



*Our Savior Lutheran
Church*

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Order of Holy Communion

In Nomine Jesu



Music for Meditation & Prayer

Ringling of the Bells

Prelude

Trumpet Tune

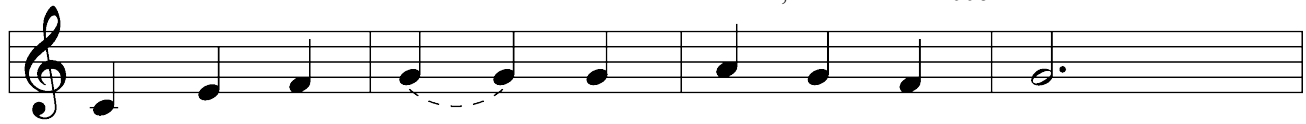
By John Stanley

Greetings & Announcements

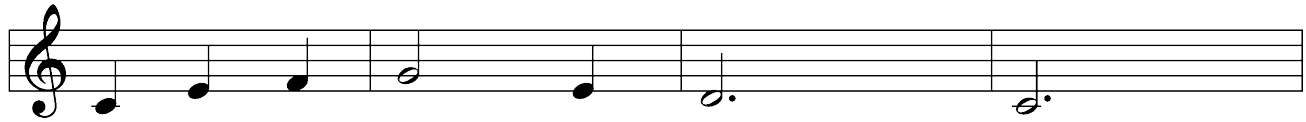
Hymn of Invocation

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

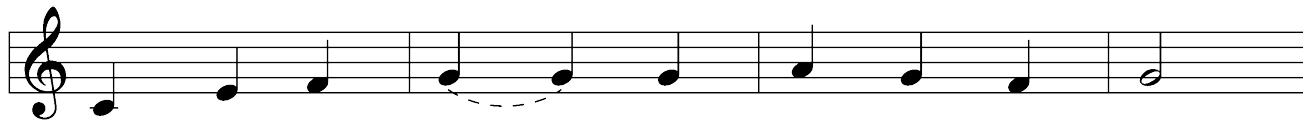
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1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run with pa - tience the race,

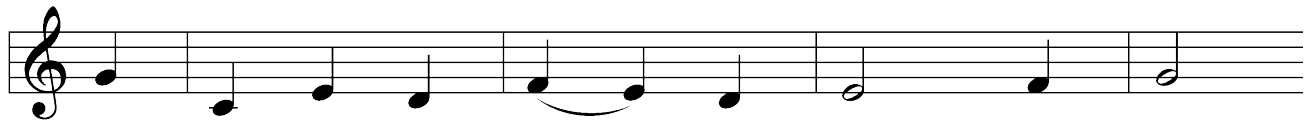


The star of my life is Je - sus.
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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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)

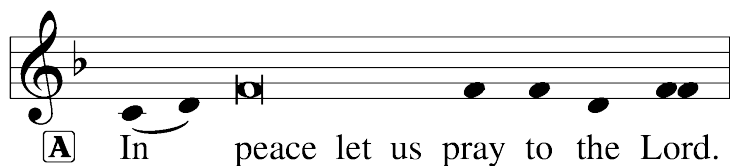
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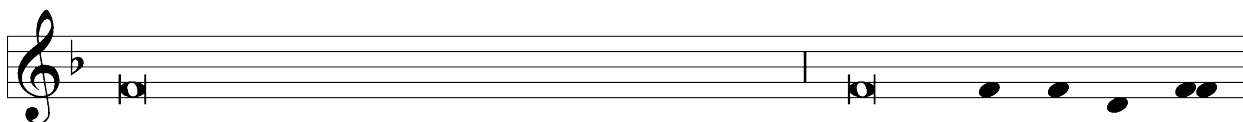
“Justus es, Domine”

(Intoned by Laetare with Congregation on Gloria Patri; Psalm 119:1–2, 5–6; antiphon: vv. 137, 124)

Righteous are you, | O Lord,*
and right are your | just decrees.
Deal with your servant according to your | steadfast love,*
and teach me your | statutes.
Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless,*
who walk in the law | of the Lord!
Blessèd are those who keep his testi- | monies,*
who seek him with their | whole heart.
Oh that my ways may be | steadfast*
in keeping your | statutes!
Then I shall not be | put to shame,*
having my eyes fixed on all your com- | mandments.
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.
Righteous are you, | O Lord,*
and right are your | just decrees.
Deal with your servant according to your | steadfast love,*
and teach me your | statutes.

Kyrie





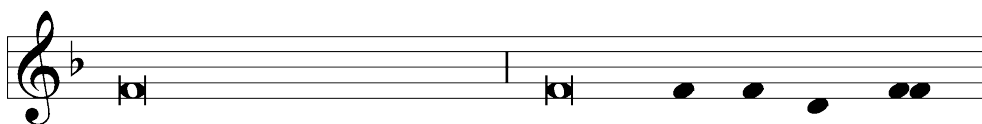
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



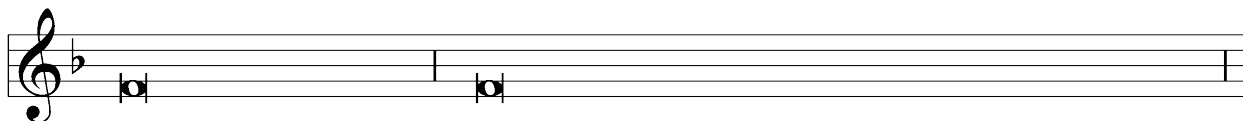
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



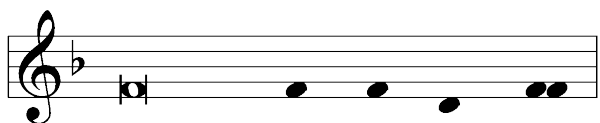
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



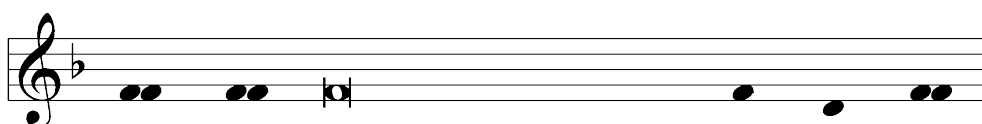
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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.

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For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His

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reign. Al - le - lu - - - ia. This is the

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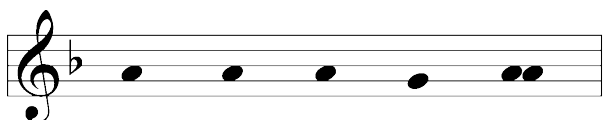
feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

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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.

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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

O Bless the Lord

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Jubilate Choir

O bless the Lord, O my soul. O bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that's within me. Come bless His name.

O bless the Lord, sing O my soul. O bless the Lord, O my soul.

Come and lift your voices, loud anthems to raise. Give Him glory and honor and praise.

Praise the Lord, all ye heavens rejoice. Lift up your voice. Make a joyful noise.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. (Repeat)

Bless the Lord! Bless the Lord, O my soul. Come and praise the Lord all ye heavens rejoice. Lift up your voice.

Bless the Lord. O my soul, bless the Lord! Bless the Lord! Bless the Lord!

Old Testament Lesson

Proverbs 25:6–14

[6] Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, [7] for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen [8] do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? [9] Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, [10] lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end. [11] A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver. [12] Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reprove to a listening ear. [13] Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who send him; he refreshes the soul of his masters. [14] Like clouds and wind without rain is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

The world advises that self-promotion and self-confidence are the only ways to personal success. That false wisdom reveals the insecurity and fear that it's every man for himself. The believer knows better. We have the assurance that we are not alone. Our God of love is guiding and guarding every step of the way. That confidence enables us to live humbly and honestly, always trusting in the Lord to accomplish His purpose for our lives.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Gradual

(Intoned by Laetare; Psalm 33:12, 6)

Blessèd is the nation whose God | is the Lord,*
the people whom he has chosen as his | heritage!
By the word of the Lord the heav- | ens were made,*
and by the breath of his mouth | all their host.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 4:1–6

[1] I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, [2] with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, [3] eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. [4] There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— [5] one Lord, one faith, one baptism, [6] one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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

St. Paul urges the same humble confidence which Solomon had presented in the OT Lesson. For a marriage, or a family, or a church family to live together in harmony and peace there must be the humble willingness to practice self-sacrificing Christ-like love. Our sinful human nature warns that others will take advantage of us. Jesus says live as I did, not for Myself but for you.

(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. Luke, the 14th chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

St. Luke 14:1-11

[1] One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. [2] And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. [3] And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" [4] But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. [5] And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" [6] And they could not reply to these things. [7] Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, [8] "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, [9] and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. [10] But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. [11] For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

The theme of all of our Bible readings today continues in the Gospel. For those who live by the Law, law becomes a legalistic maze of rules which I use to exalt myself over others. Those who live by the Gospel recognize the Law as an expression of God's love. They are no longer interested in exalting themselves but in expressing the love and compassion of God in all things.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

*I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made,
Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary
And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried;
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures;
And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.*

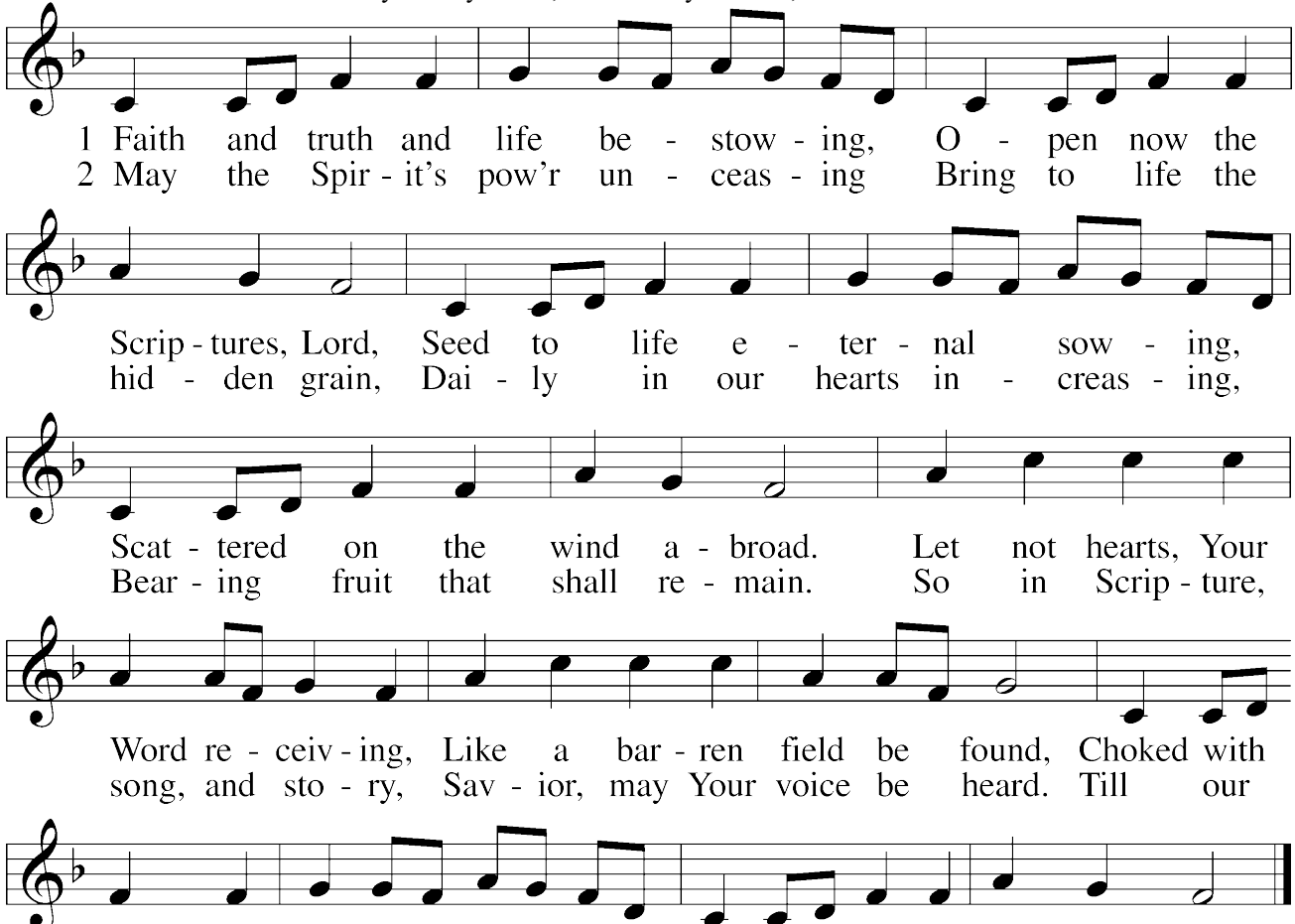
*And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life,
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
Who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.*

(Be Seated)

Sermon Hymn

Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith; Tune: "Holy Manna"; LSB #584 © 2006 CPH



1 Faith and truth and life be - stow - ing, O - pen now the
2 May the Spir - it's pow'r un - ceas - ing Bring to life the

Scrip - tures, Lord, Seed to life e - ter - nal sow - ing,
hid - den grain, Dai - ly in our hearts in - creas - ing,

Scat - tered on the wind a - broad. Let not hearts, Your
Bear - ing fruit that shall re - main. So in Scrip - ture,

Word re - ceiv - ing, Like a bar - ren field be found, Choked with
song, and sto - ry, Sav - ior, may Your voice be heard. Till our

thorns and un - be - liev - ing, Shal - low earth or ston - y ground.
eyes be - hold Your glo - ry Give us ears to hear Your Word.

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(Stand for Text)

Sermon

Text: St. Luke 14:1-11

"Humble Yourself"

(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

Holy Manna

By Kristina Langlois

Catechism Hymn

We All Believe in One True God

Text: Martin Luther; Tune: Latin, 14th cent. – “Wir Glauben All”; LSB #954 st. 2 © 2006 CPH



2 We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, His own Son, our
Lord, pos - sess - ing An e - qual God-head, throne, and might,
Source of ev - 'ry grace and bless - ing; Born of Mar - y,
vir - gin moth - er, By the pow - er of the Spir - it,
Word made flesh, our el - der broth - er; That the lost might
life in - her - it, Was cru - ci - fied for
all our sin And raised by God to life a - gain.

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Catechism Lesson

P What is the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed?

C *And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.*

P What does this mean?

C *I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold, or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be his own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.*

P A lesson from Galatians 4:4-5 –

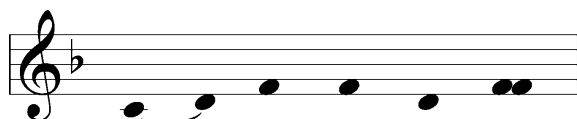
C *“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.”*

(Stand)

Intercessory Prayer

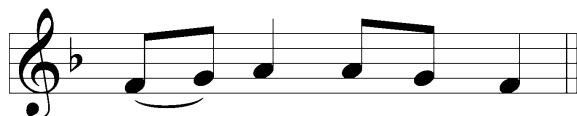
Preface

Worship Note: The sound of the Zimbelstern before the Sanctus announces the invitation that brings the realms of heaven and voices here on earth to sing the great hymn of praise to our Lord.



P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



C And al - so with you.

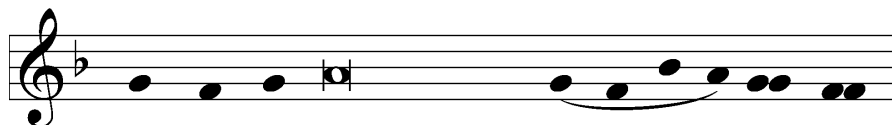


P Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(Psalm 136)

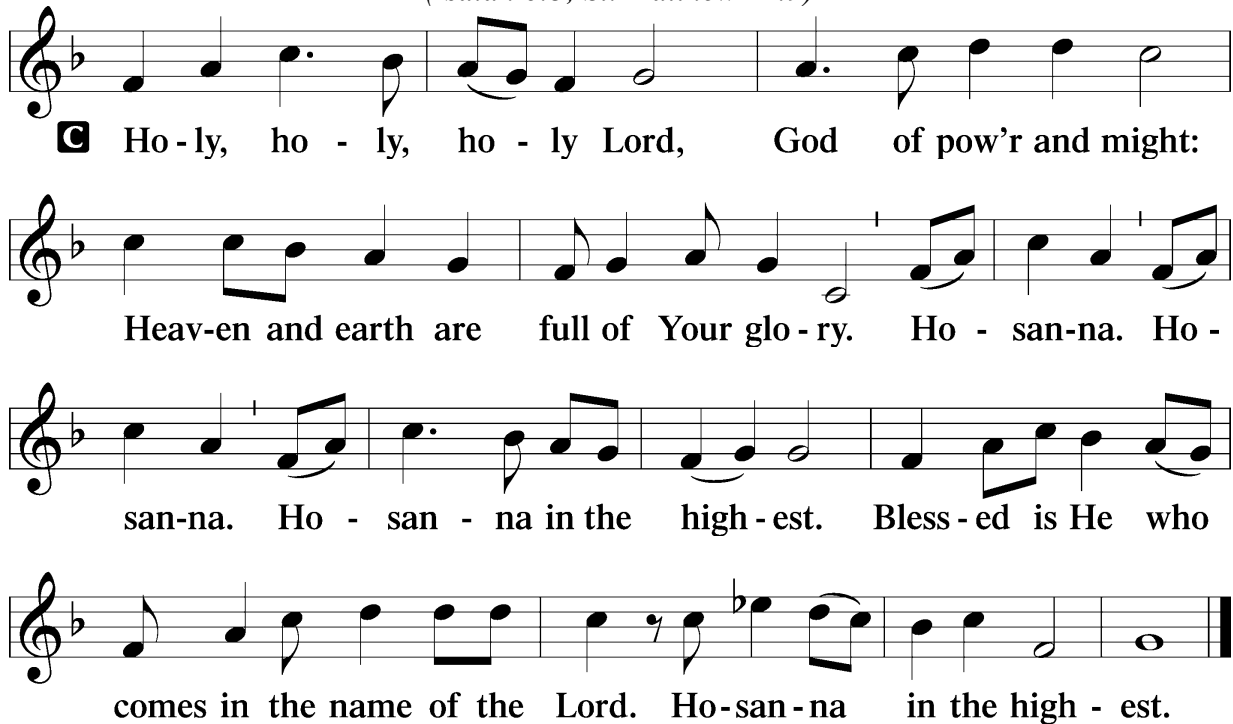


C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

- 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)



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

(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

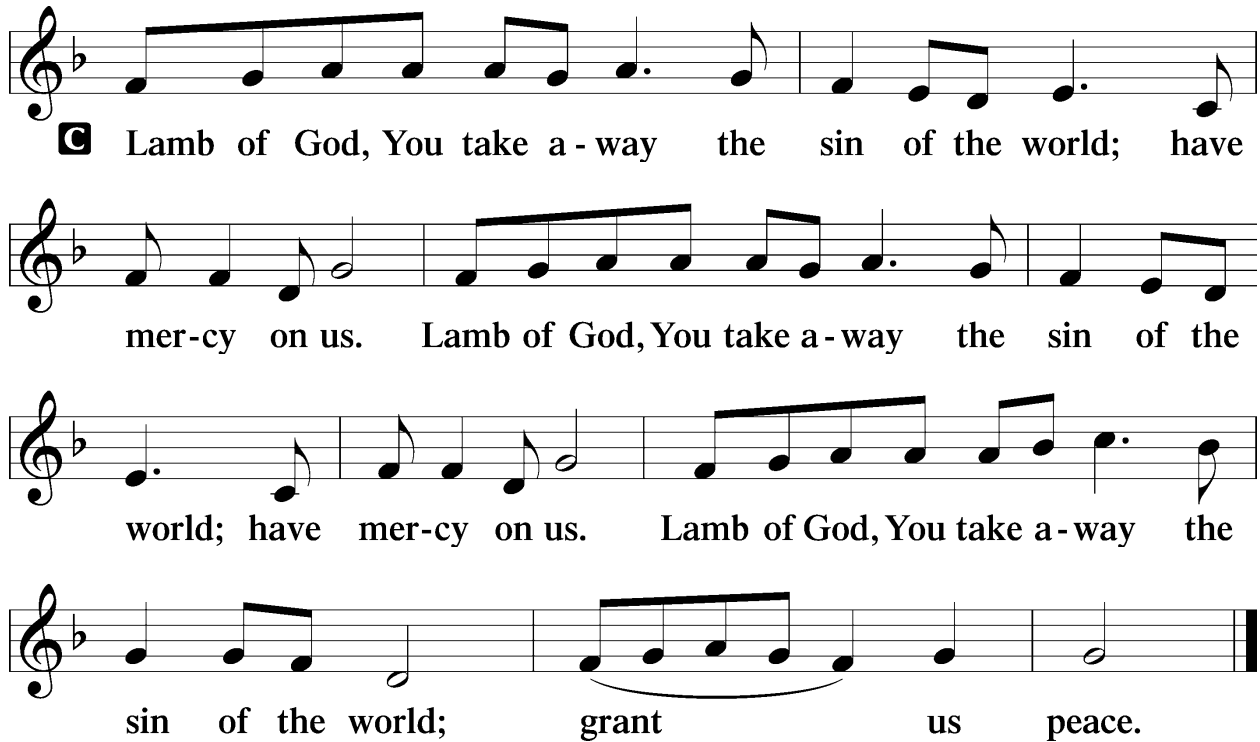
(St. John 20:19)

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

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.; tr. Gerard Moultrie; Tune: French, 17th cent. – “Picardy”; LSB #621 © 2006 CPH



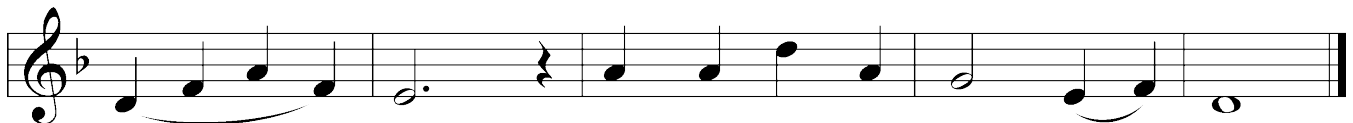
1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and
2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard
4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing
sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the
From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to
As with cease-less voice they cry: “Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
van - quish As the dark-ness clears a - way.
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!”

Ministry of Music

Invitation to Communion

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Jubilate Choir

Come to the table, come to the feast. Come, there is welcome for the greatest and the least.

Come for forgiveness, come to confess God's saving pow'r and our unworthiness.

Come to the table, come, eat the bread; Christ's body broken, our hungry souls are fed.

Come to the table, come, drink the wine, His cup of blessing, gift of love divine.

*Come to the table, come one and all, Come to remember, come, now, to recall
Our dying Savior, our living Lord, Our hope in heaven: Christ, our great reward.*

Come to the table, go then in peace; Your spirit quicken, and your faith increase.

Come to the table, go forth to be Christ's faithful people through eternity (to be)

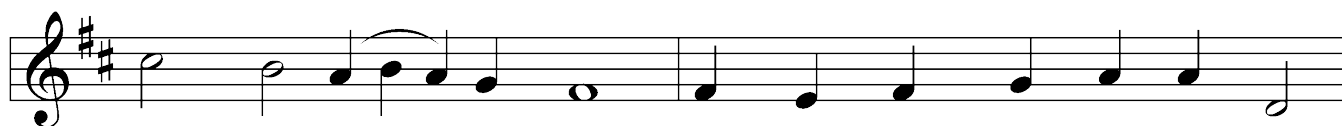
Christ's faithful people through eternity.

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell; Tune: “Sonne der Gerechtigkeit”; LSB #633 © 2006 CPH



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

Choir:

5 *Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
 You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light.
 Alleluia!*

All:

6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;
 You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise.
 Alleluia!

Choir:

7 *Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be.
 Alleluia!*

All:

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

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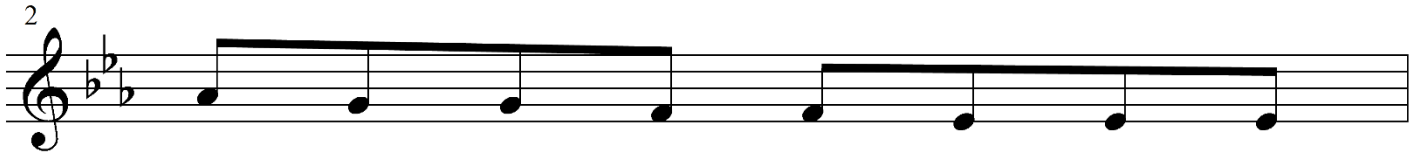
(Be Seated)

I AM Forever Who I AM

By Kurt Von Kampen



1. Though moun - tains slide in - to the sea, and
 2. We buy and sell, we - lose or gain; Our
 3. Our lust for pow - er, wealth, and land Di -
 4. Like shep - herds watch - ing for the light, A -
 5. Each gen - er - a - tion looks for truth, and
 6. Some days seem long, though life is brief, And



wa - ters rush where fields should be, though
 for - tunes shift like sun and rain. Sus -
 min - ish - es the earth You planned. Pre -
 ware - of can dan - gers in the or night, We -
 doubt is trou - ble like a youth, If
 death wait - ing like a thief. When



mon - u - ments and re - na - tions fall, Your
 tain - our - lives, and re - ward fu - our toil With
 vent - our crimes, and re - fu - tile wars; Con -
 hear - the an - gel: "Do not fear, The
 oth - er gods would take Your place, Re -
 vis - ion fades and dreams go dry, We



ho - ly cit - y stands through all. When
 bread and hon - ey, wine and oil. Save
 vince us that all things are is Yours. We
 Sav - ior of the world is near." We
 mem - ber us with love and re - grace. Re -
 will on un - seen things re - ly. Our



noth - ing seems to stay the same, You
 us - ing and oth - ers from our greed; You
 rage and we burn see, and kill our steal; But
 run, we see, and we touch, and we laugh; You
 claim us if we we go but as - tray; You
 stor - ies take we up but a page, But

6

teach us Your e - ter - nal name. I
 al - ways re - deem, us re - what we need.
 You re to the earth on store, and heal.
 came to the Truth, on our Life, be half.
 are Yours goes on from age the to Way.
 Yours goes on from age the to Way.

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AM for - ev - er - WHO I AM. A -

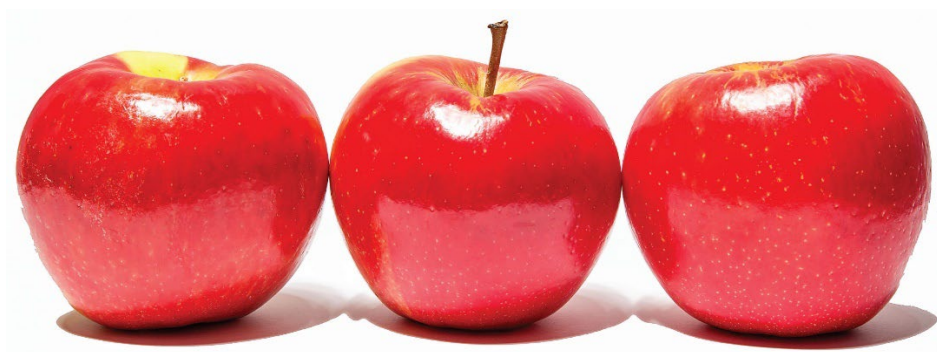
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bove you, be - neath you, A - round you and with - in you. Be

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still and know that I am God.

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(Stand)

Post-Communion Canticle

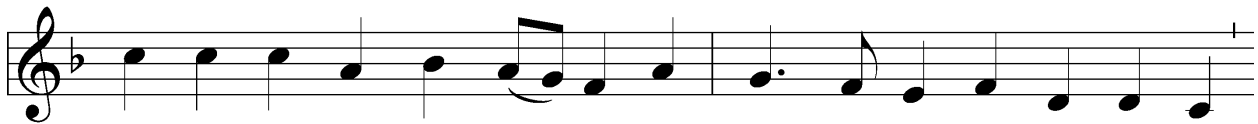
Thank the Lord



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



Let all who seek the Lord 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

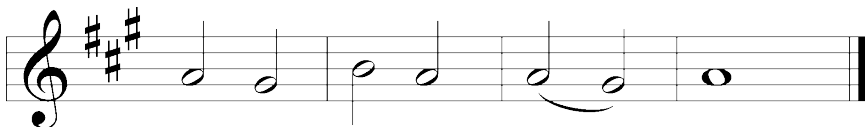
P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You 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 unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



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

Closing Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

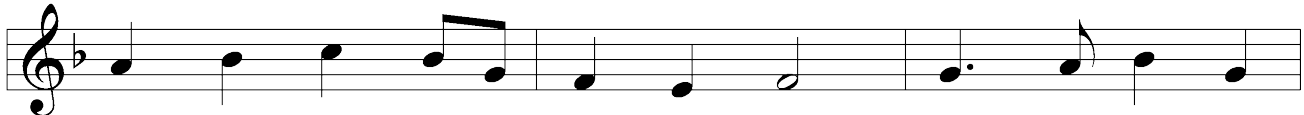
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1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple
2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils



pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;
sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us
Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion



Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this
grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these
grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's
grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -



hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
days, For the liv - ing of these days.
goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.
dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

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Postlude CWM Rhondda

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 XVII – In Christ God embraced and befriended hearts and bodies ruined by sin. He allowed neither disabilities nor disobedience to separate anyone from His love (Luke 14:1-4). This forgiveness heals us to share the same gracious kingdom with the ones right in front of us who struggle with impairment and iniquity (Luke 14:12-14). *Prayer: Extend Your kingdom, Lord Jesus, through me to those who are broken like I am. 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 **Reformation Sunday, October 26 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.

Get the OSL App...

SERMON VIDEOS are on our app or website at www.OSL.cc (click MEDIA at the top). CDs of sermons are available for \$2 each. You may also request past sermons and special services on your attendance card. Our *Bible Through One Year* plan is also on our app.



Bible Class & Sunday School Options for all:

8:15 AM –

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

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

10:45 AM – Adults

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

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

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

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

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

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

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS AS LISTED – 10:45 AM

High School – 4:12 Youth Room

7th – 8th Grade – C105

6th Grade – C103

5th Grade – C113

3rd – 4th Grade – C116

1st – 2nd Grade – C115

Kindergarten – B110

3 & 4 yrs – B109

18 mos. – 3 yrs – B111

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Lorie & Stu Moehlman in honor of their 34th wedding anniversary, and by Adam & Diane White in celebration of Adam's and Christian'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.

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

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





Men Alive Donuts & Coffee: Freewill Donations.

No Cash? Scan this QR Code or Search:

menalive@osl.cc

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

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: OSL is seeking caring individuals to care 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.

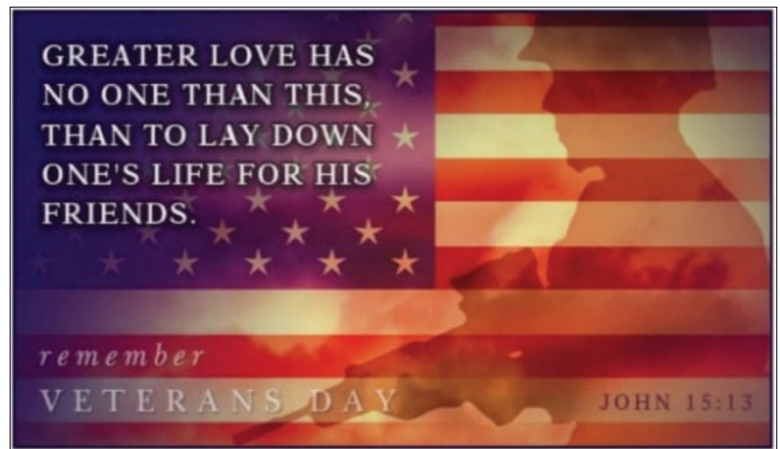
Preschool Classroom Aide Position: We’re also looking for one to support our teachers and students.

- **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.



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



Veteran's Day Chapel

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 8:15

Our Savior Lutheran School wants to recognize our veterans in chapel. Please join our scholars as we thank our Armed Forces for protecting our country.

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

Please join us as we honor you!

Light refreshments, coffee, and juice to be served.



LET'S SOAR TOGETHER!



Our Savior Lutheran

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MEASURE OF DEVOTION: Last week Sunday, we had 495 people in attendance (last year 444), 504 viewers online.

Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week	\$ 34,645.40
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 40	\$ 1,490,355.41
Tithes & Offerings needed each week	\$ 42,134.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 40	\$ 1,688,884.25
Special Contributions to date	\$ 534,973.51

“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, October 12, at 9:30 AM	Next Week, Sunday, October 19, at 9:30 AM
ELDERS:	Brad Whiting /Bradley Synnott /Glenn Frazier /Ken Thompson	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
USHERS:	Symcox Team	Halbert Team
SOUND:	Greenwood	T. Wilbanks
CARTS:	Stephens Team	Adams Team
ACOLYTES:	Clementine Bender / William Garcia	Sydney Leamon / Noelle Synnott
ALTAR GLD:	Vickie Nitsch Team	—
COMM. ASST:	Brad Whiting/Bradley Synnott/Glenn Frazier/Ken Thompson/Brian Nitsch	Team 5: Malson
EVANGELISM:	Team 4: O'Neill / Schmidt	TEAM 6: Edwards
GREETERS:	TEAM 5: Friedrich / Kriegel	Laudate Women's Choir
MUSIC:	Jubilate Choir	Adam White / Wesley White
VIDEO:	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



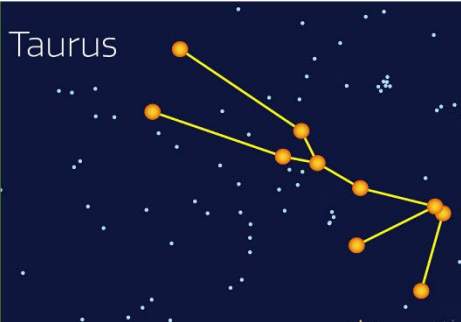
NEEDED: Flat Bed Sheets, any color or size, and in good condition, to sew onto the back of quilts. For any questions, see Sandi Hall. Donations can be brought to the church office.

OSL Astronomy Club



The Stars: An Introduction
Tuesday, October 21
8:00 pm - Soccer Field

Join us as we explore the vast depths of God’s creation as we look to the stars. The constellations Taurus and Orion are in good view and we might get to see a meteor shower.



OSL at a Glance

Sunday, October 12, 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	
Laudate-Choir Rm	12:00pm	Church Choir Room
Church Volleyball League	5:00pm	Gymnasium



Monday, October 13, 2025 ~ Columbus Day

Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML	9:00am	LWML
Life with God-New Member Class - BC	7:00pm	Bible Class Room



Tuesday, October 14, 2025

<i>Braille</i>	8:30am	<i>Concordia LCMS</i>
7 th & 8th Grade Volleyball vs. Grace Lutheran	4:00pm & 5pm	School Gym
Stitches Fellowship Group - FR	6:30pm	Family Room
Trustees-Maintenance Bldg.	6:30pm	Maintenance Building
Parish Ed mtg-YR	7:00pm	Youth Room

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 ~ Newsletter Deadline

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
F.A.S.T. Dinner & Classes	5:30pm	Cafeteria & Classrooms



Thursday, October 16, 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 18, 2025

Bunco Women's Social-BC	10:00am	Bible Class Room
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Sunday, October 19, 2025

Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Matins - Baptism Armstrong	9:30am	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45am	
Cantate-Choir Rm	12:00pm	Church Choir Room
Life Team Meeting-BC	12:00pm	Bible Class Room
Church Volleyball League	5:00pm	Gymnasium



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**.

F.A.S.T. Fall

**Fellowship
And Study
Together
Wednesdays:
Oct 15 – Nov 12**

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

Menu: Oct 15 – Loaded Baked Potato, Garden Salad, Dessert

Choose from these Classes:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our Savior Lutheran Church & School Lutherfest!

Reformation Sunday
October 26

Worship Service: 9:30 am

in Church with Choir, Bells & Brass

Sunday School: 10:45 am

Lutherfest!

12:00–3:00 pm

Gym & Outside Pavilion

Delicious Food by Holy Smokers,

Games, Face Painters!

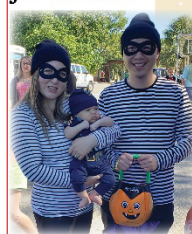
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Live Entertainment by

Das Ist Lustig!

“95 Pieces” Table Treats!

You can decorate a table and provide treats for the kids!



Fun, Family-Friendly Costumes are welcome!