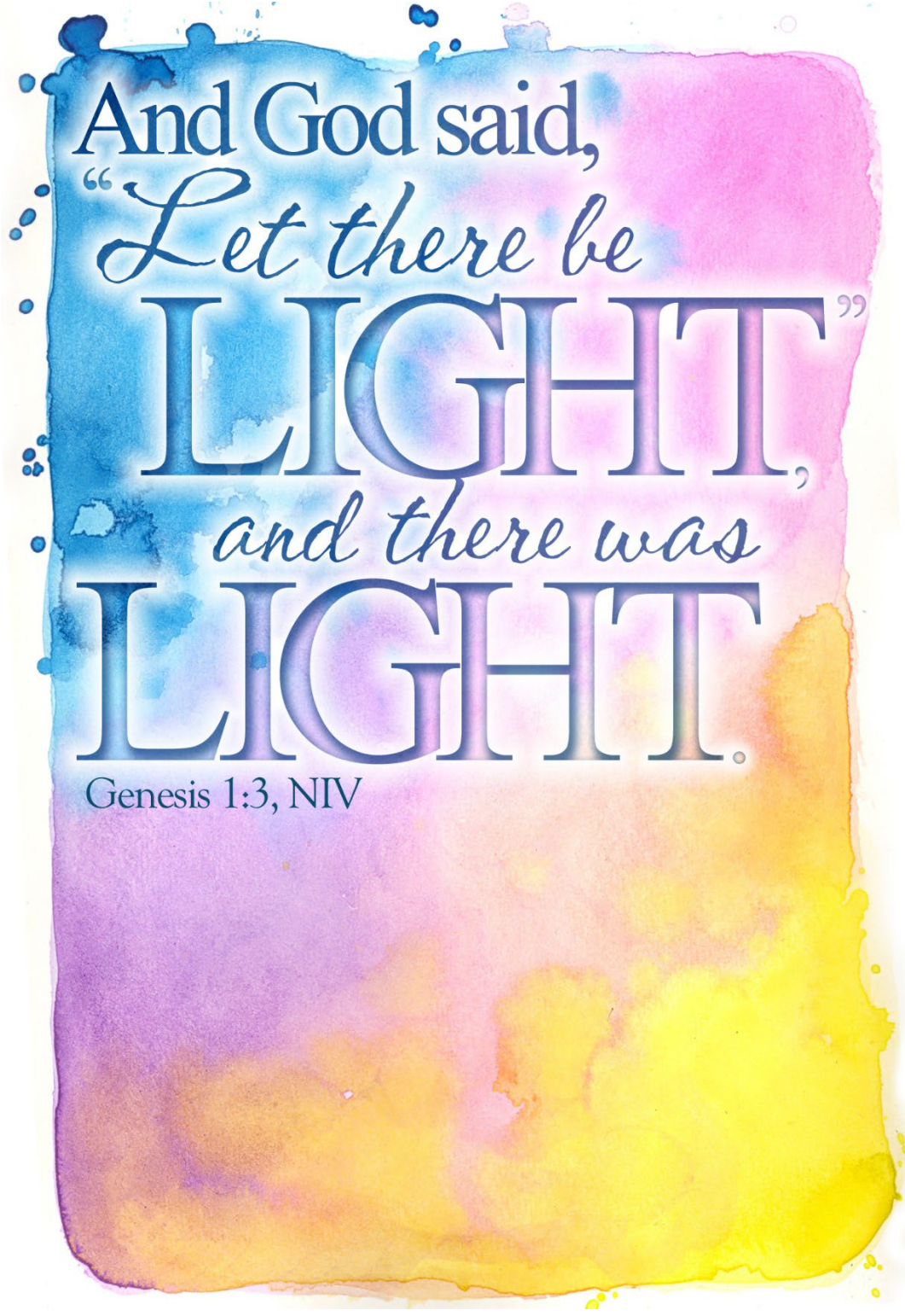




And God said,

“Let there be

LIGHT,”

and there was

LIGHT.

Genesis 1:3, NIV

Our Savior Lutheran

Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity

Order of Holy Communion

In Nomine Jesu



Music for Meditation & Prayer

Ringling of the Bells

Prelude

Lauda Anima

Greetings & Announcements

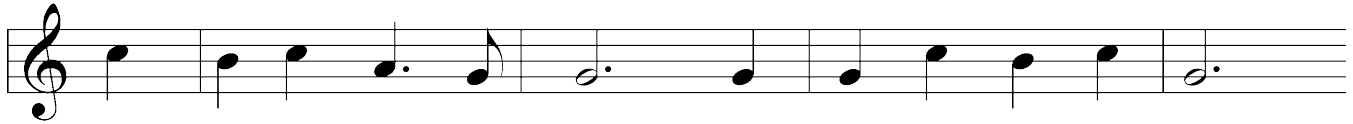
Hymn of Invocation

When Morning Gilds the Skies

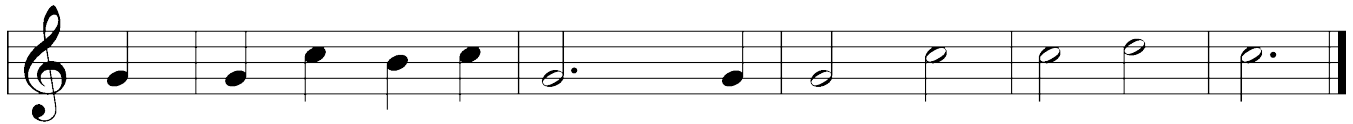
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1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,



“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s ho - ly house of prayer
Than “Je - sus Christ be praised!” There to the e - ter - nal Word
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” Let all the earth a - round
Sing, “Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s whole cre - a - tion o’er,



This rings my cur - few call: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”
Hath none that can com - pare With “Je - sus Christ be praised!”
The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”
Ring joy - ous with the sound: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”
Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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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)

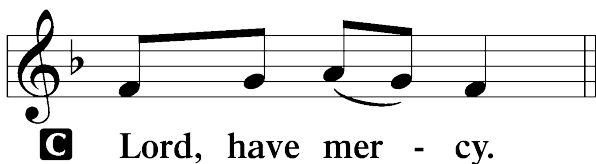
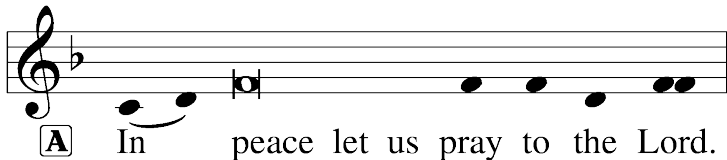
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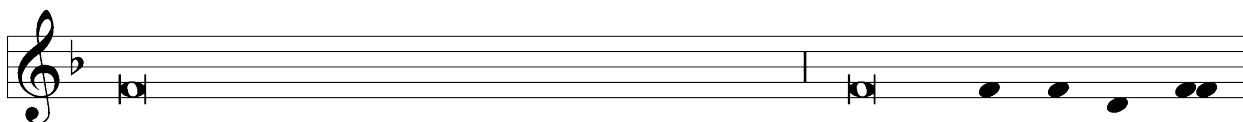
“Omnia Orbe in tua Potentia est”

(Intoned by Laetare with Congregation on Gloria Patri; Psalm 119:1, 38–40; antiphon: Liturgical Text)

The whole world is | in your power;*
O Lord, King Almighty, no one can | gainsay you.
For you have made | heaven and earth;*
you are | Lord of all!
Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless,*
who walk in the law | of the Lord!
Confirm to your servant your | promise,*
that you | may be feared.
Turn away the reproach | that I dread,*
for your just de- | crees are good.
Behold, I long for your | precepts;*
in your righteousness | give me life!
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
The whole world is | in your power;*
O Lord, King Almighty, no one can | gainsay you.
For you have made | heaven and earth;*
you are | Lord of all!

Kyrie





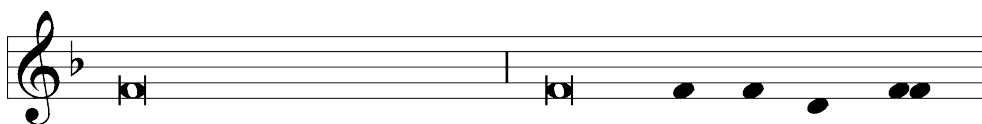
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



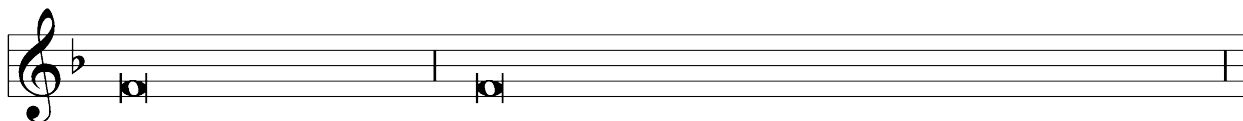
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



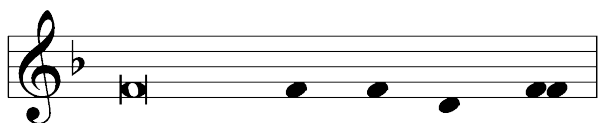
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



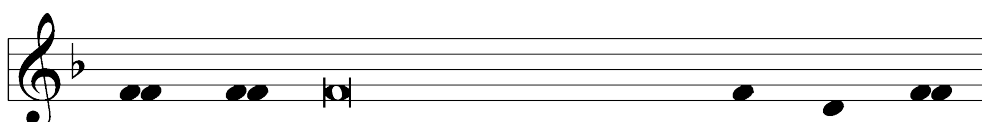
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



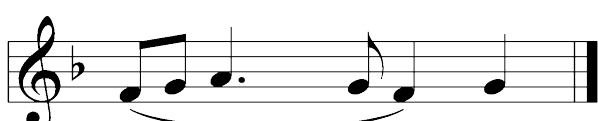
let us pray to the Lord.



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

45

53

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

57

For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His

61

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

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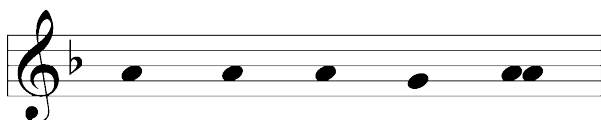
feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

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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.

O Lord, keep Your household, the Church, in continual godliness that through Your protection she may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve You in good works; 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

Rise Up This Joyful Day!

By W. A. Mozart; Edited & Arranged by Patrick M. Liebergen © 1997 Carl Fischer, Inc.

Jubilate Choir

*Rise up this joyful day! Sing to the Lord! Sing to the Lord!
Let all give praise to the King now adored! Sing to the Lord, give praise to the King now adored!
Let all give praise to the King now adored! Sing to the Lord!*

*Rise up this joyful day! Sing to the Lord! Sing to the Lord!
Let all give praise to the King now adored!
Sing to the Lord, give praise to the King now adored! Let all give praise to the king now adored!
Let all give praise to the King now adored! Sing to the Lord!*

*Let all give praise to the King now adored!
Let all give praise to the King now adored, King now adored!
Sing to the Lord, the King now adored! Sing to the Lord!
Let all give praise, all give praise to the King now adored!
Let all give praise to the King now adored! Let all give praise to the King now adored!*

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 1:1–2:3

[1:1] In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
[2] The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. [3] And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. [4] And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. [5] God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

[6] And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” [7] And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. [8] And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

[9] And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. [10] God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. [11] And God said, “Let the

Evolution or Creation? For the Christian, there is no confusion. God Himself – through His prophet, Moses – reveals to us how the world came into being. God had a Plan – a Plan with human creatures in mind. And “in the beginning,” He set that Plan into motion. He began by creating raw materials on the first day of time and adding bit by bit until on the 6th day, He brought into being the crown of His creation – our first parents. Now, to this day, God still cares for the crown of His creation.

earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. [12] The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. [13] And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

[14] And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, [15] and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. [16] And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. [17] And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, [18] to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. [19] And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

[20] And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” [21] So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. [22] And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” [23] And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

[24] And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. [25] And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. [26] Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” [27] So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. [28] And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” [29] And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. [30] And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. [31] And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

[2:1] Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. [2] And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. [3] So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*



Gradual

(Intoned by Laetare; Psalm 90:1–2)

Lord, you have been our | dwelling place*

in all gener- | ations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth | and the world,*
from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 6:10–17

[10] Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. [11] Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. [12] For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. [13] Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. [14] Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, [15] and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. [16] In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; [17] and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

One of the ways God cares for His children – especially against the spiritual attacks of Satan and his followers – is by His almighty Word. Paul identifies some of the weapons God has given us, in His Word, for our spiritual struggle against “the spiritual forces of evil.” The greatest of these is “the Sword of the Spirit,” namely, the Word of God itself.

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. John, the 4th chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

St. John 4:46–54

[46] [Jesus] came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. [47] When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. [48] So Jesus said to him, “Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe.” [49] The official said to him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.” [50] Jesus said to him, “Go; your son will live.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. [51] As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. [52] So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” [53] The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” And he himself believed, and all his household. [54] This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

The Gospel today reveals that God is concerned not only with the spiritual welfare of His children, but also their physical well-being. The themes of the lessons today join in assuring us of God's love and care for us from “the beginning.” That love and care are ours yet today. Therefore, let us, as the official in this reading, take our cares to the Lord, trusting that He will answer our prayers in His time and in the best way possible.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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

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

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



(Be Seated)

Sermon Hymn

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

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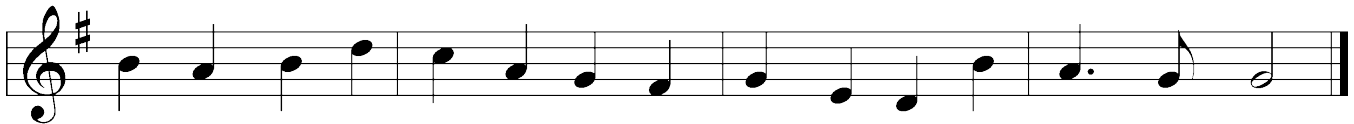
1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, “Who will go and work to - day?
2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, If you can - not preach like Paul,
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on’s wall,
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, “There is noth - ing I can do,”



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



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



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

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(Stand for Text)

Sermon

Text: Genesis 1:1–2:3

“Where It All Started”

(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

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

Catechism Hymn

Our Father, Who from Heaven Above

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1 Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove Bids all of us to
9 A - men, that is, so shall it be. Make strong our faith in

live in love As mem-bers of one fam - i - ly And
You, that we May doubt not but with trust be - lieve That

pray to You in u - ni - ty, Teach us no thought-less words to
what we ask we shall re - ceive. Thus in Your name and at Your

say But from our in - most hearts to pray.
Word We say, “A - men, O hear us, Lord!”

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Catechism Lesson

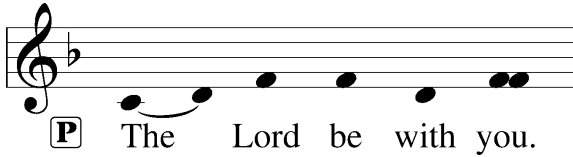
- P** What is the Introduction to The Lord’s Prayer?
- C** *Our Father who art in heaven.*
- P** What does this mean?
- C** *With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.*
- P** A lesson from Psalm 103:13 –
- C** *“As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.”*

(Stand)

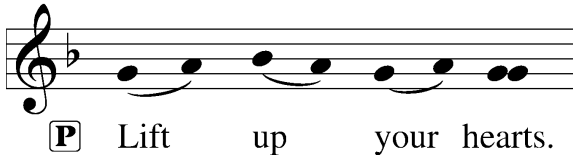
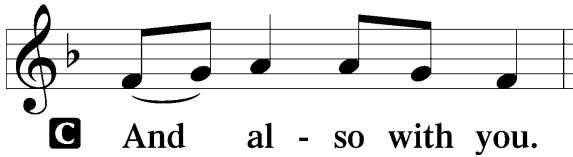
Intercessory Prayer

Preface

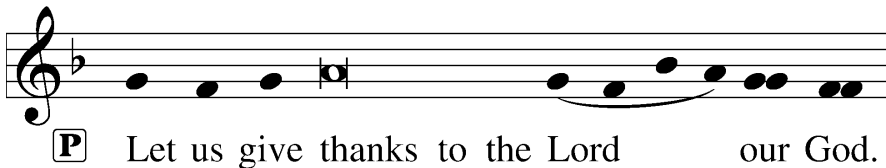
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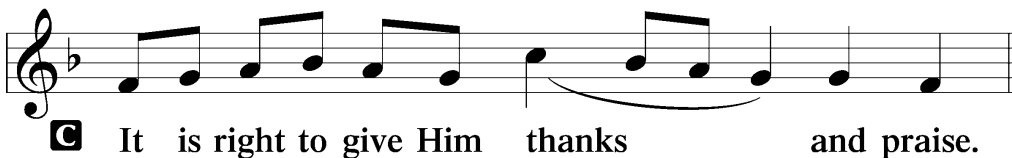
(2 Timothy 4:22)



(Colossians 3:1)



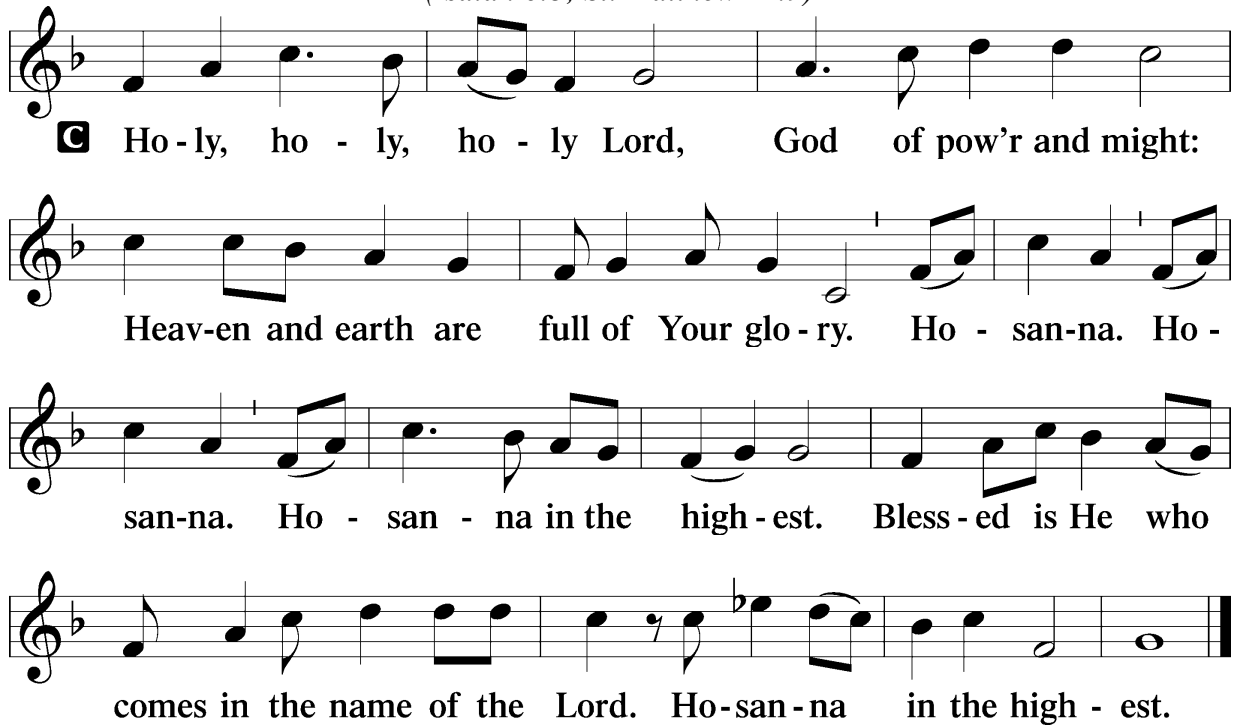
(Psalm 136)



P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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

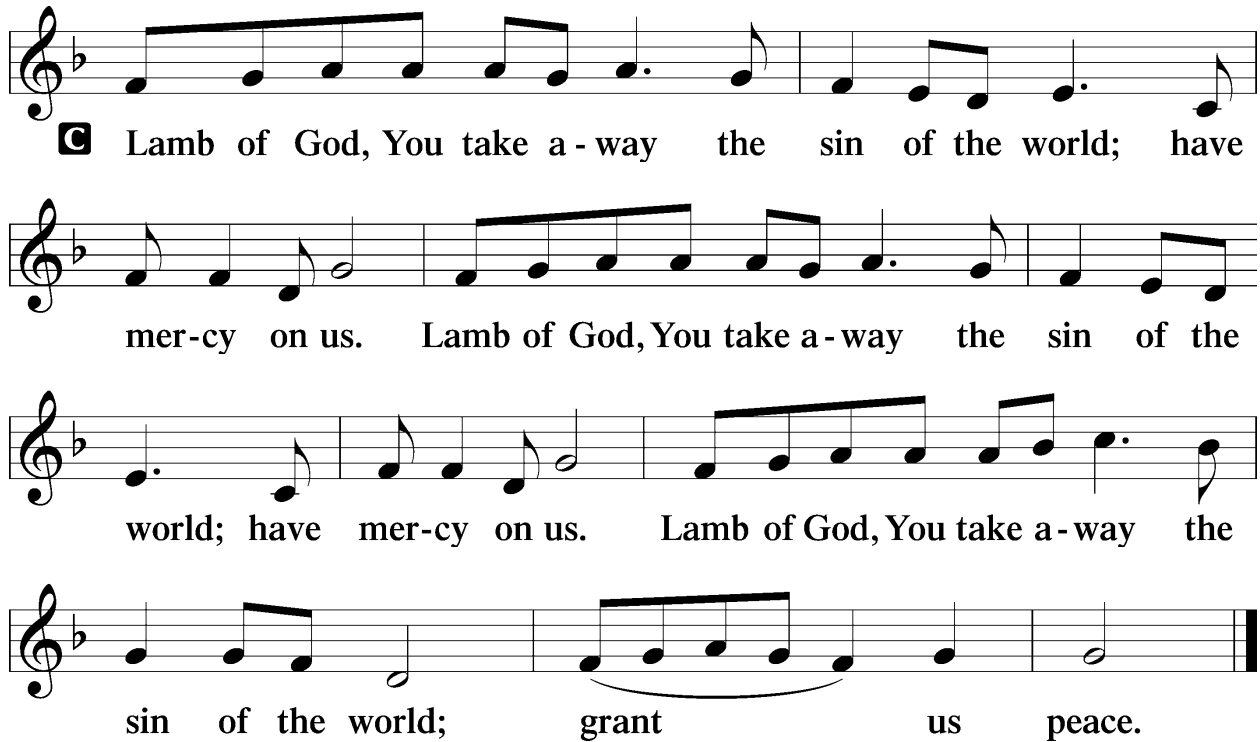
(St. John 20:19)

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)

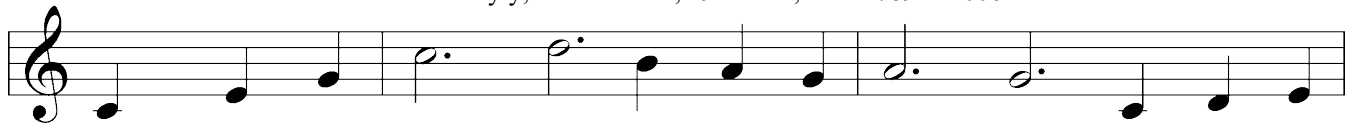
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(This congregation observes the Biblical practice of "Closed Communion," outlined in the Communion Policy Statement in the announcements of the bulletin. If you have not communed with us previously and have not had the opportunity to speak with our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

Distribution Hymns

Praise and Thanksgiving

Text: Albert F. Bayly; Tune: Gaelic, 19th cent.; LSB #789 © 2006 CPH



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -



or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Blos - som and wood.
with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

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Ministry of Music

Because He Lives

Words & Music: Gloria Gaither & William J. Gaither; Arrangement: Mary McDonald © 1983 Hanna Street Music
Jubilate Choir

*God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus; He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon; an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.
How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days, face uncertain days,
This child can face uncertain days because He lives, He lives!
And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then as death gives way to vict'ry, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!
Because He lives I can face tomorrow; Because He lives, He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.
Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives, just because He lives!*

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf; Tune: George J. Elvey – “St. Crispin”; LSB #563 © 2006 CPH



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

- 5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.



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Spread the Reign of God the Lord

Text: Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier; Tune: ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen – “Gott Sei Dank”; LSB #830 © 2006 CPH



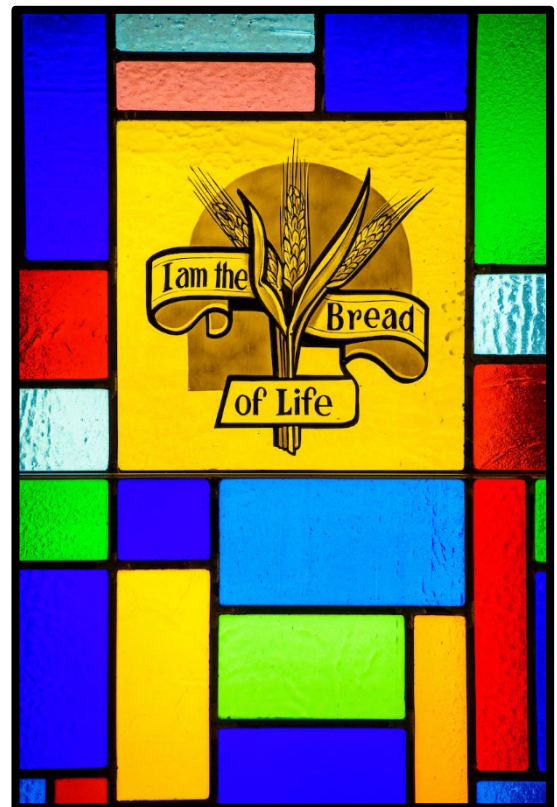
- 1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might - y Word;
- 2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
- 3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race
- 4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.

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Post-Communion Canticle

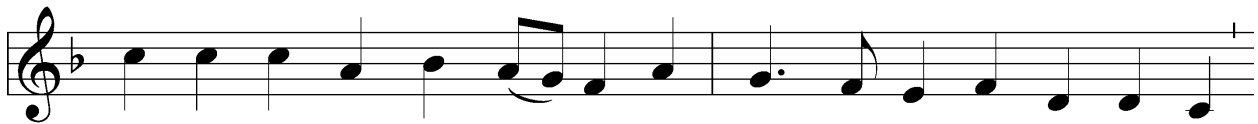
Thank the Lord



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

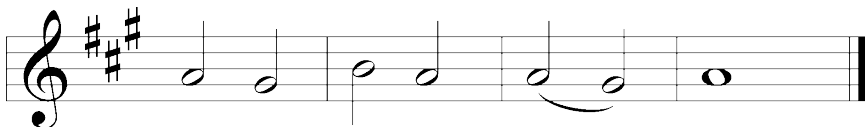
P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You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

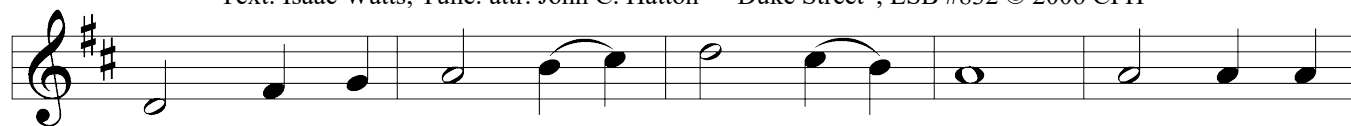


C A-men, a-men, a - men.

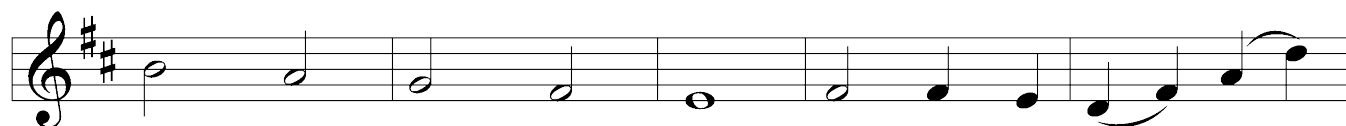
Closing Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign

Text: Isaac Watts; Tune: attr. John C. Hatton – “Duke Street”; LSB #832 © 2006 CPH



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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Postlude

Jesus Shall Reign

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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 / Trinity XXI – The picture of the armor-clad Christian in Ephesians 6:10-20 is one of defense not offense. We are not fighting to obtain truth. We have the truth. We fight to defend the truth upon which we stand. Be encouraged in this spiritual battle that can seem so frustrating at times. “[B]e strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might” (6:10). *Prayer: Thank You for Your truth, Lord, and Your armor. Help us stand firm. 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, November 23, at 9:30 a.m.** *“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

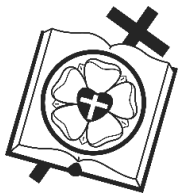
The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Brad & Sonya Whiting in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary, and by the Armstrong Family in celebration of Skylar's birthday.



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.

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



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



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



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 jjlowery@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.



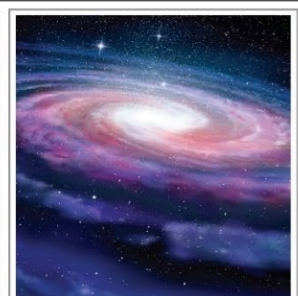
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NEEDED: Flat Bed Sheets, any color or size, and in good condition, to sew onto the back of quilts. For any questions, see *Sandi Hall*. Donations can be brought to the church office.



The Stars: An Introduction
Friday, November 21
8:00 pm - Soccer Field

Join us as we explore the vast depths of God's creation as we look to the stars. Uranus and the constellation Leo are in good view.



OSL Astronomy Club





Fellowship And Study Together

Wednesday, Nov 12

Menu: *Hamburgers, Fries, & Dessert at 5:30pm, a short study at 6:30 (from many to choose), and evening prayer.*

Classes:

Pastor White: "Apocrypha The Hidden Books" –*Filled with fascinating history and often bizarre theology they remain a fascinating part of the heritage of Judaism and Christianity.*

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 – *Learn to crochet independently. Tools and yarn provided - you just need yourself! Come learn and support others learning!*

From the Principal's Desk – Unpacking Classical Learning –

Join Principal Thoelke for a 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.

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

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Channing Wood 281-236-8105

MenAlive@OSL.cc



Smoked Prime Rib Dinner!

Glow Balls & Glow Sticks!

The purpose of this annual golf tournament is to raise funds for our benevolent activities (pro-life, military, and missionary organizations) and provide financial assistance to families with medical and economic needs.



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MEASURE OF DEVOTION: Last week Sunday, we had 439 people in attendance (last year 341), 543 viewers online.

Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week	\$ 29,820.65
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 44	\$ 1,628,337.97
Tithes & Offerings needed each week	\$ 42,134.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 44	\$ 1,853,896.00
Special Contributions to date	\$ 571,927.08

“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, November 9, at 9:30 AM	Next Week, Sunday, November 16, at 9:30 AM
ELDERS:	Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Mark Dube / Gene Kunkel	Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Mark Dube / Gene Kunkel
USHERS:	Symcox Team	Halbert Team
SOUND:	J. Wilbanks	Greenwood
CARTS:	Kriegel Team	Gavin Team
ACOLYTES:	Abby Frazier / Isabelle Frazier	Aria Ferrarese / Iris Ferrarese
ALTAR GLD:	Glenda Cochran Team 2	—
COMM. ASST:	Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Gene Kunkel / Mark Dube	—
EVANGELISM:	Team 3: Kriegel	Team 5: Malson
GREETERS:	TEAM 9: Kemnitz / Kunkel	TEAM 10: Schmidt / Stuhr
MUSIC:	Jubilate Choir	Laudate Women's Choir
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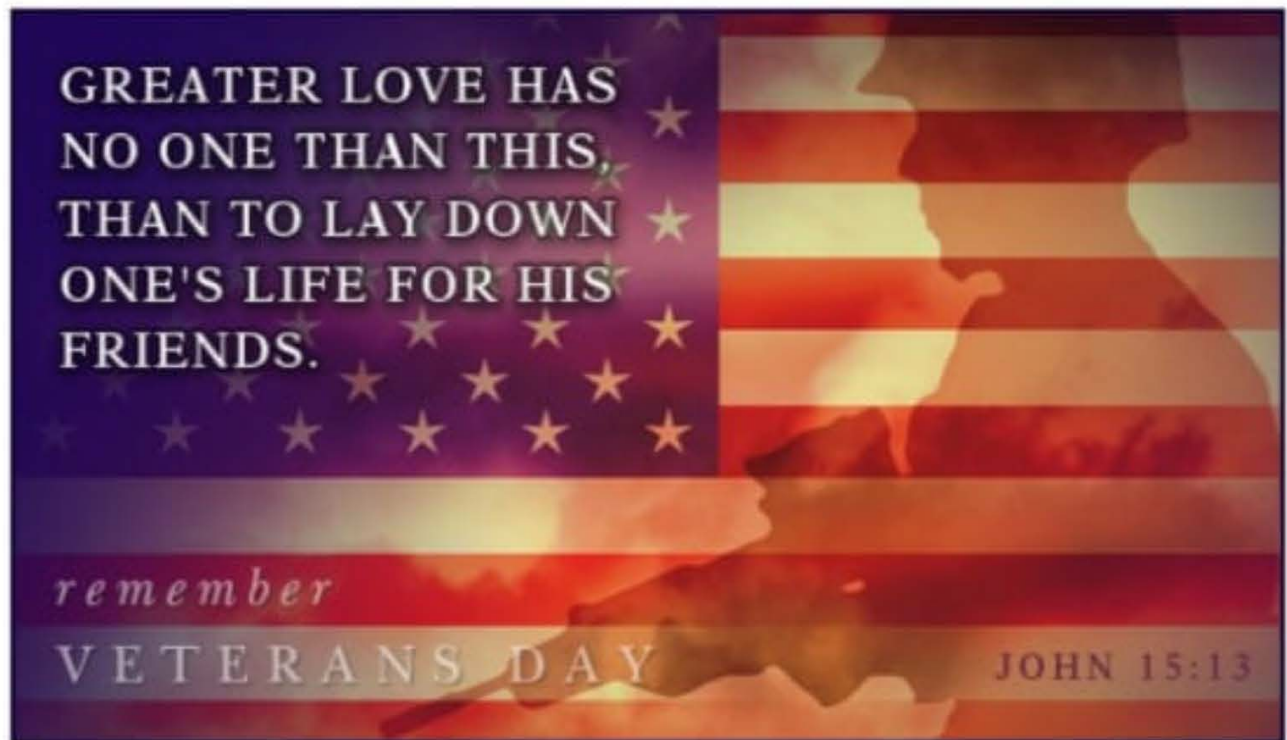


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Veteran's Day Chapel

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.

OSL at a Glance

Sunday, November 9, 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, November 10, 2025

Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML	9:00am	LWML
Young Adults Bible Study-YR	6:00pm	Youth Room
Life with God-New Member Class - BC	7:00pm	Bible Class Room



Tuesday, November 11, 2025 ~ Veterans Day

<i>Braille</i>	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>Concordia LCMS</i>
Stitches Fellowship Group - FR	6:30pm	Family Room
Trustees-Maintenance Bldg.	6:30pm	Maintenance Building
Parish Ed mtg-YR	7:00pm	Youth Room
Voter's Meeting-BC	7:00pm	Bible Class Room



Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Men's Bible Study-BC	6:30am	Bible Class Room
Veteran's Day Chapel - Sanctuary	8:15am	Sanctuary
Veteran's Day Reception-FR	9:00am	Family Room
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, November 13, 2025

Prayer Request printing deadline	3:00pm	Church office
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

Friday, November 14, 2025

Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML	9:00am	LWML
<i>Men Alive Golf Tournament</i>	<i>3:00pm</i>	<i>Jersey Meadows</i>

Saturday, November 15, 2025 ~ Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Confirmation Class-YR	8:15am	Youth Room
Matins	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

Thank

OSL 8th graders extend heartfelt thanks to our entire community for their generous support during Lutherfest. Through your kindness and participation, students raised valuable funds to help make their spring trip to Washington, D.C. possible. This success reflects the wonderful spirit of fellowship that makes Our Savior Lutheran such a special place.



Gift Baskets for Shut-ins...



Each year our Sunday School students bless our OSL Shut-Ins with baskets of treats and handmade cards for Thanksgiving.

The whole congregation is asked to bring donations on Sundays, thru **November 16**. Baskets will be assembled during Sunday School on November 16th in the Gym.

Please donate at least one item from each of the lists below:

Single Serve Non-Perishable items such as:

- Granola Bars
- Fruit Cups
- Crackers
- Tuna
- Cookies
- Single-Serve Soup
- Chicken



Small Gift Item such as:

- Socks or non-slip socks/slippers
- Scarves
- Gloves
- Puzzles (under 36 pieces)
- Journal or Notepad
- Pens
- Large Print Adult Coloring/Puzzle Books
- Drawing Supplies: Markers, Pencils, Crayons
- Lip Balm (such as Chap Stick)
- Single Unscented Lotion



Worship with us for Thanksgiving:

Wednesday, **November 26, at 7:00 PM**

Thursday, **November 27, at 9:30 AM**

Both services will have Holy Communion

