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Our Savior Lutheran

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Order of Holy Communion

In Nomine Jesu



Music for Meditation & Prayer

Ringling of the Bells

Prelude

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

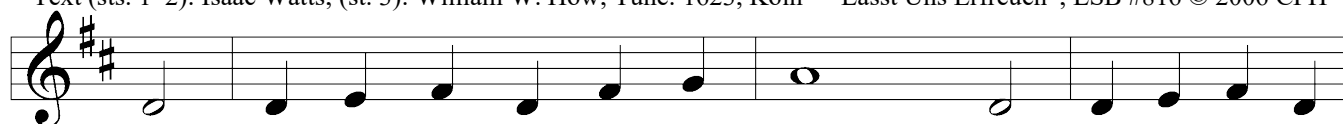
By J. Scott

Greetings & Announcements

Hymn of Invocation

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

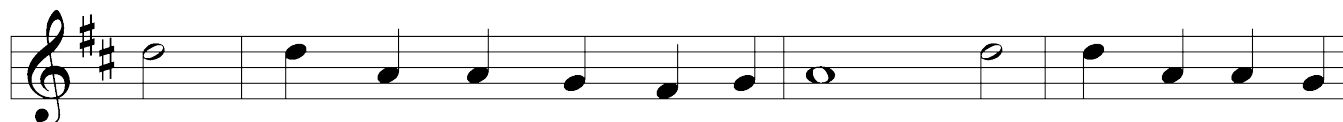
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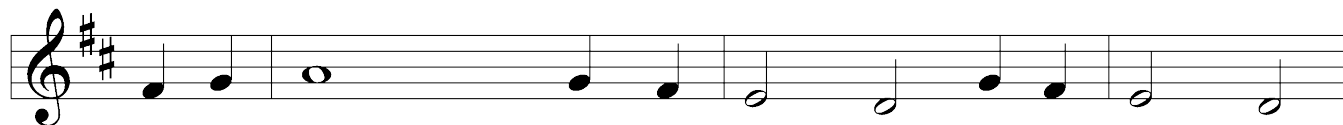
1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -
△ 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal



praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -



ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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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)

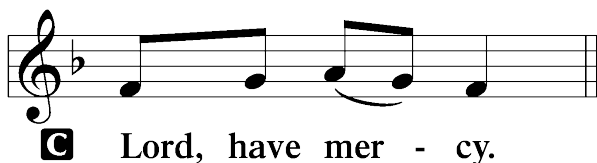
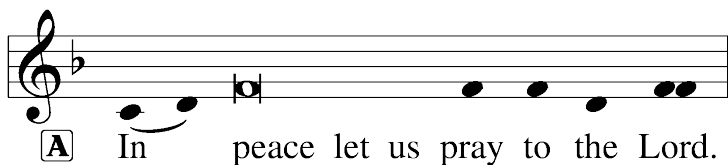
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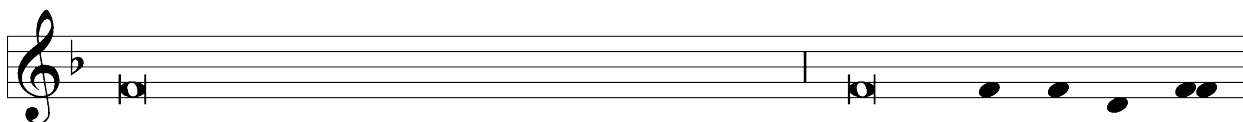
“Cogitavimus de misericordia tua, Deus”

(Intoned by Pastor with Congregation on Gloria Patri; Psalm 48:1, 3, 11, 14; antiphon: vv. 9–10)

We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of your | temple.
As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.*
Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.
Great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised*
in the city of our God, his holy | mountain.
Within her | citadels*
God has made himself known as a | fortress.
Let Mount Zion | be glad!*
Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your | judgments!
This is God, our God forever and | ever.*
He will guide us for- | ever.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
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Kyrie





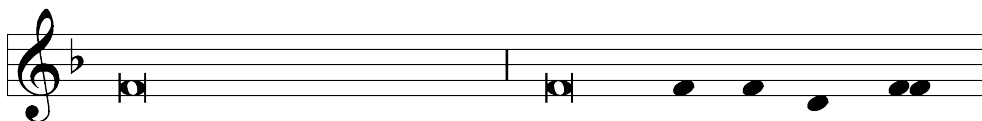
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



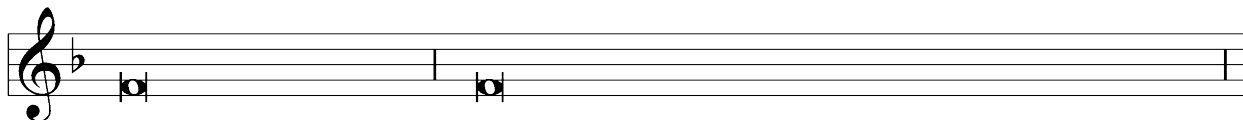
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



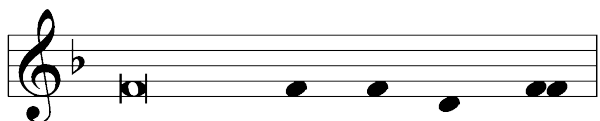
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



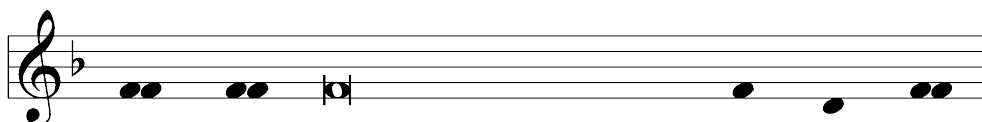
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26

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

30

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

34

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

37

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

41

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

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


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

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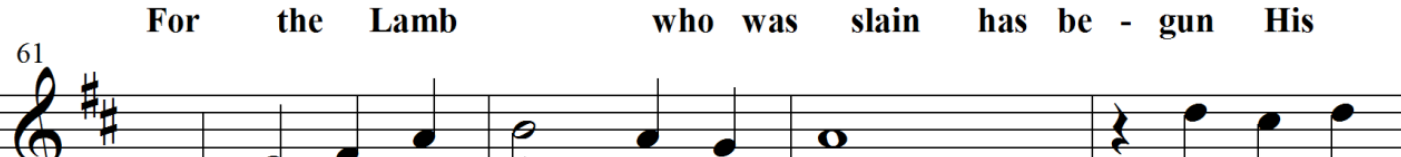
 God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His

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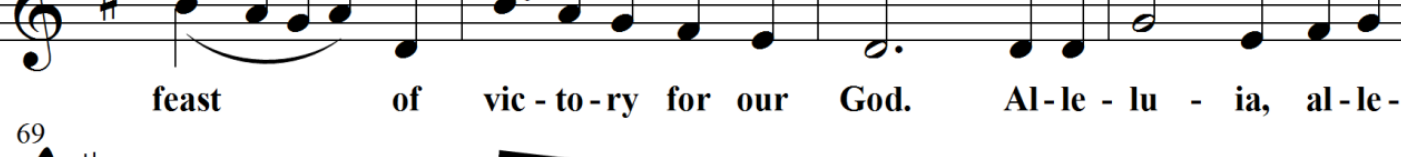
reign. Al - le - lu - - - ia. This is the

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

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

Collect of the Day

(2 Timothy 4:22)

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; 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)

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 23:16–29

[16] Thus says the Lord of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. [17] They say continually to those who despise the word of the Lord, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’” [18] For who among them has stood in the council of the Lord to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? [19] Behold, the storm of the Lord! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. [20] The anger of the Lord will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. [21] “I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. [22] But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. [23] “Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God afar off? [24] Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord. [25] I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ [26] How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, [27] who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? [28] Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. [29] Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

Truthfulness is one of the basic characteristics of God. His Word defines Truth. His promises never fail. False prophets tell people what they want to hear in order to increase their own popularity. Genuine prophets of God speak His Word of Truth regardless of its reception by their audience. Sometimes Truth is hard to take, but one who speaks in love will always be a truth-teller.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual

(Intoned by Pastor; Psalm 31:2b, 1a)

Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,*
a strong fortress to | save me!
In you, O Lord, do I take | refuge;*
let me never be | put to shame.

Epistle Reading

Acts 20:27-38

[27] [Paul said:] “For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. [28] Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. [29] I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; [30] and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. [31] Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. [32] And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. [33] I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. [34] You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. [35] In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” [36] And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. [37] And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, [38] being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

The world is full of liars. That is the sad consequence of sin. The Truth of God, contained in His holy Word, is the only foundation of the Church. When God’s people depart from that one truth to follow the falsehoods of man the consequence is always confusion, distortion, and death. In a world like ours it isn’t easy to hold to the truth and to faithfully confess that truth to men caught up in their own fatal fantasies. Nonetheless, the God of Truth has called us to be His witnesses no matter what the cost.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

(Stand)

Alleluia and Verse

(John 6:68)

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the melody for the first line of the verse. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 7th chapter.



Gospel Reading

St. Matthew 7:15–23

[15] [Jesus said:] “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. [16] You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? [17] So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. [18] A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. [19] Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. [20] Thus you will recognize them by their fruits. [21] “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. [22] On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ [23] And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

The Truth of God gives life. The lies of the Devil bring death. Thus has it been since the beginning. Those who serve the Father of Lies conceal their deadly deceptions behind a cloak of piety like a wolf in sheep’s clothing. Believing and defending the pure doctrine of God’s Word is not optional or unimportant. As Jesus reminds us in the stern words of this text, it is literally a matter of life or death. To allow error and falsehood to go unchallenged contradicts and denies the love of Christ, who gave His life on the cross for the sake of the Truth.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C *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)



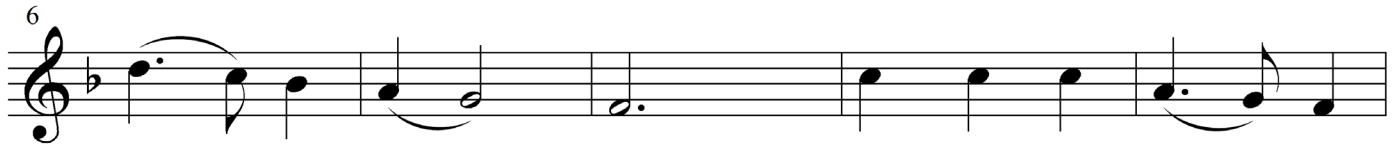
Sermon Hymn

Let Luther's Heirs Come Forth This Day

Text: J.C. Rein (vss. 1-4), L.L. White (vs. 5); Tune: Melchior Vulpius – “Lobt Gott Den Herren, Ihr”; Te Deum #200 © 2016 OSL



1. Let Lu - ther's heirs__ come forth this day, With hymns of
2. With Lu - ther's spir - it, stal - wart, bold, May God our
3. Our vic - t'ry ban - ner raise on high De - fy - ing
4. Now seize the mom - ent! Take your place With - in the
5. In these last days, let Luth - er's heirs, cast off luke-



ex - ul - ta - tion. A migh - ty host__ in
hearts in - spire. Now to his doc - trine
Sa - tan's pow - er. De - clare in one__ ex -
line__ of bat - tle! And this our watch - word
warm in - dif - f'rence; Break free from Sa - tan's



vast ar - ray Sound forth this proc - la - ma - tion;
firm - ly hold With strength that will__ not tire.
ul - tant cry God's tri - umph in__ this hour.
by__ God's grace A - mid the foe's vain prat - tle;
dead - ly snares, stand firm to meet his chal - lenge!



God's Word and Lu - ther's doc - trine pure Shall now, and ev - er -
God's Word and Lu - ther's doc - trine pure Shall now, and ev - er -
God's Word and Lu - ther's doc - trine pure Shall now and ev - er -
God's Word and Lu - ther's doc - trine pure Shall now and ev - er -
God's Word and Lu - ther's doc - trine pure, Shall now and ev - er -



more en - dure. Let all the world take no - tice!
more en - dure. Re - joice and sing__ God's prai - ses!
more en - dure. Death's bit - ter reign is end - ed!
more en - dure. Our vic - t'ry is__ ac - com - plished.
more en - dure As stead - fast, faith - ful war - riors.

(Stand for Text)

Sermon

Text: St. Matthew 7:15–23; “False Prophet Alert”

(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

Andante Religioso

By Alfredo Piatti

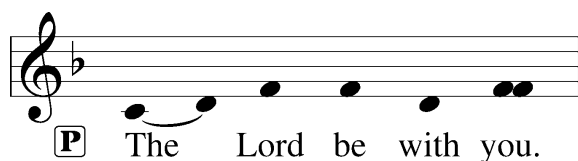
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(Stand)

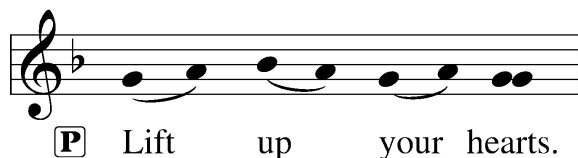
Intercessory Prayer

Preface

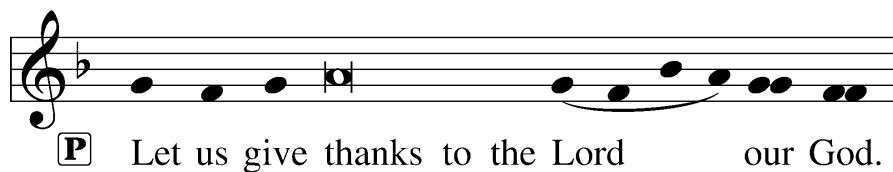
Worship Note: The sound of the Zimbelstern announces the invitation that brings the realms of heaven and voices here on earth to sing the great hymn of praise to our Lord. As the Pastor reads “therefore with angels and archangels....” the bells peal in festive celebration.



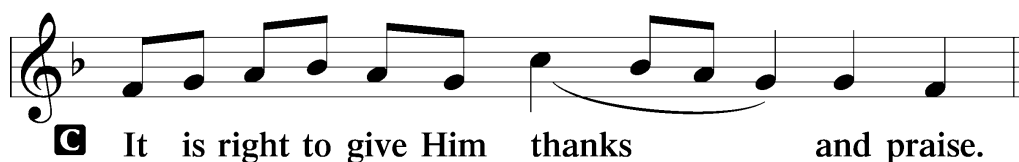
(2 Timothy 4:22)



(Colossians 3:1)



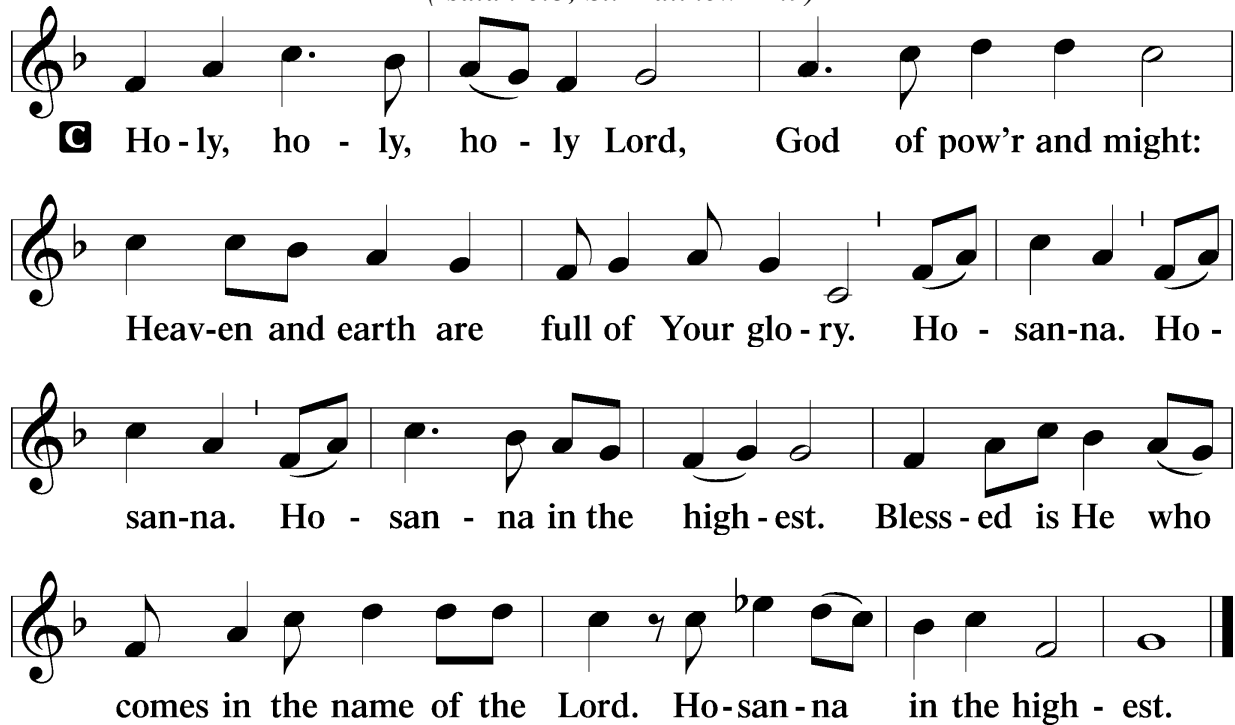
(Psalm 136)



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, 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; St. Matthew 21:9)



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

The Lord's Prayer

(St. Matthew 6:9-13)

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

Words of Institution

(St. Matthew 26:26-28)

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

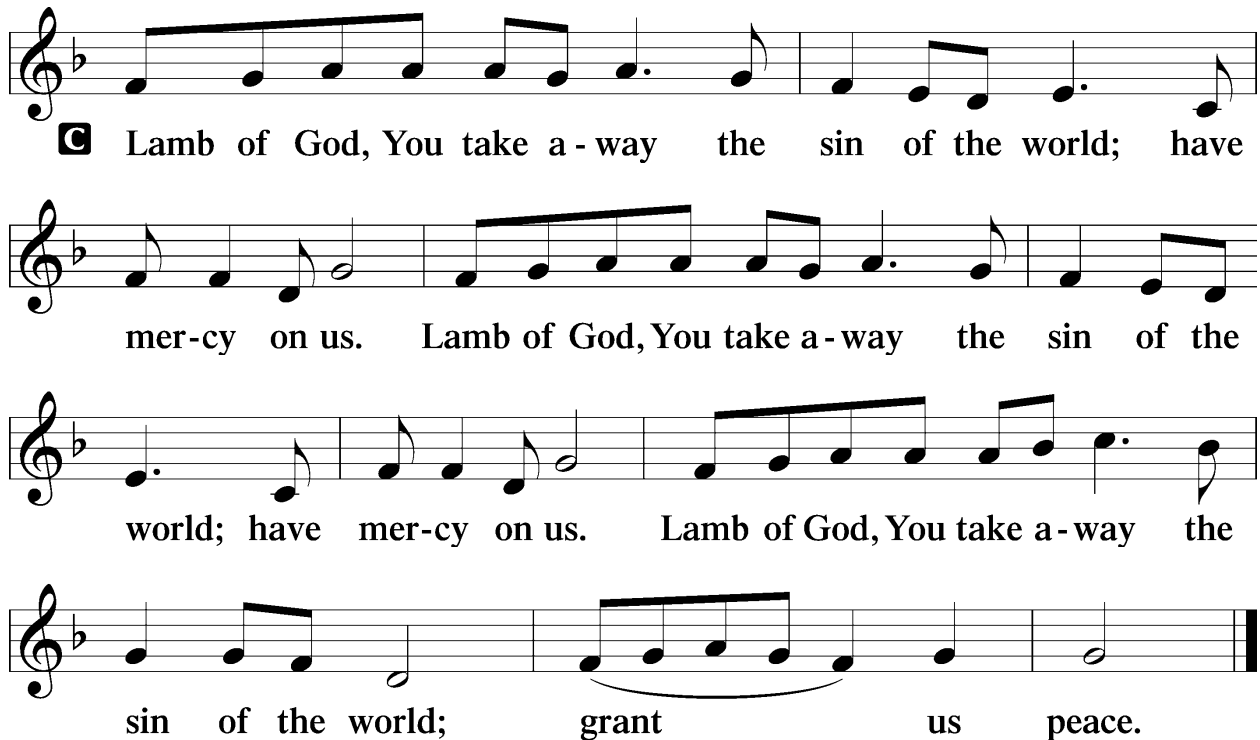
(St. John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C *And also with you.*

Agnus Dei

(St. John 1:29)



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

(Be Seated)

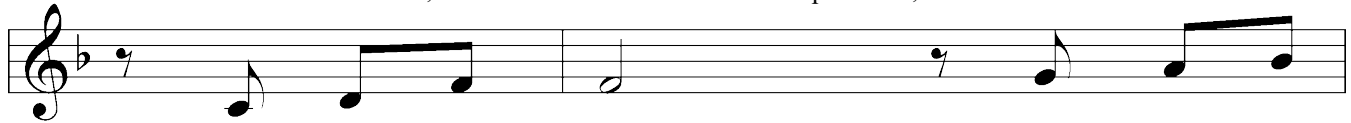
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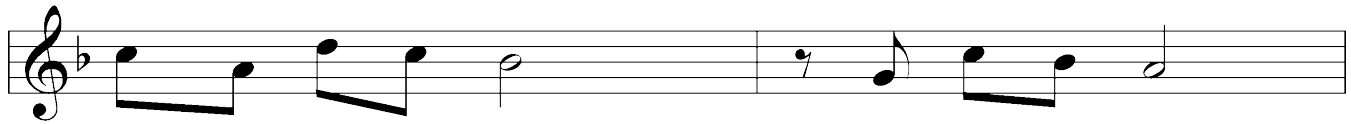
Distribution Hymns

What Is This Bread

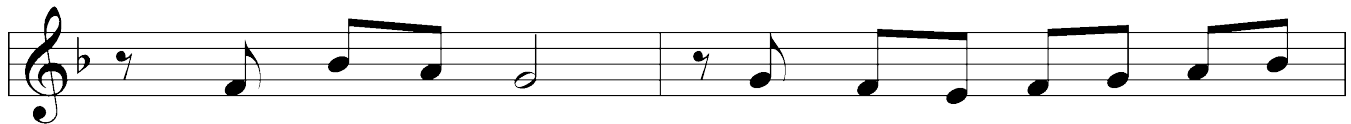
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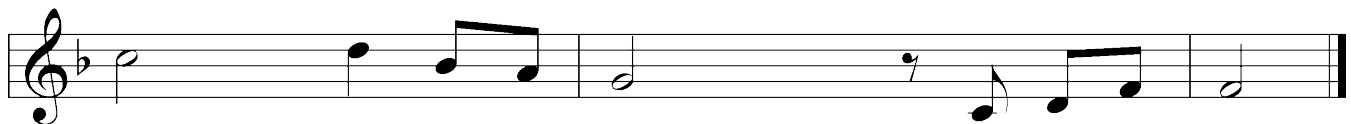
1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from the	dead:	This	bread	we	break,
Je - sus	shed	for mine;	The	cup	of	grace
live	and	He should	Un - der	the	rod?	
Word	and	prom - ise	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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Amazing Grace

Arranged by Rich Heffler

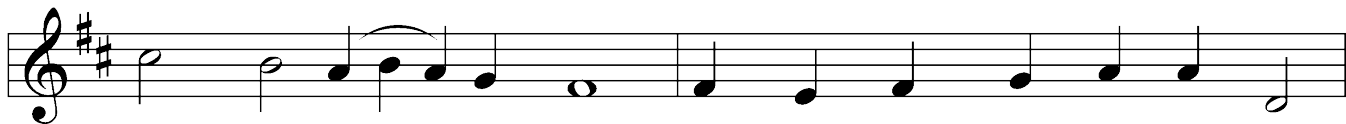
Nathan Russ, cello

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Text: tr. Robert Campbell; Tune: 1566, Ivance – “Sonne Der Gerechtigkeit”; LSB #633 © 2006 CPH



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



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



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

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

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

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

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

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The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

Text: tr. Olof Olsson; Tune: 1742 – “Gottlob, Es Geht Nunmehr Zu Ende”; LSB #634, sts. 1–4 © 2006 CPH



1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -
2 He blot - ted out with His own blood The judg - ment
3 That this for - ev - er true shall be He gives a
4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this



brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort
that a - gainst us stood; For us He full a -
sol - emn guar - an - tee: In this His ho - ly
Sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,



in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
tone - ment made, And all our debt He ful - ly paid.
Sup - per here We taste His love so sweet, so near.
as He said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

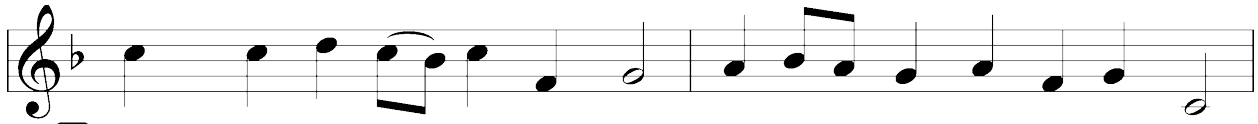
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Post-Communion Canticle

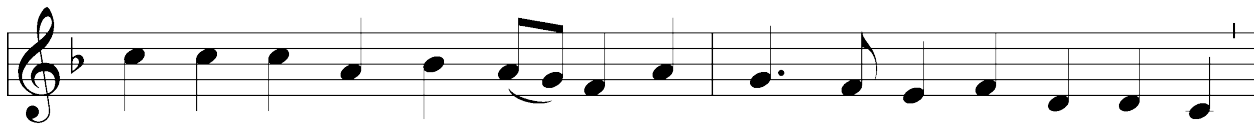
Thank the Lord



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



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



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



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

Post-Communion Collect

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *Amen.*

Benediction

(Numbers 6:24-26)

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



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

Closing Hymn

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Text: Omer E. Westendorf; Tune: Welsh – “The Ash Grove”; LSB #643 © 2006 CPH

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,

The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.

The Sup-er is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,

The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.

The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;

Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.

His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing

To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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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 VIII – The relaxing lies our culture prophesies cannot even approach our Lord's promises (Jeremiah 23:16-18). We speak the Gospel of Jesus Christ boldly and gladly (Jeremiah 23:28-29), though it earns us persecution, because He sets great joy before us. In this faith we will sit around His throne with the cloud of witnesses His Word saved. *Lamb of God, You have given me Your people's crown of life; forge in me Your prophets' faith. 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, August 24 at 9:30 AM.**

“Let a man examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.”

1 Corinthians 11:28

The Word of God teaches that the bread and wine of the Sacrament are the true Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. This precious gift of God's grace is to be received in a sense of reverent awe after careful self-examination. The Bible defines that self-examination as a personal recognition of the real presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the Sacrament, and a repentant acknowledgment of my own sinfulness recognizing my absolute dependence upon Christ as the only source of forgiveness for my sin. Scripture further instructs that our participation in Christ's Body and Blood together is the most profound and powerful way for Christians to acknowledge their unity in the faith. That is to say, when we share in the Body and Blood of Jesus at this altar, we are thereby indicating our common commitment to all of the doctrines of God's Word as they are taught in this congregation. Because of these Biblical convictions, we respectfully request that visitors, who wish to join us in receiving the Body and Blood of Christ and thereby identify with our confession of Bible truth, speak with one of our pastors before attending the Lord's Supper.

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Bible Class & Sunday School Options for all:

8:15 AM –

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

10:45 AM – Adults

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

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

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

Women's Bible Study – On August 17, we will begin *Altogether Beautiful: A Study of the Song of Songs*, by Heidi Goehmann (published by Concordia Publishing House). Walking through this study, you will learn how beautiful God sees you, but more important, you'll learn to ground your identity in the one who makes you beautiful—Jesus Christ.. (Sarah Baughman, Family Room, Church)

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

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

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS AS LISTED – 10:45 AM

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

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

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

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Mushinski Family in birthday celebration for Barbara on 8th, and Dean on 11th with grandson Archer Cheng; and by Gary & Ruth Schmidt for their 59th wedding anniversary.



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!

Book of REVELATION Bible Study: Monday evenings, 7:00 - 8:30pm in the Bible Class Room with Pastor White. Everyone is welcome! There will be light snacks beginning at 6:30pm, with the study starting at 7pm. Join us for God’s Word and great Christian fellowship. *Not able to make it in person?* Join on **ZOOM**. Go to <https://osl.cc/mondaynight-biblestudy>. For the best experience, *please download the Zoom app* on your phone or computer. Contact Bill Prestwood with any questions: bprestwood@osl.cc or 806-626-5244.



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



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

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

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

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

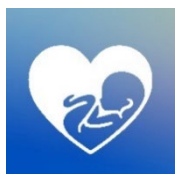
GREETERS NEEDED to serve the Lord with gladness! Get to know your fellow church family. Call Garry Stuhr for information: 281-704-7129.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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Want to Join OSL? Would you like a refresher on Lutheran teaching?

Life With God is a study of God's Word and the Lutheran Doctrine. Class is held Mondays, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm, in the Bible Class Room, with a light meal before class at 6:30 pm. This course runs approximately 12 weeks.

Class will begin Monday, September 8. Bring a neighbor, a friend, or family!



MEASURE OF DEVOTION: Last week Sunday, we had 335 people in attendance (last year 317), 493 viewers online.

Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week	\$ 59,881.10
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 31	\$ 1,181,676.31
Tithes & Offerings needed each week	\$ 42,134.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 31	\$ 1,306,154.00
Special Contributions to date	\$ 409,976.78

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.” Malachi 3:10

Those To Serve:

	Today, Sunday, August 10, at 9:30AM	Next Week, Sunday, August 17, at 9:30AM
ELDERS:	James Kriegel / Alvin Fritsche / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes	James Kriegel / Alvin Fritsche / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes
USHERS:	Gobrogge Team	Symcox Team
SOUND:	T. Wilbanks	Whiting
CARTS:	Downie Team	Kriegel Team
ACOLYTES:	Bree Lawder / Katie Ripple	Iris Ferrarese / Megan Ripple
ALTAR GLD:	Vickie Nitsch Team	—
COMM. ASST:	James Kriegel / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes / Dennis Mueller	—
EVANGELISM:	Team 5: Malson	Team 1: Nino
GREETERS:	TEAM 6: Edwards	TEAM 7: Fehrenkamp
MUSIC:	Nathan Russ	—
VIDEO:	Adam White / Wesley White	Adam White / Wesley White

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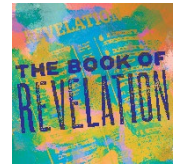
OSL at a Glance

Sunday, August 10, 2025

<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Communion	9:30am	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45am	
Confirmation Parent Meeting – 6th - 8th grade- YR	12:00pm	Youth Room

Monday, August 11, 2025

Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML	9:00am	LWML
Young Adults Bible Study-YR	6:00pm	Youth Room
Revelation Monday Night Bible Class	6:30pm	Bible Class Room



Tuesday, August 12, 2025

<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

Wednesday, August 13, 2025 ~ First Day of School

Men's Bible Study-BC	6:30am	Bible Class Room
Bible Class-BC	10:00am	Bible Class Room
Bulletin Deadline	12:00pm	Church Office

Thursday, August 14, 2025

Prayer Request printing deadline	3:00pm	Church office
Word Web Bible Study-Zoom	6:00pm	https://osl.cc/the-word-on-the-web

Friday, August 15, 2025 ~ Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, August 16, 2025

Bunco Women's Social-BC	10:00am	Bible Class Room
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Sunday, August 17, 2025

Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Matins-Teacher Installation	9:30am	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45am	
Life Team Meeting-BC	12:00pm	Bible Class Room
Teachers Welcome Reception	12:00pm	Cafeteria



Join us in welcoming our new OSL Faculty after the dedication service and Bible class next Sunday, Aug 17th. You're invited to enjoy desserts and fellowship in the cafeteria following Sunday school classes. We invite you to give our new faculty a warm OSL-Texas welcome with cards and gift cards.

New Faculty: *Mrs. Darlene Blasco – Support Services Interventionist*

Miss Aislinn Bohot – Band & Orchestra Director

Miss Destiny McNair – School Nurse

Mr. Richard Solis – Physical Education PS-2

Ms. Gillian Wagner-Main – Grade 2

Mrs. Sarah Weider – Logic School, Literatus Lingua





Young Adult Conference October 3–5

Join us for a weekend of worship, fellowship, and learning as we explore how Lutheran theology brings clarity and peace in a chaotic world. Designed for young adults (ages 18–35), the conference will include sessions on evangelism, cultural engagement, and bold Christian living, along with worship services and Q&A with Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller. Cost is \$10 – register online now!

<https://splcaustin.regfox.com/christian-comfort-in-a-chaotic-cosmos>

What to expect:

- Engaging sessions on evangelism, current events through a Christian lens, and living with peace and boldness in a crazy culture
- Opportunities for fellowship with other young adults
- Spiritual nourishment through worship services including Evening Prayer, Matins, Vespers, and Divine Service
- Q&A session with Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller and other speakers

Additional details about schedule, session topics, and speakers will be posted to the St. Paul event website closer to the conference start date.

About This Event:

For Young Adults 18-35

Date: October 3rd (6:00PM) - 5th (afternoon)

Cost: \$10

*Location: St. Paul Lutheran Church
3501 Red River St, Austin, TX, 78705 US*



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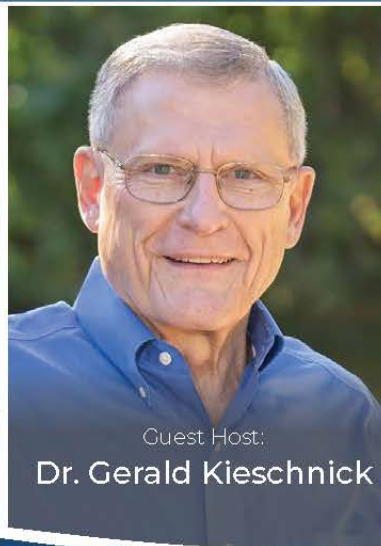
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