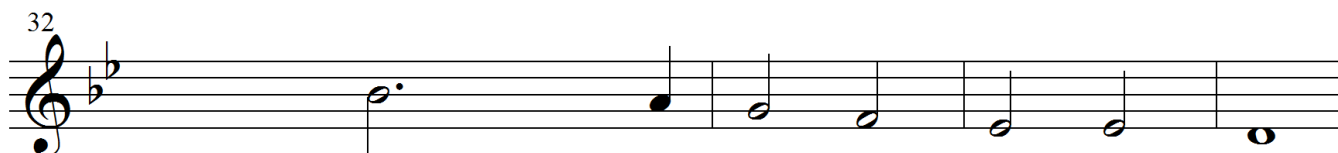
9. When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
 11. We believe that Thou shalt come
 13. Make them to be numbered with Thy saints



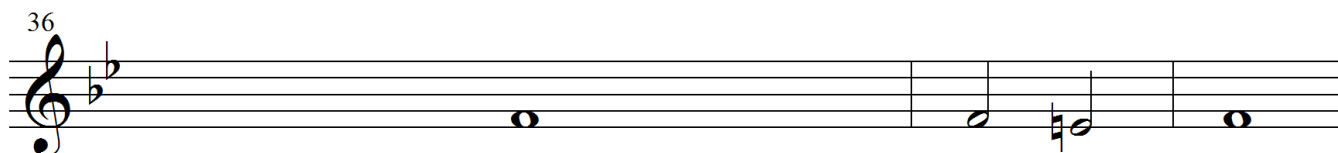
9. Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
 11. to be our Judge.
 13. in glory ev - er - last - ing.



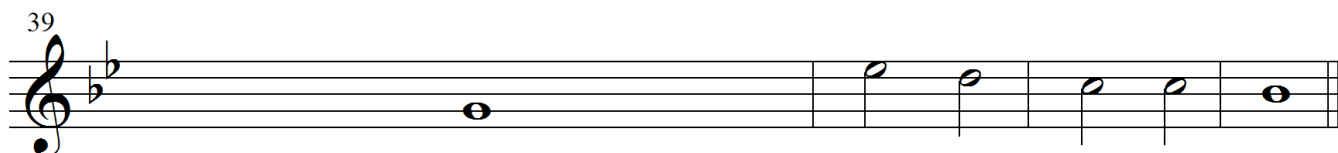
14. O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine her - i - tage.
 16. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



14. Govern them and lift them up for - ev - - er.
 16. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mer - cy up - on us.



15. Day by day we magni - fy Thee.
 17. O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee.



15. And we worship Thy name ever, world with - out end.
 17. O Lord, in Thee have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

Kyrie (St. Mark 10:47)



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer cy up-on



us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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*

Salutation

(2 Timothy 4:22)

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Intercessory Prayer

Benedicamus

(Psalm 103:1)

P Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

(2 Corinthians 13:14)

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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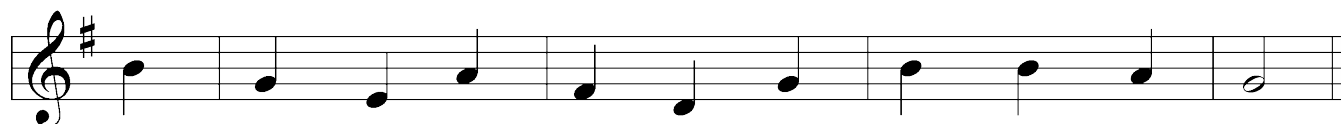
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree
All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

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Postlude St. Denio

By J. Scott

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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 worship here this day may encounter the love of our Savior. According to His promise, He is here today reaching out to us in love through Word and Sacrament. If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you have found it here so that we may rejoice in serving the Lord together. If we can be of service to you or your family in any way please do not hesitate to ask.

LIFE THOUGHTS/PRAYER: Trinity XI – Heaven and earth grieve every life ended by another (Genesis 4:10). Worse yet is believing ourselves any better than murderers (Luke 18:11-14). Lord God regards all as precious as little babies, and His Son's forgiving Word and works of faith rescue from death's mouth when tempted (Genesis 4:7) and from hell's mouth when guilty (Genesis 4:15). *Merciful Father, intervene that we may be saved and safe from death and hell. 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, September 14 at 9:30AM.**
“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 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

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)

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)

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

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

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

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS AS LISTED – 10:45 AM

High School – 4:12 Youth Room
7th – 8th Grade – C105
6th Grade – C103

5th Grade – C113
3rd – 4th Grade – C116
1st – 2nd Grade – C115

Kindergarten – B110
3 & 4 yrs – B109
18 mos. – 3 yrs – B111

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Lyle & Karen Schmidt in honor of their 63rd wedding anniversary, and by the Pugh Family in celebration of Augustus Benjamin Pugh's baptism into Christ today.



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

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

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



LIFE WITH GOD is a study of God's Word and the Lutheran Doctrine. Class is held Mondays, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm, in the Bible Class Room, with a light meal before class at 6:30 pm. This course runs approximately 12 weeks. **Class will begin Monday, September 8.** *Bring a neighbor, a friend, or family!* **ZOOM Option:** Go to <https://osl.cc/mondaynight-biblestudy>. For the best experience, *please download the Zoom app* on your phone or computer. Contact Bill Prestwood with any questions: bprestwood@osl.cc or 806-626-5244.



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

PASTOR WHITE'S WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets from 10:00-12:00, and we are studying *Romans, Chief Part of the New Testament and the Very Purest Gospel*. Food and fellowship provided of course!

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

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

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

GREETERS NEEDED to serve the Lord with gladness! Get to know your fellow church family. Call Garry Stuhr for information: 281-704-7129.

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



Fall Volleyball League coming soon! We will start on **Sunday, Sept 7 in the gym at 5:00pm**. If anyone is interested, they can contact us at allthewaiser@gmail.com.



ANNUAL Loaded Baked Potato Sale

*A fundraiser for OSL 8th
grade class trip to D.C.*

Sunday, September 21, 2025
after church, at top and bottom
or after Sunday School outside
church building or cafeteria

Suggested Price
\$15 *Free Will Offering*
Chopped Beef topping available
cash, checks, venmo, or zelle

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

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

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

Babysitters! We need people to call for babysitting for upcoming events including but not limited to F.A.S.T and New Member classes. We would love to add you to the list, so that we know who we can call on for help! Please reach out to Jackie Jolley-Lowery at the church office by phone or email jlowsery@osl.cc.

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

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



Our Savior Lutheran at Prayer:

Subscribe to this short daily devotion and prayer that is published daily during the school year. Devotions are delivered directly to your email inbox, usually in the morning. Use QR code or go to our website:

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MEASURE OF DEVOTION: Last week Sunday, we had 345 people in attendance (last year 396), 442 viewers online.

Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week	\$ 31,779.10
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 34	\$ 1,260,576.13
Tithes & Offerings needed each week	\$ 42,134.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 34	\$ 1,432,556.00
Special Contributions to date	\$ 464,027.31

“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, August 31, at 9:30AM	Next Week, Sunday, September 7, at 9:30AM
ELDERS:	James Kriegel / Alvin Fritsche / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman
USHERS:	Downie Team	Gobrogge Team
SOUND:	J. Wilbanks	Greenwood
CARTS:	Stephens Team	Adams Team
ACOLYTES:	Trip Halbert / Wesley White	George Baughman / Sophia Williams
ALTAR GLD:	—	—
COMM. ASST:	—	—
EVANGELISM:	Team 3: Kriegel	Team 5: Malson
GREETERS:	TEAM 9: Kemnitz / Kunkel	TEAM 10: Schmidt / Stuhr
MUSIC:	—	—
VIDEO:	Adam White / Wesley White	Adam White / Wesley White

Schedule Your Tithe!



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Bus Driver Needed: Our school is seeking a part-time bus driver for a daily split shift: two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon. This position includes at least 20 guaranteed hours per week, with opportunities for additional hours for field trip driving throughout the school year. This person needs to have a current commercial license (CDL) with a passenger endorsement. If interested, please contact the school office at 713-290-8277 or email Lynette Cherington at lcherington@oslschool.lorg.



OSL at a Glance

Sunday, August 31, 2025

<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Confirmation Class-YR	8:15am	Youth Room
Matins - Pugh Baptism	9:30am	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45am	
Fellowship Meeting - BC	12:00pm	Bible Class Room



Monday, September 1, 2025 ~ Labor Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Stitches Fellowship Group - FR	6:30pm	Family Room
Church Council-BC	7:00pm	Bible Class Room

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Men's Bible Study-BC	6:30am	Bible Class Room
School Chapel	8:15am	Church
Bible Class-BC	10:00am	Bible Class Room
Bulletin Deadline	12:00pm	Church Office
Carillon Ringers	6:15pm	Choir Loft
Jubilate Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary	7:00pm	Choir Loft



Thursday, September 4, 2025

Prayer Request printing deadline	3:00pm	Church office
7th Grade Volleyball	4:30pm – 5:30pm	Gym
Lutheran Confessions Bible Study -BC	6:00pm	Bible Class Room
Word Web Bible Study-Zoom	7:00pm	https://osl.cc/the-word-on-the-web

Saturday, September 6, 2025

Men Alive-BC	8:30am	Bible Class Room
<i>Bon Appétit</i>	<i>11:00am</i>	<i>Offsite at Member's House</i>

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Matins	9:30am	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45am	
Evangelism Meeting - EO	12:00pm	Evangelism Office
Exultae Brass-Choir Rm	12:00pm	Choir Room
Sr Youth Meeting-YR	12:00pm	Youth Room
Church Volleyball League	5:00pm	Gymnasium



FELLOWSHIP MEETING TODAY, after Sunday School in the Bible Class Room. We will be planning and discussing our upcoming **Reformation Lutherfest** Celebration in October. *Anyone is welcome to join us!*

BLOOD DRIVE

Our Savior Lutheran

**Saturday, September 27
8:00 am - 12:30 pm
Bible Classroom**

**Successful donors will receive
a FREE pair of special edition
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**Contact Bill Prestwood
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sponsor code: 0245**



Appointments preferred. Walk-ins welcome.



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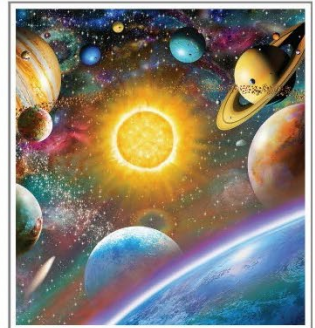
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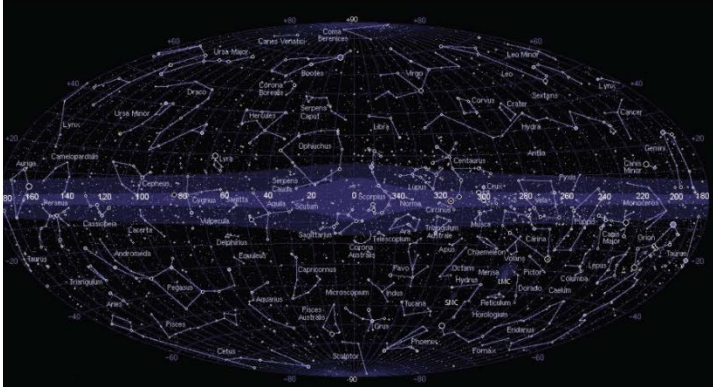


The Stars: An Introduction
Friday, September 12
7:00 pm - Science Lab room

Join us as we explore the vast depths of God's creation as we look to the stars. From constellations to planets, we will get a close look at deep space.



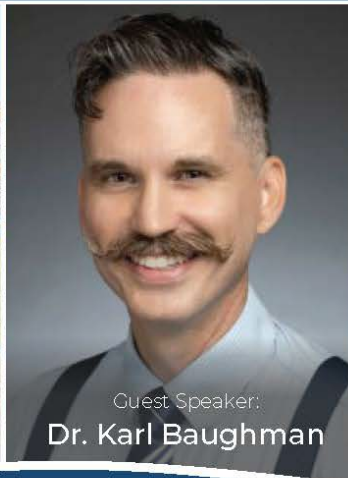
OSL Astronomy Club



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