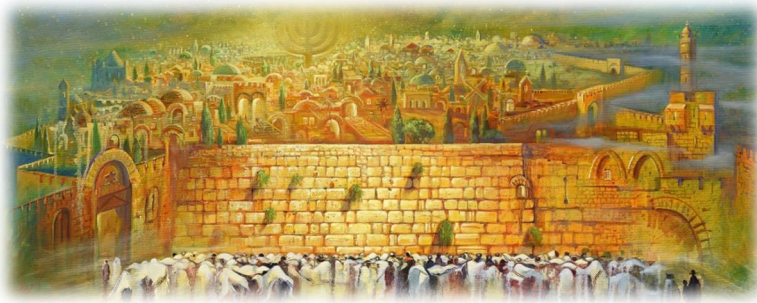


*Our Savior Lutheran*

# *Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity*

## *Order of Holy Communion*

### *In Nomine Jesu*



### *Preservice Music*

### *Ringling of the Bells*

### *Prelude*

Trumpet Tune in D Major

### *Greetings & Announcements*

# Hymn of Invocation

## I Vow to Thee, My Country

Text: Cecil Spring Rice, sts.1-3, L. L. White, st. 4; Tune: Gustav Holst – “Thaxted”; Te Deum #160 © 2016 OSL



1. I \_\_\_\_ vow to thee, my coun - try, all earth - ly things a -  
2. I \_\_\_\_ heard my coun - try call - ing, a - way a - cross the  
3. And there's an - oth - er coun - try I've heard of long a -  
4. That coun - try is my home - land, her Mas - ter is my



bove, En - tire, and whole and per - fect, the ser - vice of my  
sea, A - cross the waste of wat - ers she calls and calls to  
go, Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that  
King; Christ Je - sus is my Sav - ior, His praise for' - ere I



love; The \_\_\_\_ love that asks to ques - tion, the \_\_\_\_ love that stands the  
me. Her \_\_\_\_ sword is gird - ed at her side, her hel - met on her  
know; We \_\_\_\_ may not count her arm - ies, we \_\_\_\_ may not see her  
sing. To His Word is my al - le - giance, a - bove all earth - ly



test, The lays up - on the al - tar the dear - est and the best; The \_\_\_\_  
head, And round her feet are ly - ing the dy - ing and the dead. I \_\_\_\_  
King; Her fort - res is a faith - ful heart, pride is suf - fer - ing; And \_\_\_\_  
law; To Christ I will be faith - ful in loy - al - ty and awe. Should the



love that nev - er falt - ers, the love that pays the price, The \_\_\_\_  
hear the noise of bat - tle, the thun - der of her guns, I \_\_\_\_  
soul by soul and si - lent - ly her si - lent bounds in - crease, And her  
time ere come for choos - ing, o - bey - ing man or God; To my



love that makes un - daunt - ed the fi - nal sac - ri - fice.  
haste to thee, my moth - er, a son a - mong her sons.  
ways of ways of gen - tle - ness, and all her paths are peace.  
Lord I will be stead - fast, to Christ and to His Word.

(Stand)

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** *Amen.*

(Kneel)

## Confession of Sins

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** *But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** *O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserve your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all of my sins and grant me the power of your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.*

## Pronouncement of Forgiveness

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** *Amen.*

(Stand)

## *Introit*

“COGITATIONES MEAE IN TE COGNOVI, DICIT DOMINUS”

(Intoned by Laetare with Congregation on Gloria Patri; Psalm 85:1, 7, 9, 11; antiphon: Jeremiah 29:11a, 12)

I know the plans I have for you, de- | clares the LORD,\*  
plans for wholeness and not for | evil.

Then you will call upon me and come and | pray to me,\*  
and I will | hear you.

LORD, you were favorable | to your land;\*  
you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.

Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,\*  
and grant us your sal- | vation.

Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,\*  
that glory may dwell | in our land.

Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,\*  
and righteousness looks down | from the sky.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

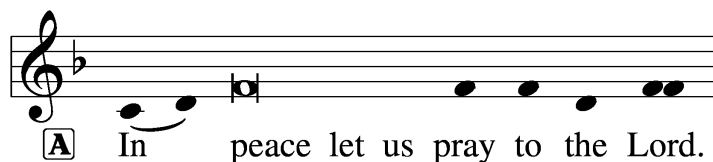
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

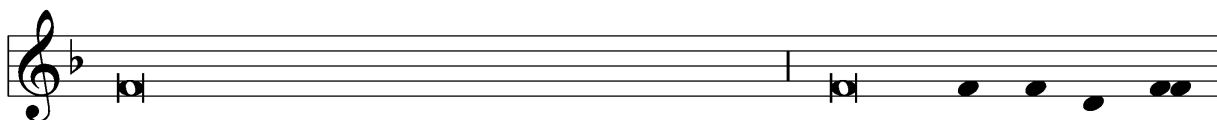
I know the plans I have for you, de- | clares the LORD,\*  
plans for wholeness and not for | evil.

Then you will call upon me and come and | pray to me,\*  
and I will | hear you.

## *Kyrie*

(Mark 10:47)

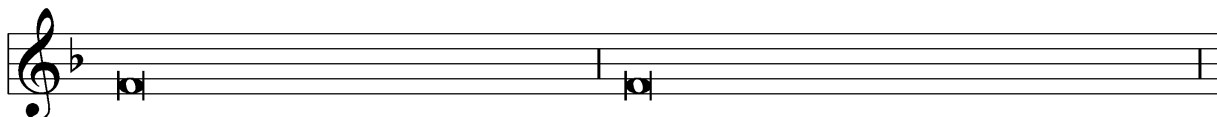




**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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



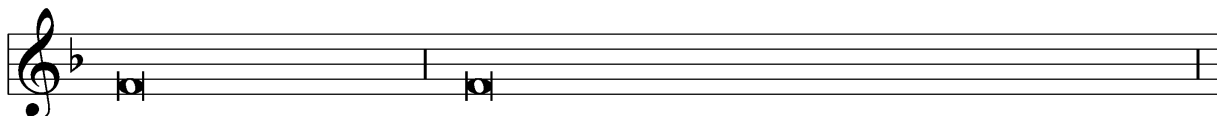
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



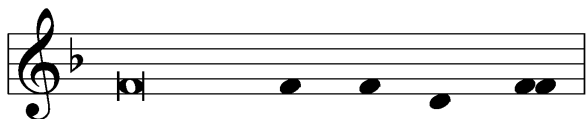
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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



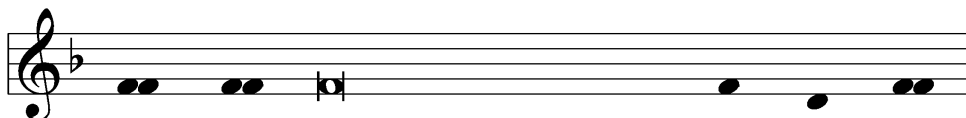
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

# Hymn of Praise

(Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9)

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-

5 lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Wor - thy is

9 Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

12 free to be peo - ple of God. This is the

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

20 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Pow - er,

23 rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or -

26  

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

30  

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

34  

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

37  

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

41  

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

45  

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

49  

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

53  

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

57 For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His

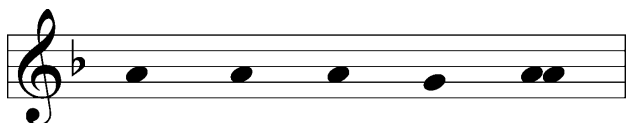
61 reign. Al - le - lu - - - ia. This is the

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

69 lu - ia, al - le lu - - - ia.

## *Collect of the Day*

(2 Timothy 4:22)



**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** *Amen.*

(Be Seated)

# *Ministry of Music*

## Our Lord Reigns

by Stan Pethel

Jubilate Choir

*Our Lord reigns, let all the earth rejoice, let the islands of the sea be glad, come people, lift your voice!  
Righteousness and judgment shall remain, the heavens declare his glory for our Lord reigns.*

*(Repeat)*

*A fire goes before him burning unbelief, All idols fall before him, slain by heaven's heat.*

*For you, O Lord, are worthy; before you all shall bow and worship you forever as King of Glory now!*

*(Repeat beginning)*

*Our Lord reigns!*

## *Old Testament Lesson*

### Proverbs 8:11-22

[11] For wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her. [12] “I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion. [13] The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate. [14] I have counsel and sound wisdom; I have insight; I have strength. [15] By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just; [16] by me princes rule, and nobles, all who govern justly. [17] I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me. [18] Riches and honor are with me, enduring wealth and righteousness. [19] My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold, and my yield than choice silver. [20] I walk in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice, [21] granting an inheritance to those who love me, and filling their treasuries. [22] “The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old.”

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

**C** *Thanks be to God.*

*Divine Wisdom summons us away from the empty foolishness of the world to see things as they truly are. The pride and power of men, pleasure and wealth are delusions. They twist and distort God's intent for His creation and deprive us of the happiness which God desires for His people.*

**FOR WISDOM  
IS BETTER THAN  
JEWELS, AND ALL  
THAT YOU MAY DESIRE  
CANNOT COMPARE  
WITH HER.**

**PROVERBS 8:11**

# Gradual

(Intoned by Laetare; Psalm 44:7–8)

You have saved us | from our foes\*  
and have put to shame those who | hate us.  
In God we have boasted con- | tinually,\*  
and we will give thanks to your name for- | ever.

## Epistle Reading

Philippians 3:17–21

[17] Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. [18] For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. [19] Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. [20] But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, [21] who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

*The Christian life is founded on the recognition that this world is not our real home. Here we are but strangers and pilgrims on our way to the everlasting home which Christ has prepared for us in heaven. That recognition enables us to perceive the falsehood of all worldly priorities. The wisdom of God has been revealed to us in the person of Jesus Christ. His repudiation of pride, power and the pursuit of self is the perfect example of a godly life.*

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

(Stand)

## Alleluia and Verse

(John 6:68)

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

# Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.



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

## Gospel Reading

St. Matthew 22:15-22

[15] Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. [16] And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. [17] Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" [18] But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? [19] Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. [20] And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" [21] They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." [22] When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

*Our Lord's enemies thought they had devised an inescapable trap. But instead Jesus' answer to their devious question revealed sublime truth through the use of a common coin. God has established government and God's people are to submit to their rulers. But when Christians are confronted with a choice between obeying God or Caesar, our primary loyalty must always be to God, no matter what the personal cost may be.*

**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)*

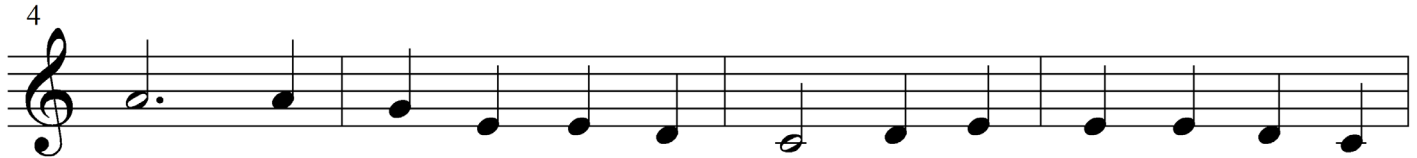
# Sermon Hymn

## O God of Earth and Altar

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1. O God of earth and al - tar, Bow down and hear our  
2. From all that ter - ror teach - es, From lies of tongue and  
3. Tie in a liv - ing teth - er The prince and priest and  
4. When Caes - er would com - mand us To dis - o - bey Thee,



cry, Our earth - ly ru - lers fal - ter, Our peop - le drift and  
pen, From all the ea - sy speech - es That com - fort cru - el  
thrall, Bind all our lives to - geth - er, Smite us and save us  
Lord, Then with Thy pow'r de - fend us That stal - wart in Thy



die; The walls of gold en - tomb us, The swords of scorn di - vide, Take  
men, From sale and pro - fan - a - tion Of hon - or and the sword, From  
all; In ire and ex - ul - ta - tion A - flame with faith, and free, Lift  
Word We stand for truth and just - ice For life and for the right, That



not Thy thun - der from us, But take a - way our pride.  
sleep and from damn - a - tion, De - li - ver us, good Lord!  
up a liv - ing na - tion, A sing - le sword to Thee.  
in our faith - ful wit - ness Men see Thy glor - ious light.

(Stand for Text)

## Sermon

Text: St. Matthew 22:15–22

“God and Caesar”

(Stand)

## Votum

# Offertory

(Psalm 104:14-15; Is. 25:6; 1 Cor. 5:7)



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the  
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and  
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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## Offering Prayer

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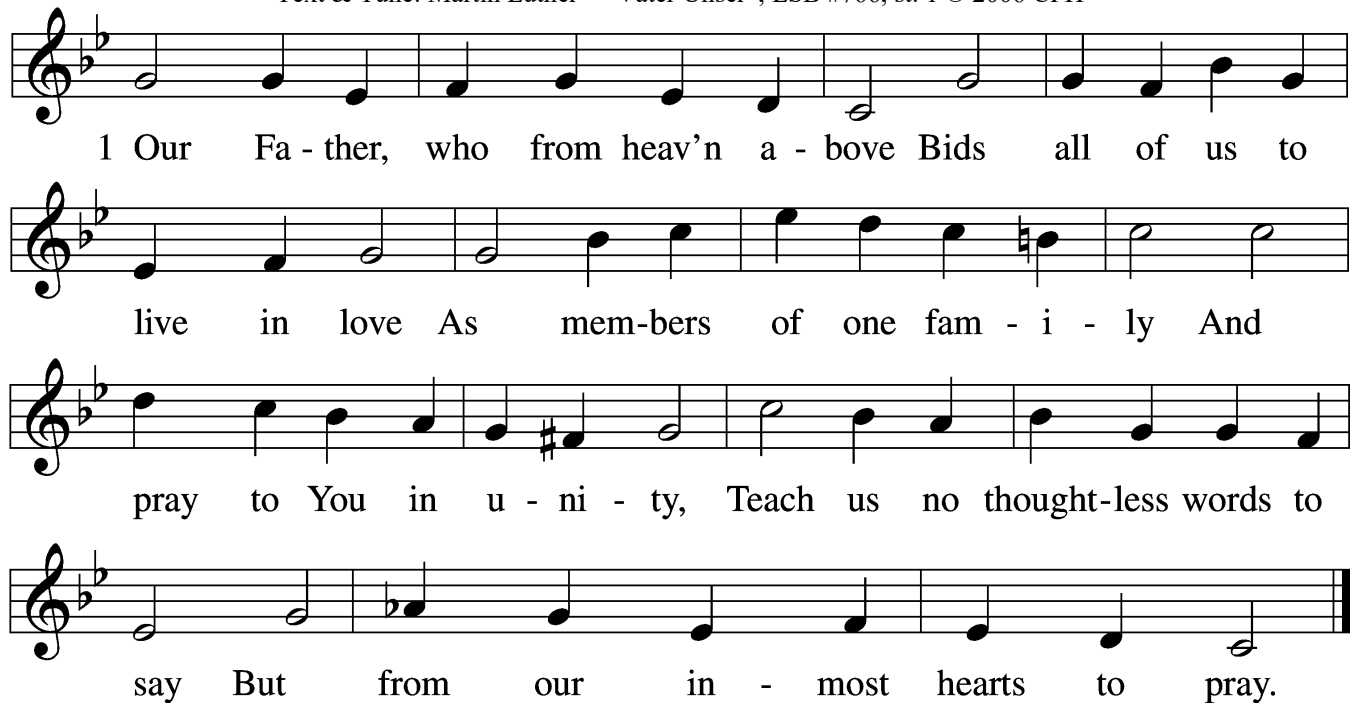
### Offering

### Voluntary Meditation

# Catechism Hymn

## Our Father, Who from Heaven Above

Text & Tune: Martin Luther – “Vater Unser”; LSB #766, st. 1 © 2006 CPH



1 Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove Bids all of us to  
live in love As mem-bers of one fam - i - ly And  
pray to You in u - ni - ty, Teach us no thought-less words to  
say But from our in - most hearts to pray.

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*The weekly recitation of the scripture and catechism lessons in the Divine Service helps to link us together with the children of our congregation and school who work weekly on the memorization of these texts. In the Divine Service we gather and recall the words of our youth, the words of our confirmation, the words of eternal life. The Catechism is more than a textbook. The Catechism is a prayer book which is used throughout our life. The Catechism as a prayer book speaks to all our needs, giving us God's promises so that we might learn to "ask Him as dear children ask their dear Father." The Catechism even gives us the very words with which to pray.*

# Catechism Lesson

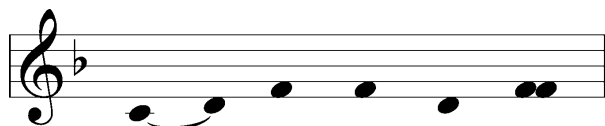
- P** A lesson from Matthew 22:21 –  
**C** “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”
- P** What is the Introduction to The Lord’s Prayer?  
**C** *Our Father who art in heaven.*  
**P** What does this mean?  
**C** *With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our 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.*

(Stand)

# Intercessory Prayer

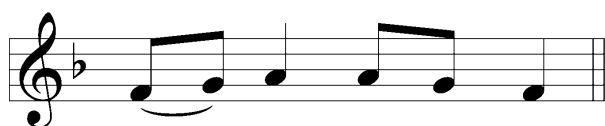
## Preface

**Worship Note:** The sound of the Zimbelstern announces the invitation that brings the realms of heaven and voices here on earth to sing the great hymn of praise to our Lord. As the pastor reads “therefore with angels and archangels....” the bells peal in festive celebration.



**P** The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



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

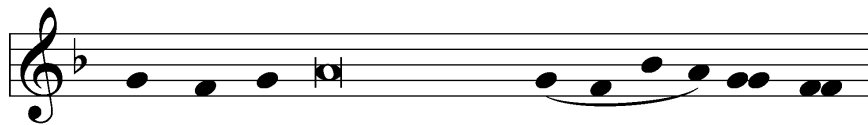


**P** Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)



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



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



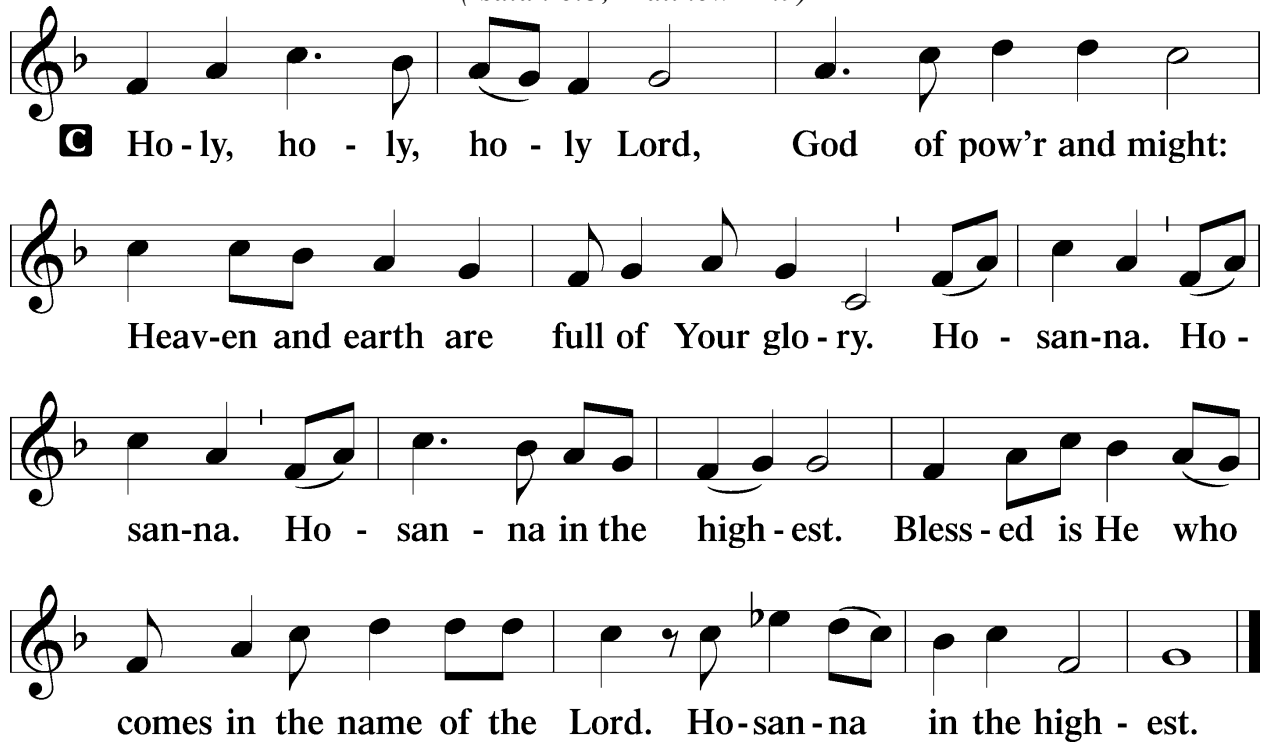
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

(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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## Sanctus

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

- C** *Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom And the power and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen*

## Words of Institution

(Matthew 26:26-28)

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ 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*

(John 20:19)

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

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

# *Agnus Dei*

(John 1:29)

**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Be Seated)

# *Distribution*

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

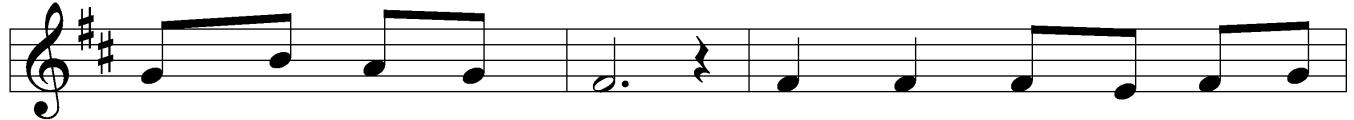
# *Distribution Hymns*

## Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Tune: William B. Bradbury – “Bradbury”; LSB #711 © 2006 CPH



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



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



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



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



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



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

# Ministry of Music

## Agnus Dei

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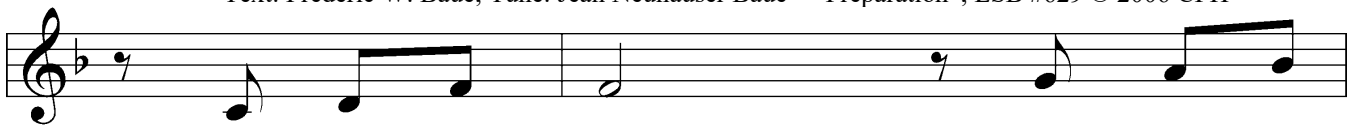
### Jubilate Choir

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, misere, misere, miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, Agnus Dei, qui tollis, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona, dona, dona nobis pacem.*

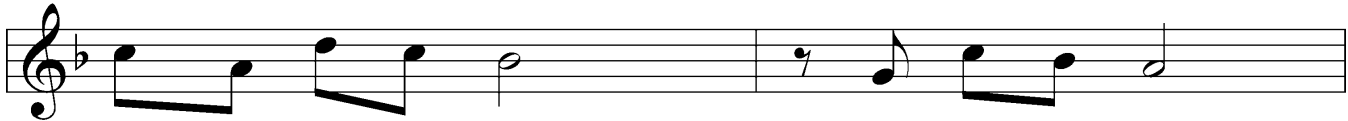
*(Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace.)*

## What Is This Bread

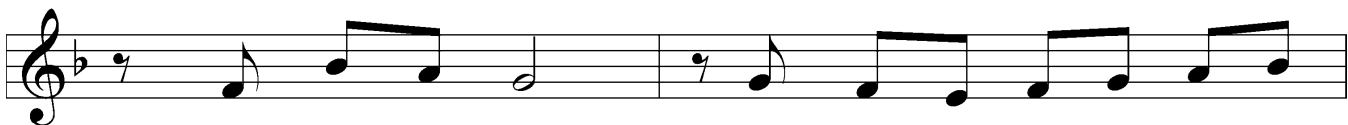
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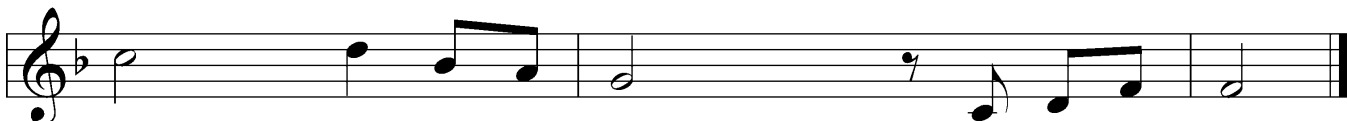
1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from the	dead:	This bread	we break,
Je - sus	shed for	mine;	The cup	of grace
live and	He should	die	Un - der	the rod?
Word and	prom - ise	clear,	In mouth	and soul
giv - en	and set	free!	I do	be - lieve



This	life	we	take,	Was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
Brings	His	em -	brace	Of	life	and	love	un -	til	I
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	You	not	for -	sak -	en
He	makes	us	whole—	Christ,	tru -	ly	pres -	ent	in	this
That	I	re -	ceive	His	ver -	y	bod -	y	and	His



lease.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	good.

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# Praise and Thanksgiving

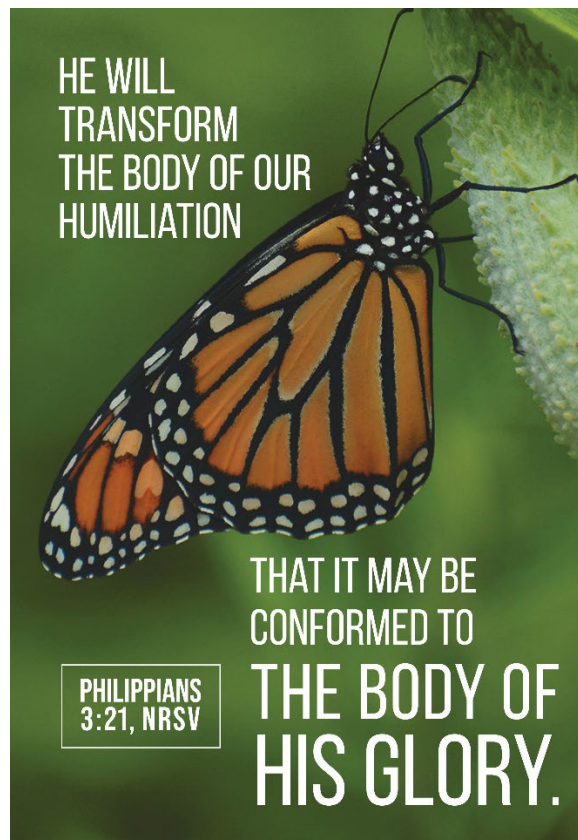
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1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things  
2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our  
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise

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, Bloss - om and wood.  
with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.  
joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

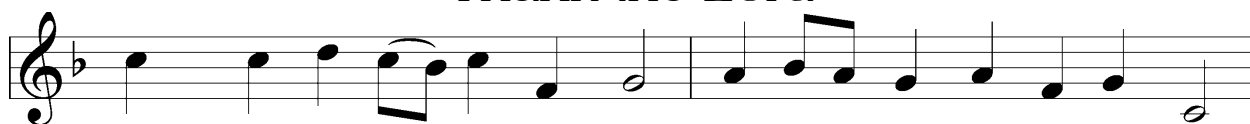
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## *Post-Communion Canticle*

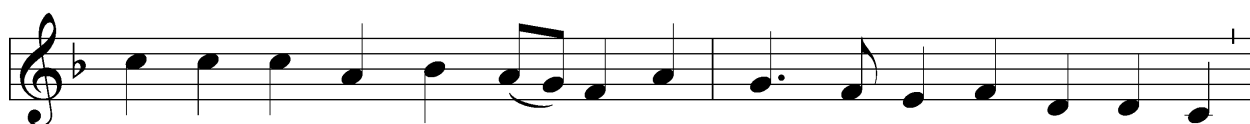
Thank the Lord



**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 in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** *Amen.*

## *Benediction*

(Numbers 6:24-26)

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



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

# *Closing Hymn*

## Before You, Lord, We Bow

Text: Francis Scott Key; Tune: John Darwall – “Darwall’s 148<sup>th</sup>”; LSB #966 © 2006 CPH



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove  
2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,  
3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,  
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;  
5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land



And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks  
From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this  
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -  
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down  
From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo - rious band, A count -



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!  
bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.  
'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.  
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.  
less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

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# *Postlude*

## Before You, Lord, We Bow

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# *Soli Deo Gloria*

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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 XXIII – Since God created humankind in His image, their fate belongs in His hands above Caesar’s (Matthew 22:21). Life issues are more than just private or political—they are matters of the heart, to which the Gospel of Jesus Christ speaks most directly and effectively. They must remain part of the Church’s conversation for the sake of people struggling with them. *Prayer: Almighty God, impart unto us ears that rejoice to hear Your whole counsel and tongues that proclaim it with courage and compassion. 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 **Thanksgiving Eve @ 7:00 PM; Thanksgiving Day @ 9:30 AM; Sunday, November 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](http://www.OSL.cc) (click MEDIA at the top). CDs of sermons are available for \$2 each. You may also request past sermons and special services on your attendance card.



## Bible Class & Sunday School Options for all:

### 8:15 AM –

**7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism/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, chapters 1-11 (Pastor White - Bible Class Room)

### 10:45 AM – Adults

**The Cost of Discipleship:** This will be an intense study to help each of us understand what it truly means to be a Christian according to the Word of God. Our outline will be based on the life and the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Pastor Bonhoeffer was brutally martyred by the Nazis for his courageous stand against the evil which had engulfed his country. Most Christians remained silent while everything they professed to believe was denied and destroyed. Join us for this important Bible study because it is happening again all around us. Let God call us back to real discipleship. (Pastor White - Bible Class Room)

**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:** *Forgiveness: Received from God, Extended to Others*, by Donna (Pyle) Snow – Forgiveness is always personal. It's incredibly difficult to do. But it's never optional. Through this study, you will learn of the rich, life-altering teachings God's Word offers about forgiveness. Your heart will soften as you learn of Jesus' forgiveness for you. And, most important, you'll be encouraged to extend that same forgiveness to others. (Family Rm, 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)

**Mommy & Me Bible Class (for Moms & babies)** in Room B112 of the ECE building, led by Nicole Spangler.



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

High School – 4:12 Youth Room

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

6<sup>th</sup> Grade – C103

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – C113

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

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

Kindergarten – B107

3 & 4 yrs – B108

18 mos. – 3 yrs – B111

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Ed & Mary Beth Witt in honor of their wedding anniversary; and by Alvin Fritsche in loving memory of Cheryl's birthday on November 7.

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**2024 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.

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**Non-OSL 7th/8th GRADE CONFIRMATION ZOOM—Sundays at 6:00 PM**

**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: New Member Classes on Mondays @ 7pm** – Our adult information class covers the most important teachings of the Bible as they are believed, taught, and confessed in this Lutheran Congregation. The class is designed for anyone considering membership in Our Savior Lutheran Church and for members of the congregation who would like a great review of basic Bible doctrine. It should be particularly interesting for both member and non-member school parents to familiarize yourself with what your kids are learning in class every day. **Class is on Mondays, from 7:00-8:30pm. Babysitting and refreshments are provided.**



**WEEKLY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** –All men are invited on **Wednesday** mornings in the Bible Class Room, at 6:30-7:30 a.m. Contact Channing Wood at [channing@toddyblends.com](mailto: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*. Make Bible study a regular part of your schedule. Food and fellowship provided of course!

**ZOOM BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS** – Join us for the Word on the Web as we study Mark's Gospel on Thursdays at 7PM. 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.



**Pastor Wokoma Needs a Car...** If you have a car in good shape and simply in your way, Pastor Wokoma, the head of St. Barnabas West African Lutheran Mission, one of our dedicated African missions, needs a car for his travels in the states. If you would like to support this important mission and have a car to donate, please contact Ken Wright – [KEN.CINDY@outlook.com](mailto:KEN.CINDY@outlook.com); or Bruce Blake – [bruceablake@comcast.net](mailto:bruceablake@comcast.net).

**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.



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

**Do you crochet or hem?** The Blue Buses are seeing so many moms, we're handing out baby blankets like crazy! If you can help crochet or hem blankets, please contact **Ethelene Marshall**: 713-849-9266 or 713-542-7534.



**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](mailto: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 for audio-visual ministries:** If you would like to learn from a "hands on" perspective, call 713-290-9087, leave your name, number, and we will contact you. No experience needed.

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

**STAMPS** – Cheerful Helpers are collecting stamps trimmed to ¼". Please put them in the mailbox in Pastor White's Bible Class Room. – Sandi Hall, Human Care Chairman.

**Greeting Cards are available in the Bible Class Room.** Each box is \$6 or \$7. Make checks payable to OSL, with Circle of Grace in the memo.

**Celebrating a Century of Service:** The members of Messiah Lutheran Church, Houston, will give all thanks to God as they celebrate the 100th anniversary of their congregation on Sunday, December 10, at their 3:00 pm Anniversary Service. District President Michael Newman will preach on this special occasion. Following the service there will be an Anniversary Dinner. If you plan to attend the dinner, please RSVP by November 26, by calling 713-861-3072 or emailing [messiahhouston@att.net](mailto:messiahhouston@att.net).



*Our Savior Lutheran School*



**Order Legacy Bricks!!!** *Be a part of the OSL Legacy walk between the school building and church. Is there a marriage, anniversary, birth, baptism, confirmand, graduate, or life you would like to commemorate? This is your chance. All orders closing on December 31st. Bricks will be installed in May. Proceeds will benefit the 8th grade glass trip to Washington DC where they see and learn their role and responsibilities as Christian citizens of our nation.*



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**MEASURE OF DEVOTION:** Last Sunday, we had 352 people in attendance (last year 484), 430 viewers online.

### Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week .....	\$ 44,960.50
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 45 .....	\$ 1,572,010.34
Tithes & Offerings needed each week .....	\$ 40,600.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 45 .....	\$ 1,827,000.00
General Fund Income to date .....	\$ 4,014,459.88
Special Contributions to date .....	\$ 435,603.61

*“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, Nov 12, at 9:30 AM	Next Week, Sunday, Nov 19, at 9:30 AM
<b>ELDERS:</b>	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White
<b>USHERS:</b>	Halbert Team	Downie Team
<b>SOUND:</b>	Blake	Whiting
<b>CARTS:</b>	Pampell Team	Downie Team
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Stella Halbert / Janiah Thomas	Kendall Horn / Harlow Schatte
<b>ALTAR GLD:</b>	Jeanene Lunsford Team	—
<b>COMM. ASST:</b>	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White	—
<b>EVANGELISM:</b>	Team 4 Robert	Team 5 Al
<b>GREETERS:</b>	TEAM 1: Blackmar / Carter	TEAM 2: Renevier
<b>MUSIC:</b>	Jubilate Choir	Laudate Choir
<b>VIDEO:</b>	Amélie Boerger / Chad Greenwood / Mitchell Stephens / Adam White / Wesley White	



## Don't Forget To Tithe!

**Use the OSL app, free in the App Store. No monthly fee -No set up fee -No hidden fees;**

**Lowest processing rates that continue to drop as your giving increases.**

**All credit and debit cards (including AMEX) are processed at 2.3% + .30 cents per transaction.**

**All ACH donations are 1% with no cents. There is also a “GIVE” link at the top of our website: [www.OSL.cc](http://www.OSL.cc)**

# Thanksgiving Turkeys!

Smoked Turkeys are back in time for Thanksgiving and all proceeds will go towards the Angel Fund (*to offer some assistance to families in our Church and School or in the surrounding community during Christmas*). Pre-order your Turkeys smoked to perfection at the low price of \$60 each (checks payable to OSL, memo: Turkey). **Deadline for Ordering is Sunday, November 19.** All Turkeys must be picked up on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> between the hours of 3 to 5pm at the pit back in maintenance area (northeast corner of the property). Any turkeys not picked up by 5pm will be left in the school kitchen with your name on it.



To reserve your turkey, please complete the form and drop it in the offering plate, in the school or church office, or visit our website [www.osl.cc/holysmokers](http://www.osl.cc/holysmokers), or email same information to: [oslholysmokers@gmail.com](mailto:oslholysmokers@gmail.com).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*If you'd like to help The Angel Fund but don't need a turkey, please contact RK Halbert or Tim Gobrogge.*



## (Fellowship And Study Together)

Wednesdays thru Nov 15

*Join us for a light meal at 5:30pm (pizza),  
a short study at 6:30, and evening prayer.*

- **Pastor White:** Lost Christianity – The Disappearance of the Christian Church in the Middle East and East Africa Due to the Rise of Islam
- **Lynette Cherington:** Book Discussion – Simple Habits for Effective Parenting
- **David Amezcua:** Greek the EZ Way (All ages welcome!)
- **Sarah Baughman:** Writing Fiction – a Why-Who-What-When-Where Overview
- **Houston Lutherans For Life (For November 15):** We will hear from both Claudia Canales and Jeanice Dawes of Jenkins & Kamin, L.L.P. Both attorneys specialize in family law, especially adoptions. They will talk about special considerations presented by adoption especially as they might relate to child custody, modifications, paternity, and termination issues as these often overlap. Jeanice is an associate attorney and Claudia is a partner of Jenkins & Kamin.

Would you like more information? Contact Pastor Cholak: [scholak@osl.cc](mailto:scholak@osl.cc)

# OSL at a Glance

## Sunday, November 12, 2023

<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Confirmation Class-YR	8:15am	Youth Room
<b>Communion</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Church &amp; online</b>
Sunday School	10:45am	
Laudate Choir	12:00pm	Church Choir Room
Coed Volleyball-Gym	6:00pm	School Gym
Non-OSL Confirmation-Zoom	6:00pm	Zoom online

## Monday, November 13, 2023

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

## Tuesday, November 14, 2023

<i>Braille</i>	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>Concordia LCMS</i>
Trustees-Maintenance Bldg.	6:30pm	Maintenance Building
Parish Ed mtg-YR	7:00pm	Youth Room

## Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Newsletter Deadline		
Men's Bible Study-BC	6:30am	Bible Class Room
Bible Class-BC	10:00am	Bible Class Room
Bulletin Deadline	12:00pm	Church Office
F.A.S.T. Fall	5:30pm	Cafeteria & Classrooms

## Thursday, November 16, 2023

Prayer Request printing deadline	3:00pm	Church office
Evangelism Meeting - BC	6:00pm	Bible Class Room
<i>UH Campus Ministry</i>	<i>6:00pm</i>	<i>University of Houston</i>
Carillon Ringers	6:15pm	Choir Loft
Jubilate Choir	7:00pm	Choir Loft
Lutheran Confessions Bible Study -BC	7:00pm	Bible Class Room
Word Web Bible Study-Zoom	7:00pm	<a href="https://osl.cc/the-word-on-the-web">https://osl.cc/the-word-on-the-web</a>

## Sunday, November 19, 2023

Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Confirmation Class-YR	8:15am	Youth Room
<b>Matins</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Church &amp; online</b>
Sunday School	10:45am	
Cantate Practice	12:00pm	Church Choir Room
Life Team Meeting-BC	12:00pm	Bible Class Room

*Want to participate with your fellow OSL members in a community outreach that is fun, Scripture-centered, and only requires a few hours of your time? Consider volunteering for the OSL Nativity! It's a Living Nativity and so much more: music in the Sanctuary, the Scripture Walk with living illustrations, and Bethlehem village. Scan this code to learn more.*





*Worship with us for*  
***Thanksgiving***

Wednesday Evening  
**November 22, at 7:00 PM**

Thursday Morning  
**November 23, at 9:30 AM**

*Both services will have Holy Communion*

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!*

*Psalm 100:4 ESV*