



But seek first the
KINGDOM OF GOD
— AND —
HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS,
and all these things
shall be added to you.

MATTHEW 6:33, NKJV

Our Savior Lutheran

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Order of Holy Communion

In Nomine Jesu



Music for Meditation & Prayer

Ringling of the Bells

Prelude
With the Lord
By J. Scott

Greetings & Announcements

Hymn of Invocation

With the Lord Begin Your Task

Text: tr. W. Gustave Polack; Tune: Peter Frank – “Fang Dein Werk”; LSB #869 © 2006 CPH



1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di - rect it.
2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise, and ad - o - ra - tion.
3 With your Sav - ior at your side, Foes need not a - larm you;
4 If your task be thus be - gun With the Sav - ior's bless - ing,
5 Thus, Lord Je - sus, ev - 'ry task Be to You com - mend - ed;



For His aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus will per - fect it.
On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is your sal - va - tion.
In His prom - is - es con - fide, And no ill can harm you.
Safe - ly then your course will run, Toward the prom - ise press - ing.
May Your will be done, I ask, Un - til life is end - ed.



Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, And when day is end - ed,
Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night Je - sus will be near you,
All your trust and hope re - pose In the might - y Mas - ter,
Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where While you here must wan - der;
Je - sus, in Your name be - gun Be the day's en - deav - or;



In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him com - mend - ed.
Save you from the tempt - er's might, With His pres - ence cheer you.
Who in wis - dom tru - ly knows How to stem dis - as - ter.
You at last the joy will share In the man - sions yon - der.
Grant that it may well be done To Your praise for - ev - er.

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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

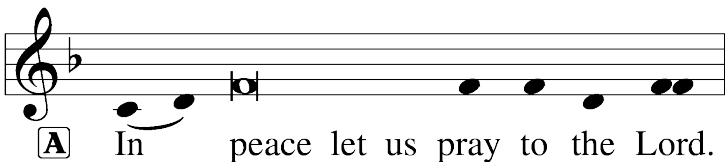
“Inclina, Domine, Aurem Tuam”

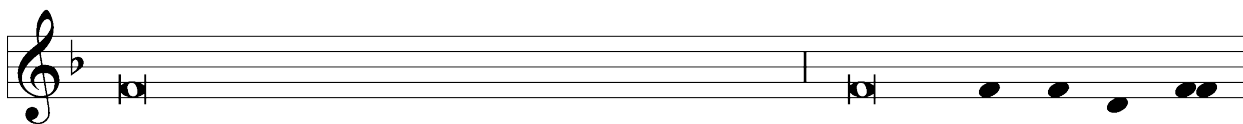
(Intoned by Laetare with Congregation on Gloria Patri)

(Psalm 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b, 3)

Incline your ear, O Lord, and | answer me,*
save your servant, who trusts in you—you | are my God.
Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*
for to you do I cry | all the day.
Gladden the soul of your | servant,*
for to you, O Lord, do I lift | up my soul.
Give ear, O Lord, | to my prayer;*
listen to my | plea for grace.
But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious;*
turn to me and be gra- | cious to me;
give your strength to your | servant,*
and save the son of your maid- | servant.
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.
Incline your ear, O Lord, and | answer me,*
save your servant, who trusts in you—you | are my God.
Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*
for to you do I cry | all the day.

Kyrie





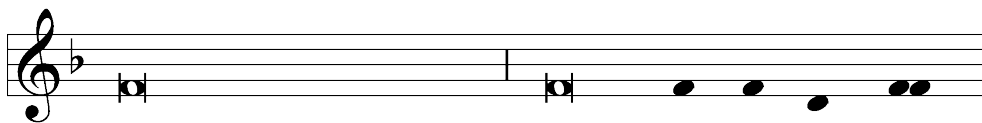
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



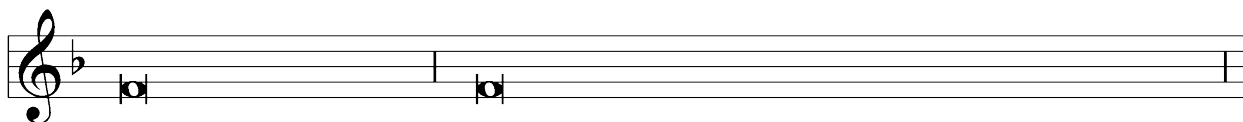
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



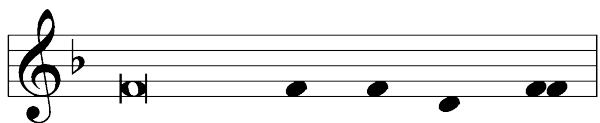
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



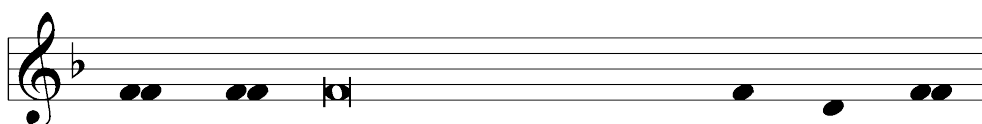
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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

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 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, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; 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

With a Voice of Singing

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Jubilate Choir

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Alleluia. Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Old Testament Lesson

1 Kings 17:8–16

[8] Then the word of the Lord came to him, [9] “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” [10] So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” [11] And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” [12] And she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” [13] And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. [14] For thus says the Lord the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.’” [15] And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. [16] The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

The Lord provides for the needs of His people in the most unexpected ways. The widow had given up and was ready to die. And yet she trusted the promise of God through the word of His prophet Elijah. Like all of God’s promises that promise held true and she was given an inexhaustible supply of flour and oil. If by faith we will cling to promise instead of the problems, we too will be blessed with a source of life and strength that can never run out.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual

(Intoned by Laetare; Psalm 118:8-9)

It is better to take refuge | in the Lord*
than to | trust in man.

It is better to take refuge | in the Lord*
than to trust in | princes.

Epistle Reading

Galatians 5:25–6:10

[25] If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

[26] Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. [6:1] Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

[2] Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

[3] For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. [4] But let each one test his own work, and

then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. [5] For each will have to bear his own load. [6] One

who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. [7] Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for

whatever one sows, that will he also reap. [8] For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

[9] And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. [10] So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who

are of the household of faith.

Faith is more than just words. We who talk the talk must also be willing to walk the walk. Love for Jesus transforms every dimension of our lives in His image. As we demonstrate the love and compassion which we have experienced in Christ we will not only be a blessing to all we meet but we will also glorify God and demonstrate the reality of His 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 6th chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

St. Matthew 6:24–34

[24] [Jesus said:] “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. [25] “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? [26] Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? [27] And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? [28] And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, [29] yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. [30] But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? [31] Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ [32] For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. [33] But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. [34] “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Carefree confidence for every day is God's gift to those who live by faith in Him. The love which we have been given in Christ provides the answer to the most basic challenges of life. Compared to God's gift of eternal life, our day to day worries about worldly things pale into insignificance. If God loved you enough to save you, He certainly is capable of caring for you.

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.*

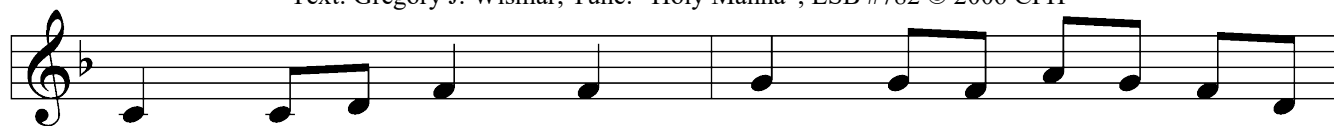
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Sermon Hymn

Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

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1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings
2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion
3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior
△ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing

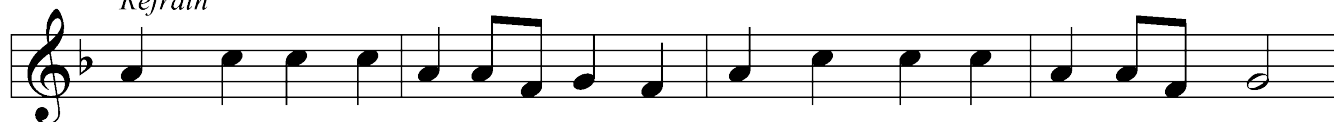


New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.
ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.
Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

Refrain



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

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(Stand for Text)

Sermon

Text: St. Matthew 6:24–34

“Who’s in Charge?”

(Stand)

Votum

Offertory

(Psalm 104:14-15; Isaiah 25:6; 1 Corinthians 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

Jesus Loves Me

Jackie Jolley-Lowery, flute & Jeff Armstrong, harp

Catechism Hymn

We All Believe in One True God

Text: Martin Luther; Tune: Latin, 14th cent. – “Wir Glauben All”; LSB #954, st. 1 © 2006 CPH



1 We all be - lieve in one true God, Who cre - at - ed
earth and heav - en, The Fa - ther, who to us in love
Has the right of chil - dren giv - en. He in soul and
bod - y feeds us; All we need His hand pro - vides us;
Through all snares and per - ils leads us, Watch - ing that no
harm be - tide us. He cares for us by
day and night; All things are gov - erned by His might.

Catechism Lesson

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What is The First Article of The Creed?

C

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

P

What does this mean?

C

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

P A lesson from St. John 20:31 –

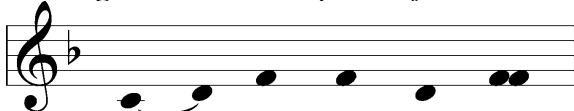
C “[B]ut these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

(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.

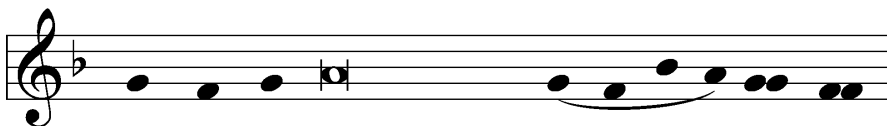


P Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(Psalm 136)

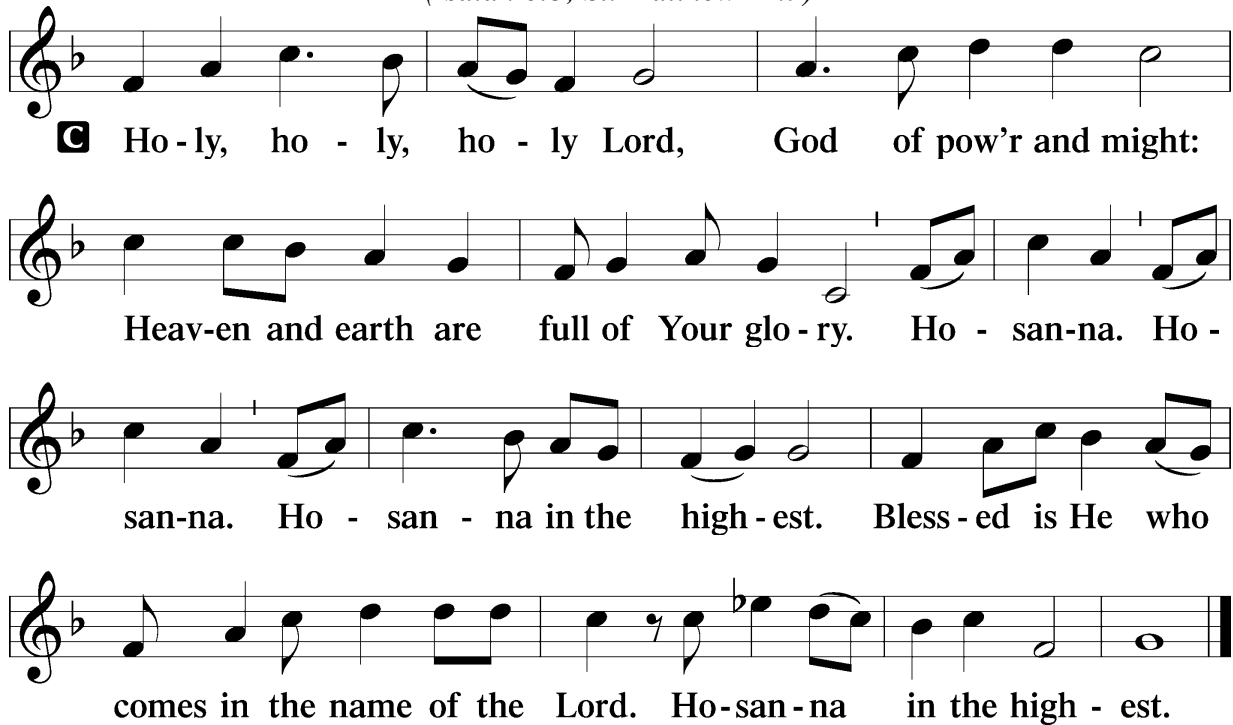


C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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; St. Matthew 21:9)



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

(St. 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

(St. 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

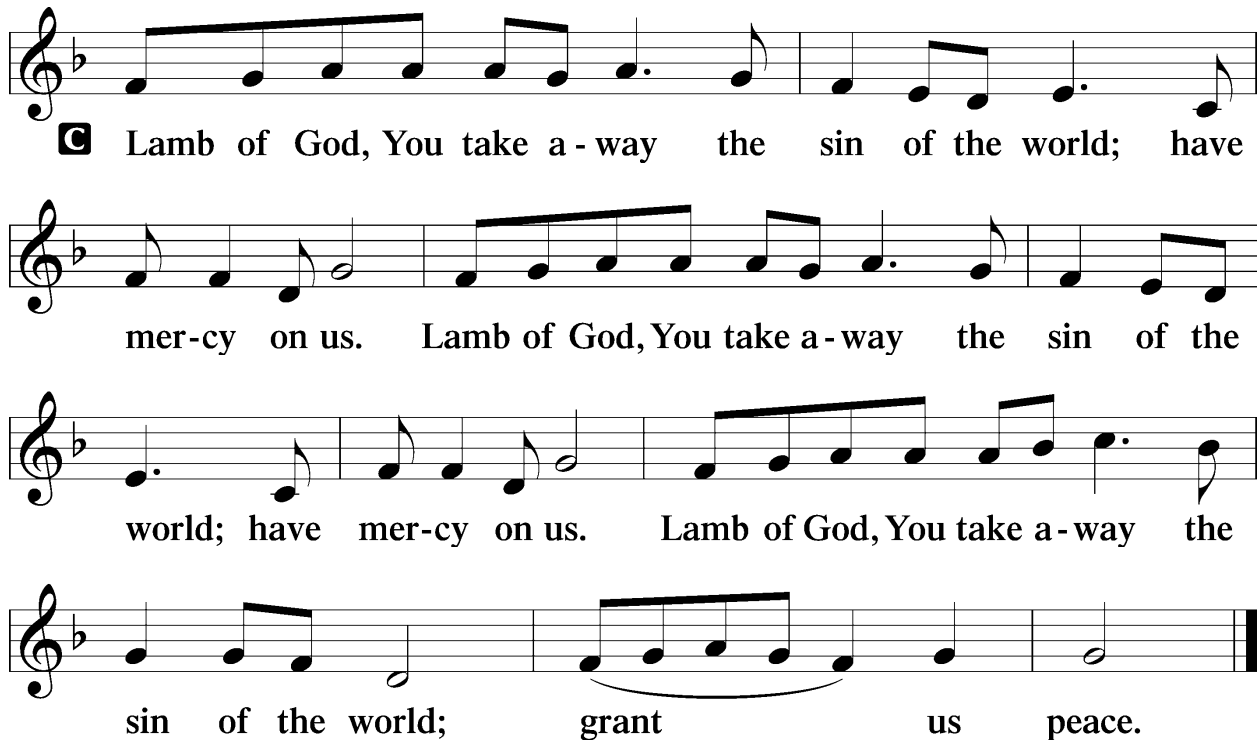
(St. John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C *And also with you.*

Agnus Dei

(St. 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

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

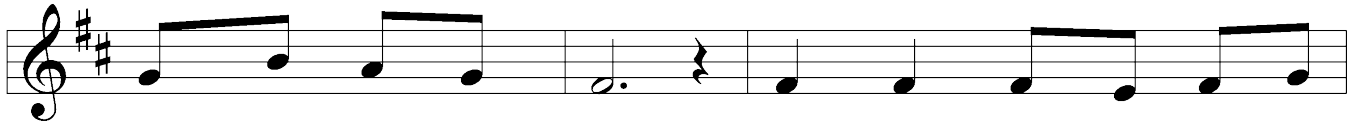
Distribution Hymns

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

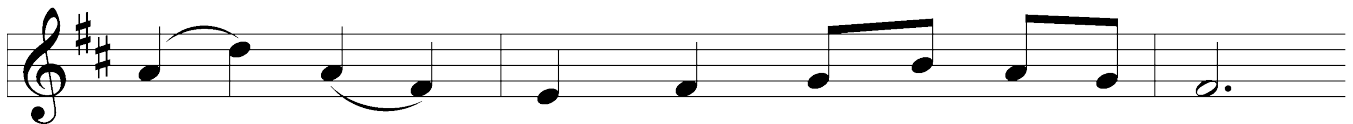
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1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

Ministry of Music

Communion Meditation

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Jubilate Choir

Bread is broken, words are spoken, for the Savior who died for me.

Now we meet Him, gladly greet Him, for in dying He set us free.

Come risen Lord and dwell with us. Be ever in our heart.

May we know Thine eternal grace. May sin and death depart.

Wine so sacred, consecrated, given to us as from His hand.

Life unending, love descending, in His mercy we ever stand.

Come risen Lord and dwell with us. Be ever in our heart.

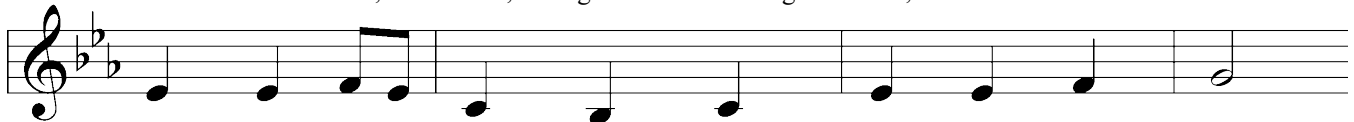
May we know Thine eternal grace. May sin and death depart.

Sing His glory, wondrous story. We receive Him with body and blood.

Voices raising, humbly praising, we are mortal, but ever Thine. We are mortal, but ever Thine.

Lord of All Hopefulness

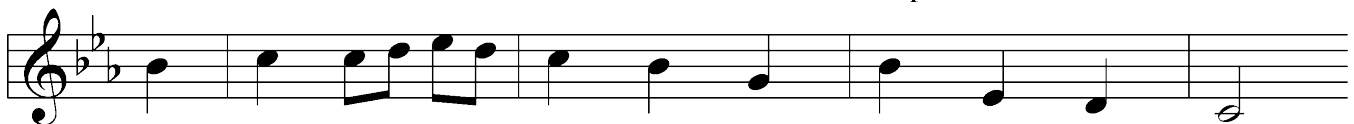
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1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

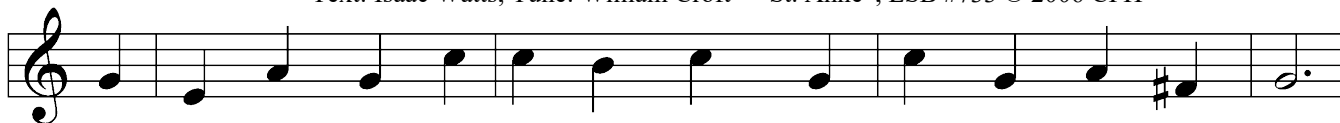


Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Text: Isaac Watts; Tune: William Croft – “St. Anne”; LSB #733 © 2006 CPH



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou-sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

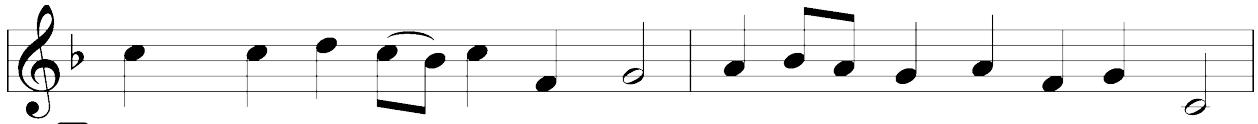
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Post-Communion Canticle

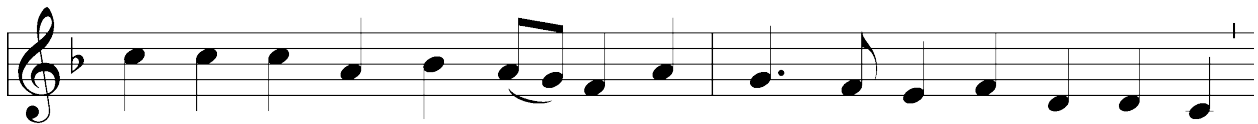
Thank the Lord



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



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

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 to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

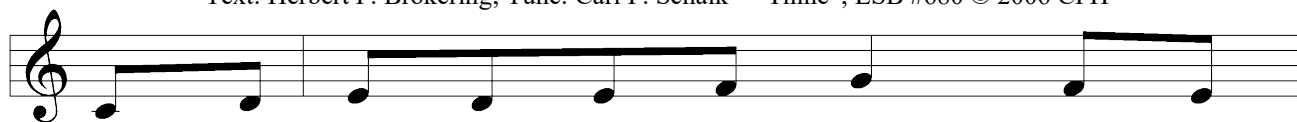


C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

Text: Herbert F. Brokering; Tune: Carl F. Schalk – “Thine”; LSB #680 © 2006 CPH



1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
 3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine-yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

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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: Trinity XV – Our God Jesus has set us free from sin, death, and the power of the devil. He also gives us the gift of dependence, to depend upon Him in faith and on one another in love and service (Galatians 6:2). Rather than diminishing our humanity, mutual dependence dignifies it. *Lord Jesus, help me to depend upon You with Your people and defend those who depend upon me. 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, October 12 at 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 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

New Bible Class:

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

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

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

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

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

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

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS AS LISTED – 10:45 AM

High School – 4:12 Youth Room

7th – 8th Grade – C105

6th Grade – C103

5th Grade – C113

3rd – 4th Grade – C116

1st – 2nd Grade – C115

Kindergarten – B110

3 & 4 yrs – B109

18 mos. – 3 yrs – B111



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Mushinski Family in celebration of Lydia's birthday.



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

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

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



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Men Alive Donuts & Coffee: Freewill Donations.
No Cash? Scan this QR Code or Search: menalive@osl.cc



Fall Volleyball League: Sundays in the gym at 5:00pm. If anyone is interested, contact us at allthewaizer@gmail.com.



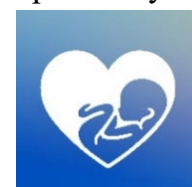
RECYCLE PAPER in the bin which is in the back parking lot to the north.

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 jlowsy@osl.cc or call the church office.

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

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

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Extended Care Program Position

Our Savior Lutheran School is seeking caring individuals to join our Extended Care team, caring for our scholars after school.

- **Requirements:** High school diploma, at least 18 years old.
- **Experience:** Childcare experience preferred but not required.
- **Schedule:** Part-time, Monday–Friday afternoons, averaging 15 hours per week.
- **Ideal Candidate:** A Christian role model who enjoys working with children.

Preschool Classroom Aide Position

We are also looking for a Preschool Classroom Aide to support our teachers and students.

- **Schedule:** Mondays & Fridays, 7:45 am–1:45 pm.
- **Experience:** Preferably experienced with young children, or willing to learn.
- **Responsibilities:** Assist the classroom teacher by preparing materials and working with individual students or small groups under the teacher’s direction.
- **Ideal Candidate:** A nurturing Christian who enjoys working with children.

If interested, please contact Lynette Cherington at lcherington@oslschool.org or call 713-290-8277.



LUTHERAN WITNESS - If you would like to be included in the church’s subscription, simply write a check to OSL for **\$25.00** with “*Lutheran Witness*” in the memo, and place it in the offering plate by **October 15**.



Our Savior Lutheran at Prayer:

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



MEASURE OF DEVOTION: Last week Sunday, we had 353 people in attendance (last year 419), 473 viewers online.

Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week	\$ 50,842.32
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 38	\$ 1,413,589.88
Tithes & Offerings needed each week	\$ 42,134.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 38	\$ 1,601,092.00
Special Contributions to date	\$ 502,485.06

“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, September 28, at 9:30 AM	Next Week, Sunday, October 5, at 9:30 AM
ELDERS:	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
USHERS:	Downie Team	Gobrogge Team
SOUND:	Witt	J. Wilbanks
CARTS:	Kriegel Team	Gavin Team
ACOLYTES:	Brynn Burttschell / William Garcia	Clementine Bender / Isabelle Frazier
ALTAR GLD:	Clarissa Worthing Team	—
COMM. ASST:	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman	—
EVANGELISM:	Team 2: Stuhr	Team 3: Kriegel
GREETERS:	TEAM 3: Cherington / Guevara	TEAM 4: Copeland / Downie
MUSIC:	Jubilate Choir / Jackie Jolley-Lowery	School
VIDEO:	Adam White / Wesley White	Adam White / Wesley White

Schedule Your Tithe!

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

ALTAR GUILD MEETING TODAY: All current altar guild members and any woman interested in joining Altar Guild – Please join us for a meeting today, **September 28th** in the Bible Classroom at noon (*right after Bible class*). We will talk about upcoming events and holidays. A light lunch will be served. *Hope to see everyone there!*



OSL at a Glance

Sunday, September 28, 2025

<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	
Altar Guild Meeting-BC	12:00pm	Bible Class Room
Jr Youth Fusion-YR	12:00pm	Youth Room
Laudate-Choir Rm	12:00pm	Church Choir Room
Church Volleyball League	5:00pm	Gymnasium



Monday, September 29, 2025

Young Adults Bible Study-YR	6:00pm	Youth Room
Life with God-New Member Class - BC	7:00pm	Bible Class Room



Tuesday, September 30, 2025

<i>OSL Stand & Pray Day-PP</i>	<i>7am-7pm</i>	<i>Planned Parenthood</i>
<i>Celebration of Life Service-PP</i>	<i>12:00pm</i>	<i>4600 Gulf Fwy</i>
Stitches Fellowship Group - FR	6:30pm	Family Room
Parochial Ed-BC	7:00pm	Bible Classroom



Wednesday, October 1, 2025

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

Thursday, October 2, 2025

Prayer Request printing deadline	3:00pm	Church office
Lutheran Confessions Bible Study Group-BC	6:00pm	Bible Class Room
Carillon Ringers	6:15pm	Choir Loft
Jubilate Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary	7:00pm	Choir Loft
Word Web Bible Study-Zoom	7:00pm	https://osl.cc/the-word-on-the-web

Saturday, October 4, 2025

Men Alive-A101	8:30am	cafeteria
<i>Bon Appétit</i>	<i>11:00am</i>	<i>Offsite at Member's House</i>

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Confirmation Class-YR	8:15am	Youth 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
LWML White Oak Zone Rally - BC	2:00pm	Bible Class Room
Church Volleyball League	5:00pm	Gymnasium



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Run & Walk for Life!

The Run is done, but we still need to raise vital funds to keep our **Blue Blossom Pregnancy Centers—Big Blue, Baby Blue, Little One, Little Two**—and our main office on the road and open. Your support helps provide **free** pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counseling, parenting classes, and essential baby items to women facing unexpected pregnancies. **Donations can be given until October 20, at noon.**

In a post-Roe world, women in crisis pregnancies are still being exploited by the abortion industry—especially through chemical abortion pills. Although surgical abortion is illegal in Texas, obtaining abortion pills by mail with just a click of a button is easy as ever. **Every day, we encounter women in crisis, but because of the hope and help they receive through our Blue Blossom Pregnancy Centers, 93% embrace life for their babies. Let's keep that number rising.**



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40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Pastor White will lead a Service @ 12:00, Sep 30, to Celebrate the CLOSING of the largest Planned Parenthood in the country!

2025 Fall Campaign:

OSL Day: September 30

Join us for prayer, repentance, and fasting outside Planned Parenthood:
4600 Gulf Fwy, Houston, TX 77023

Will you not watch one hour with me?
Matthew 26:40



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 30

7AM - 7PM

Contact Cindy Blake:
(832) 398-5303 cindyablake@yahoo.com



An estimated **110,000+**
lives were lost here.

*JOIN US AS THE DOORS **CLOSE...***

SEPT. 30

Join us as children born in each year this facility was open (2010-2025) lay roses down to represent the lives lost during those same years. We will also gather to celebrate the long-awaited closure of Prevention Park. We will be there all day, so please drop by at any time to honor the lost, celebrate life, and witness history.

9:00 AM ROSES OF REMEMBRANCE

Fr. Lawrence Jozwiak
Pastor, of St. Maximilian Kolbe

12:00 PM CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Rev. Dr. Laurence White
Senior Pastor, Our Savior Lutheran



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