



"Doubting Thomas"

Our Savior Lutheran Church

Second Sunday of Easter

QUASIMODO GENITI

Order of Holy Communion

In Nomine Jesu



Music for Meditation & Prayer

Ringing of the Bells

Prelude

HYMN TO JOY

By J. Scott

Greetings & Announcements

Hymn of Invocation

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! HEARTS TO HEAVEN

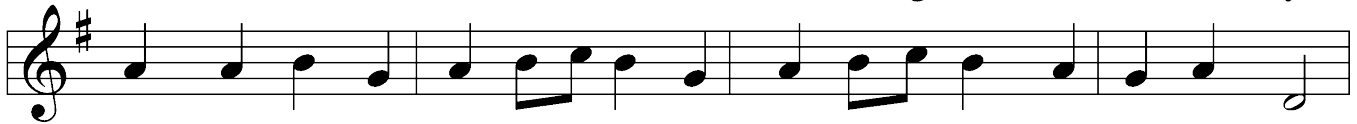
Text: Christopher Wordsworth; Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven – “Hymn to Joy”; LSB #477 © 2006 CPH



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
See the an - cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;

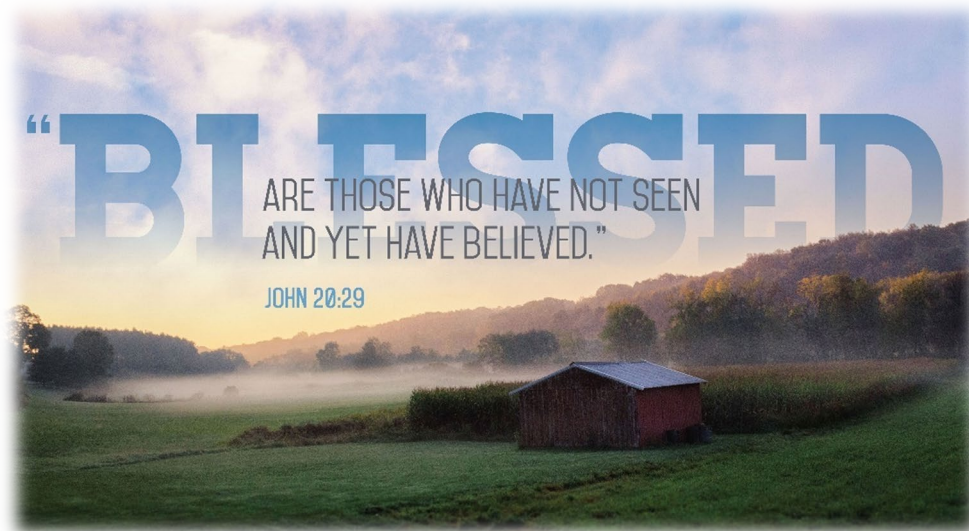


He who on the cross a vic - tim For the world's sal - va - tion bled—
Once He died, and once was bur - ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor - ship and a - dore.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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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)

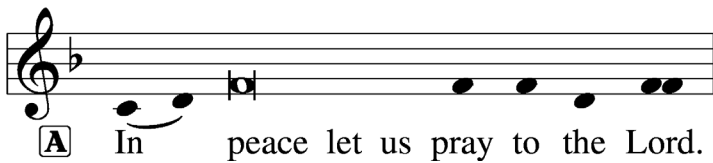
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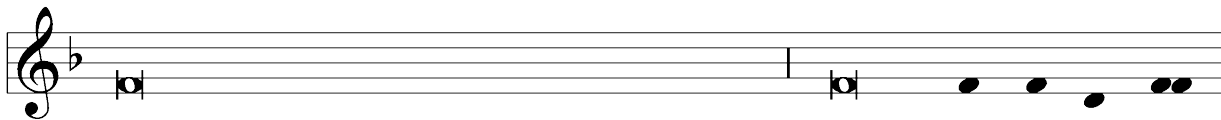
“QUASIMODO GENITI”

(Intoned by Pastor with Congregation on Gloria Patri; Psalm 81:1, 7a, 10, 16b; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2a)

Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,*
long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle- | luia.
Sing aloud to | God our strength;*
shout for joy to the God of | Jacob!
In distress you called, and I de- | livered you;*
I answered you in the secret place of | thunder.
I am the | Lord your God,*
who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it;*
and with honey from the rock I would sat- | isfy you.
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.
Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,*
long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle- | luia.

Kyrie

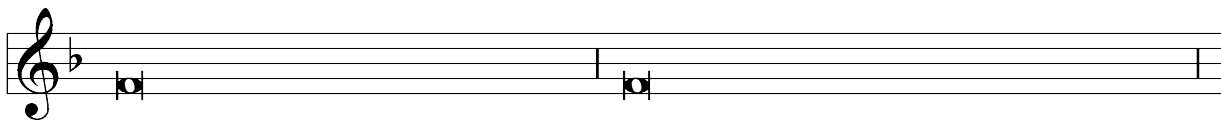




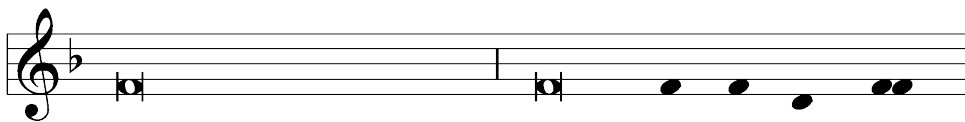
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



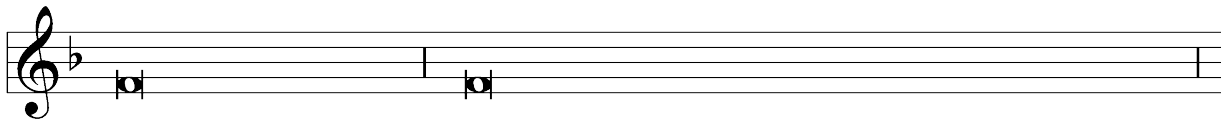
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



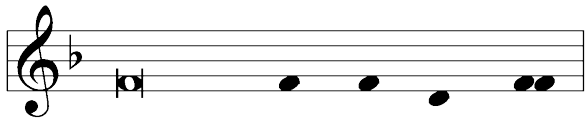
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



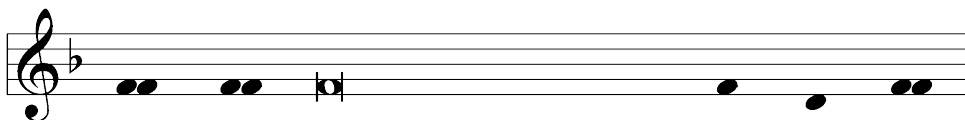
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



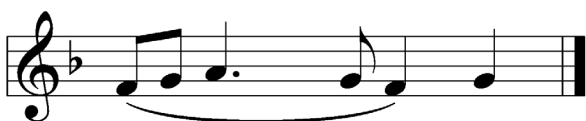
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26

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

30

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

34

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

37

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

41

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

45

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

49

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

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. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *Amen.*

(Be Seated)

Ministry of Music

MY SPIRIT REJOICES

By Johann Sebastian Bach; Arranged by Dolores Hruby

Laudate Choir

*My spirit rejoices, arises with joy, Christ Jesus you save us and death you destroy, and death you destroy.
You conquered all sin when you rose from the grave, We'll send forth the good news that you came to save.
I thank you, O Lord, for your unending love, I thank you, O Lord, for your unending love, your unending love.*

*My spirit rejoices, arises with joy, Christ Jesus you save us and death you destroy, and death you destroy.
With majesty, honor and glory you're clad, My heart and my spirit rejoice and are glad.
Lord send out your Spirit and renew the earth, Lord send out your Spirit and renew the earth, and renew the earth.*

Old Testament Lesson

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

[1] The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. [2] And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. [3] And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." [4] Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. [5] Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. [6] And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

Ezekiel's dramatic vision of the valley of the dry bones conveys a message of hope and life to a world filled with despair and death. Israel had spurned God and His love to trust in the ways of men. God promised through His prophet that despite the unfaithfulness of His people, His divine purpose to restore mankind to life eternal would be accomplished, nonetheless. God would create life from the dust of death once again, just as He had in the beginning when he breathed life into the nostrils of the man whom He had formed from the dust.

[7] So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. [8] And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. [9] Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." [10] So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

[11] Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.'" [12] Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. [13] And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. [14] And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

Verse

(Intoned by Pastor; Matthew 28:7b; John 20:26a, c)

Alleluia. He has risen | from the dead,
and behold, he is going before you to Galilee. Alle- | luia.
Eight days later Jesus came and stood among | them and said,
“Peace be with you.” Alle- | luia.

Epistle Reading

1 JOHN 5:4-10

[4] For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. [5] Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? [6] This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. [7] For there are three that testify: [8] the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. [9] If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. [10] Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

Every believer has a personal share in the victory of Christ over sin, death and the power of this world. The resurrection of our Lord is the unmistakable declaration of that victory. The faith which makes each of us participants in Christ's resurrection comes to us through the work of the Holy Spirit in the water of Baptism thru the blood which Jesus shed upon the cross in our place, which we now graciously receive in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

(Stand)

Alleluia and Verse

(John 6:68)

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

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

ST. JOHN 20:19–31

[19] On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” [20] When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. [21] Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” [22] And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. [23] If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

[24] Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. [25] So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

[26] Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” [27] Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” [28] Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” [29] Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

[30] Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; [31] but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The fearful disciples, still cowering in the upper room, were transformed by their encounter with the risen Christ. The traditional Hebrew greeting, “Peace be with you - Shalom Aleichem,” was profoundly fulfilled on that first Easter evening, as the resurrection of Jesus blessed His disciples with an invincible sense of security and well-being. Their Lord had defeated all of His foes. He was alive and with them once again. Nothing in this world would ever be able to intimidate or silence them. These same men went on to become fearless witnesses of the gospel throughout the world. The good news of the resurrection still does the same thing for us as we share in His triumph.

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 SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand; Tune: Melchior Vulpus – “Gelobt Sei Gott”; LSB #470 © 2006 CPH



All: 1 O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
Women: 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful
Men: 3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and
All: 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
speaks un - to the three, “Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee.”
came their mas - ter dear And said, “My peace be with you here.”



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, al - le - lu - ia!

Women: 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Men: 6 “My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be.” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All: 7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“You are my Lord and God!” he cried. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All: 8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All: 9 On this most holy day of days Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Sermon

TEXT: ST. JOHN 20:19-31
“DO NOT DISBELIEVE, BUT BELIEVE”

(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

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Catechism Hymn

FROM DEPTHS OF WOE I CRY TO THEE

Text & tune: Martin Luther – “Aus Tiefer Not”; LSB #607, st. 1 © 2006 CPH

1 From depths of woe I cry to Thee, In trial and
trib - u - la - tion; Bend down Thy gra - cious
ear to me, Lord, hear my sup - pli - ca - tion.
If Thou re - mem - b'rest ev - 'ry sin, Who then could heav - en
ev - er win Or stand be - fore Thy pres - ence?

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Catechism Lesson:

CONFESSION

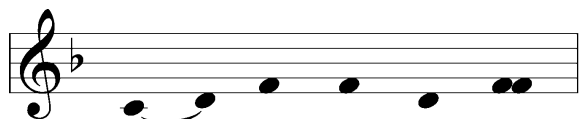
- P** What do you believe according to these words?
- C** *I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.*
- P** A lesson from Romans 4:7 –
- C** *“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.”*

(Stand)

Intercessory Prayer

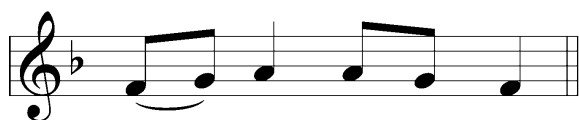
Preface

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



P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



C And al - so with you.

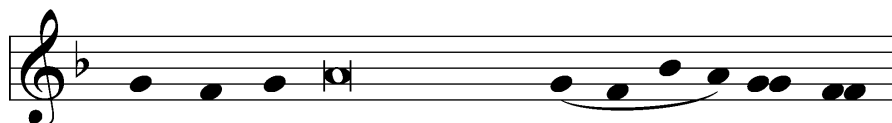


P Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(Psalm 136)



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

(Isaiah 6:3; St. Matthew 21:9)



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

(St. Matthew 6:9-13)

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

Words of Institution

(St. Matthew 26:26-28)

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

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

Pax Domini

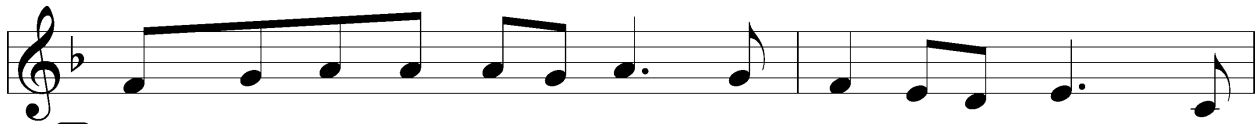
(St. John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

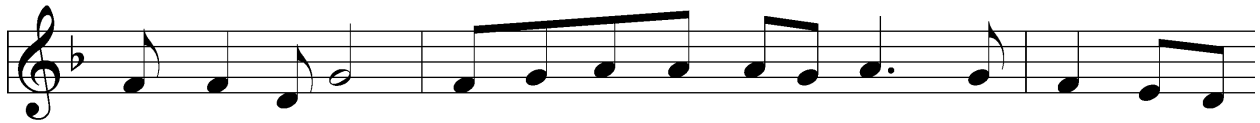
C *And also with you.*

Agnus Dei

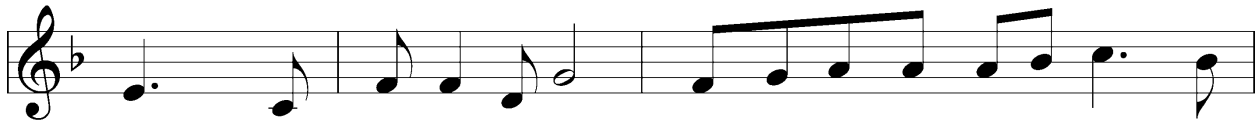
(St. John 1:29)



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



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



sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Be Seated)

Distribution

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

Distribution Hymns

IN THE GARDEN

By C. Austin Miles



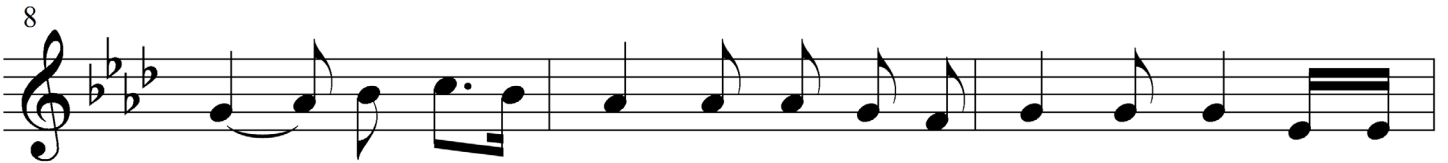
1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so
3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Though the



dew is still on the ros - es; And the
sweet the birds hush their sing - ing, And the
night a - round me be fall - ing, But He



voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear, The Son of God dis -
mel - o - dy that He gave to me With - in my heart is
bids me go; through the voice of woe, His voice to me is



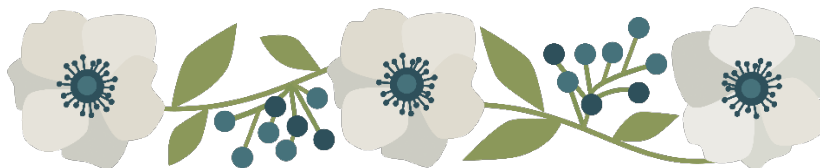
8 clos - es. And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He
ring - ing.
call - ing.



11 tells me I am His own; And the joy we share as we



14 tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er known.



Ministry of Music

IN THE GARDEN

Words and music by C. Austin Miles; Arranged by Phillip Keveren
Ethel Hikal & Jeff Armstrong, piano duet

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

Text: Charles Wesley; Tune: French, 13th cent. – “Orientis Partibus”; LSB #469 © 2006 CPH



1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n to - day!” Saints on earth and an - gels say;
2 Love’s re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, re - ply.
Lo! Our Sun’s e - clipse is o’er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.
Death in vain for - bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led;
Foll’wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

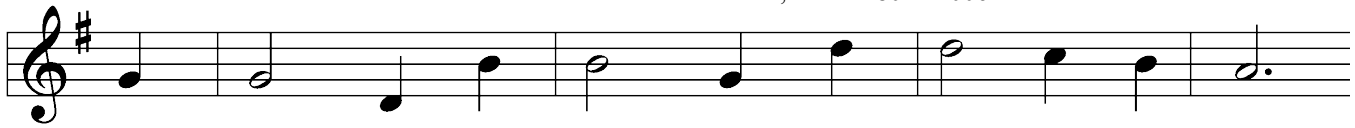
6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n!
Praise to Thee by both be giv’n!
Thee we greet triumphant now:
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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HE'S RISEN, HE'S RISEN

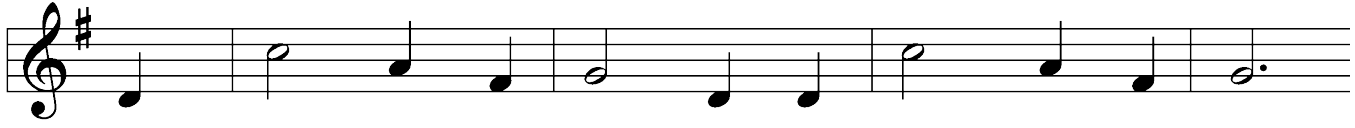
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1 He's ris - en, He's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
 2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
 3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
 △ 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.
 The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
 And death, hell, and Sa - tan He van - quished, His foes.
 Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
 Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
 In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
 The con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high;
 For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone;
 Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.
 For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
 He lives, yes, He lives, and will nev - er - more die.
 Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.
 With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

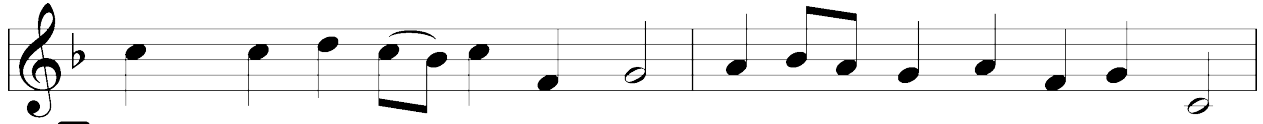
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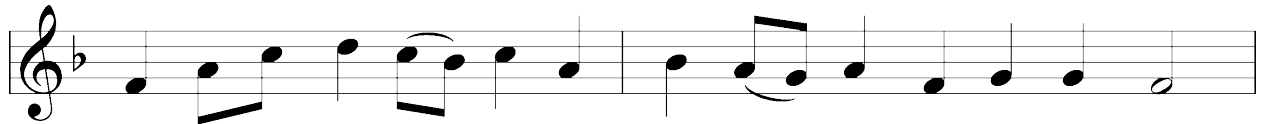
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Post-Communion Canticle

THANK THE LORD



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



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



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



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

Post-Communion Collect

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

C *Amen.*

Benediction

(Numbers 6:24-26)

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



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

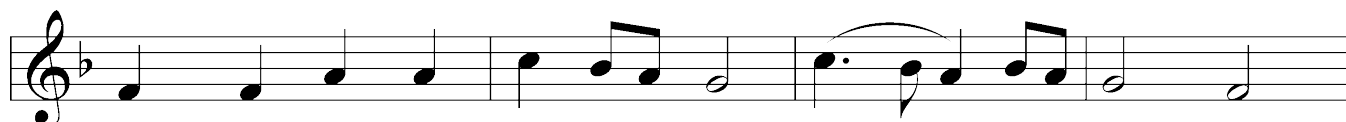
Closing Hymn

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY; ALLELUIA

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy; Tune: Robert Williams – “Llanfair”; LSB #463 © 2006 CPH



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
When con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Postlude

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

By J. Scott

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Alleluia!

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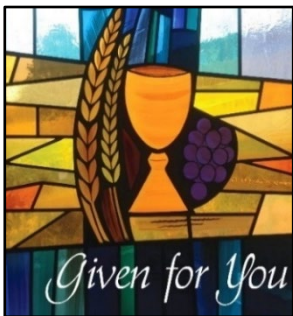
Enter reverently, meditate quietly, worship sincerely, serve Christ faithfully.

It is our heartfelt prayer that all who worships here this day may encounter the love of our Savior. According to His promise, He is here today reaching out to us in love through Word and Sacrament. If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you have found it here so that we may rejoice in serving the Lord together. If we can be of service to you or your family in any way please do not hesitate to ask.

LIFE THOUGHTS/PRAYER: Easter II (Quasimodo Geniti) – Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed (John 20:29) that even an embryo is a life worth having. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed that even becoming incapacitated or uncommunicative is a life worth living. Blessed are we who believe the Risen Savior proves every life precious, even where mortal eyes behold only despair (Ezekiel 37:5-6)! *Heavenly Father, rejoicing in Jesus' resurrection may we value all humankind. 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, April 26 at 9:30 AM.**
“Let a man examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.”
1 Corinthians 11:28

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

Get the OSL App...

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



Bible Class & Sunday School for all ages:

8:15 AM –

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

10:45 AM – Adults

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

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

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

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

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

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

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS AS LISTED – 10:45 AM

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

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

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

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Deanie Stephens in celebration of Jason's birthday on the 17th, and by Amanda & Clay Crook in loving memory of Preston Clark.

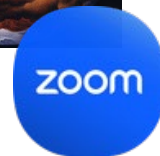


Flower Chart is available to sponsor the church flowers for your special occasions! Each flower arrangement is \$60. You will find the flower clipboard on the hutch in the narthex. Remember to write a "W" if you want the flowers, or "S" to send them to the sick. Thank you!

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—Monday—6PM—OSL Youth Room: This group is young adults (both married and single). *We are studying the Gospel of Mark*. We'll have snacks and refreshments as we gather to study and visit. Please tell your friends!

REVELATION Bible Study—Monday, 7:00pm - 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. **ZOOM option:** Go to <https://osl.cc/mondaynight-biblestudy>. For the best experience, *please download the Zoom app* on your phone or computer. Contact Bill Prestwood with any questions: bprestwood@osl.cc or 806-626-5244.



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

PASTOR WHITE'S WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS is from 10:00-12:00 with a break in the middle. 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 – *"The Word on the Web" Bible study is taking a pause.* We will resume our online study on a later date.

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.

SOUND CREW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! If you can push a button, you can be on the Sound Crew. Just give us a call or email: 713-290-9087 or church@osl.cc. *We need the help!*



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

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

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



The Stitches Fellowship Group meets on Tuesdays in the Family Room starting in April.

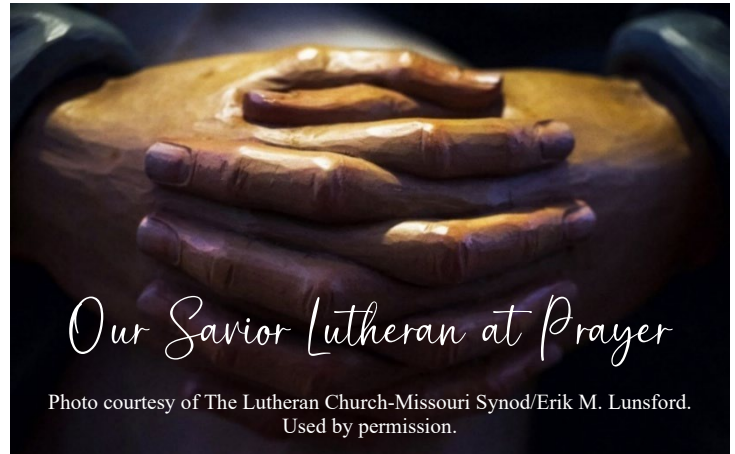
Calling for Cross-stitchers! If you are interested in helping make the Chrismon ornaments for our Sunday School children, we are looking for stitchers! The patterns are simple and we will provide you with the materials. If interested, please contact Sarah in the church office.



HELP! We Ran Out of Blankets! We give out **baby blankets** weekly to the **Blue Blossom Buses & Office**. If you can **sew**, we need *hemmers!* If you want to **crochet**, we will *teach you!* Please volunteer to join the blanket ministry! Call Ethelene: 713-849-9266 or 713-542-7534. **Also, HCFL needs part-time Bus drivers!** Call Christine: 713-395-1330.



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



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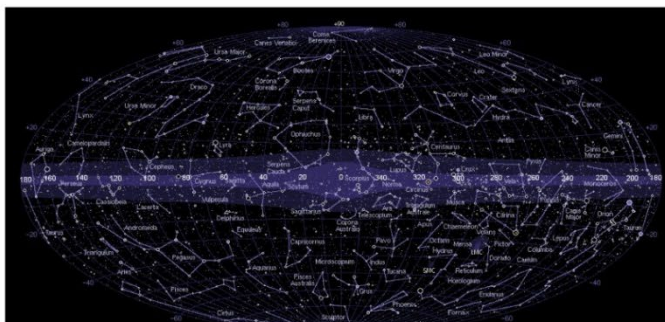


The Stars: An Introduction
Friday, April 17
8:00 pm - Soccer Field

Join us as we explore the vast depths of God's creation as we look at constellations and the moon meets with Venus in the early night sky .



OSL Astronomy Club



WE'RE GROWING...TEACHERS NEEDED!

Our Savior Lutheran School is seeking certified teacher candidates for the 2026–27 school year who are passionate about sharing Christ and excited to teach in a classical school environment. We are currently looking to fill the following positions:

- **One Early Childhood teacher**
- **Two Logic School teachers**

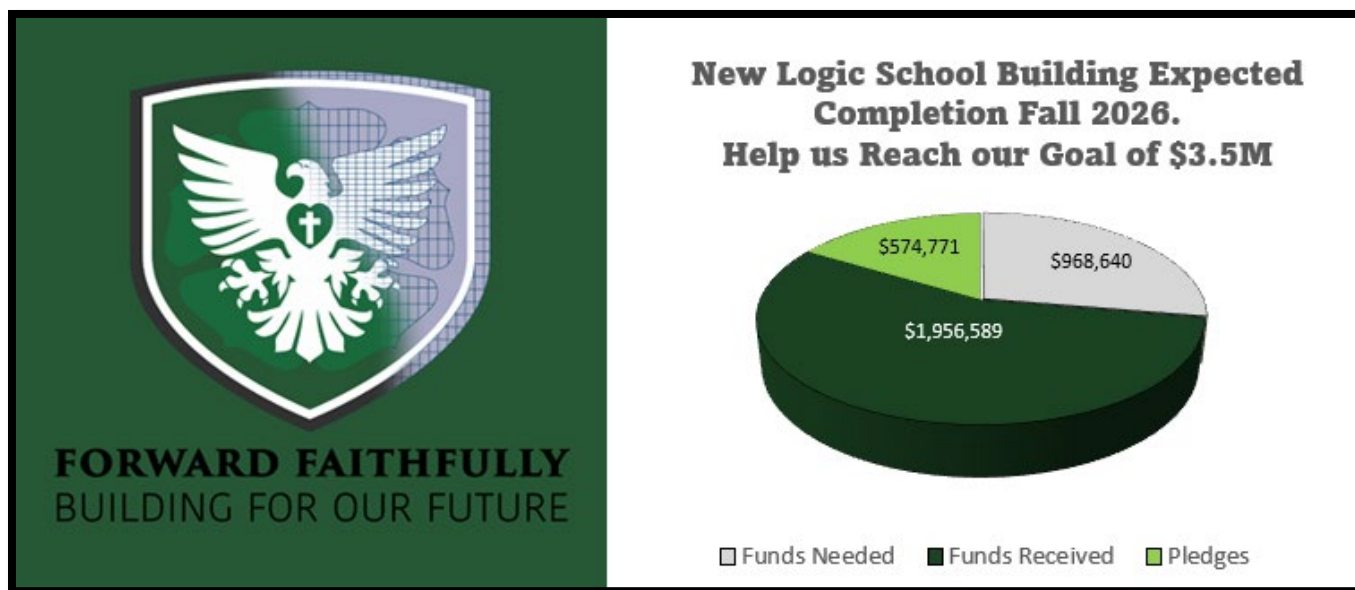
Candidates should be LCMS members in good standing and interested in becoming part of our congregation. Those who are interested or would like to recommend a candidate are encouraged to contact:

Lynette Cherington – lcherington@oslschool.org
Jeanene Lunsford – jlunsford@oslschool.org



OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

We greatly appreciate recommendations from our congregation members!



We have exciting news to share! As you may have heard, all permits from the City of Houston to proceed with the building construction of the new Logic School facility are now APPROVED! In the coming weeks, our construction partner, Paradigm Construction, will be proceeding with all due speed.

We are eager to see steel beams start rising from the site over the next few weeks! As construction proceeds in earnest, we now turn to **finishing the job of fundraising for the Logic School Building.**

The support from the entire OSL community has been strong from the start of this project. \$1.24M has been pledged so far, and we have received \$635K of these pledges. In addition, \$261K stand-alone donations have been made, and Our Savior Lutheran Church has committed more than \$1M through budgetary expenditures over the last three budget years. In summary, approximately \$2.5M of the estimated \$3.5M cost of the Logic School building has been pledged or received.

Now is the time to finish the work! **We still need to raise over \$1M to fully fund the project.** If you have not made a pledge to date, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a three-year pledge to fully fund this project. If you have already made a pledge, we would ask that you please consider extending or increasing that pledge.



We are designating Sunday, May 3, 2026, as PLEDGE DAY. OSL will host a special worship service dedicated to the ministry of Our Savior Lutheran School, and we ask that all pledges be made on or before PLEDGE DAY. To start giving now, please use the link below or the QR code on the attached Pledge Form. We look forward to celebrating with you at this special worship service. **Please save the date and watch for additional details in the coming weeks.** Thank you for your prayerful consideration and support for Our Savior Lutheran School and the new LOGIC BUILDING! It is our joy and privilege to continue to *Serve Families for Jesus Christ.*

MEASURE OF DEVOTION: Easter Sunday, we had 748 people in attendance (last year 644), viewers online 794. Maundy Thursday we had 233 (last year 265), online 645; Good Friday Noon 64, last yr 84, Tenebrae 349, last yr 305, online 986.

Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week	\$ 50,317.53
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 14	\$ 508,567.78
Tithes & Offerings needed each week	\$ 43,385.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 14	\$ 607,390.00
Special Contributions to date	\$ 193,746.30

“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, April 12, at 9:30AM		Next Week, Sunday, April 19, at 9:30AM
ELDERS:	Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Gene Kunkel / Mark Dube		Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Gene Kunkel / Mark Dube
USHERS:	Gobrogge Team		Downie Team
SOUND:	Halbert Team		Witt
CARTS:	Downie Team		Kriegel Team
ACOLYTES:	Julie Azzi / Clementine Bender		Max Berry / William Garcia
ALTAR GLD:	Glenda Cochran Team 2		—
COMM. ASST:	Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Gene Kunkel / Mark Dube / James Kriegel		—
EVANGELISM:	Team 4 O’Neill/Schmidt		Team 1 Nino
GREETERS:	TEAM 7: Fehrenkamp / Fritsche		TEAM 8: Greenwood / Domann
MUSIC:	Laudate Women’s Choir / Ethel Hikal		—
VIDEO:	Adam White / Wesley White		Adam White / Wesley White



Schedule Your Tithe! Use the OS� 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

“The Music Man” at Memorial Lutheran School – Wednesday, April 15! Calling all senior citizens! Join us at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, April 15, for a special matinee performance of “The Music Man” at Memorial Lutheran School, 5800 Westheimer Road. Senior citizens will receive V.I.P. treatment which includes cheesecake, coffee, soft drinks and snacks. The 1:00 pm show will end by 3:30 pm. Cost of admission is a freewill donation. Contact Paul Stuenkel at paul@paulstuenkel.com, or call Memorial Lutheran School at 713-782-4022, before April 10, to let us know that you’re coming.



Potluck F.E.A.S.T. is Next Week! Join us in the Bible Class Room after Sunday School on the 3rd Sunday of the month for F.E.A.S.T. (Fellowship, Eating, And Sharing Together). Gather together, share a meal, and deepen the relationships that make our congregation so special! Whether you are a new member looking to meet people or a long-time attendee hoping to reconnect, this event is for everyone. It’s a casual, welcoming environment where conversation flows as freely as the coffee. There will be carts set up in the Family Room that morning with power strips for crockpots. The ovens will be available to keep some things warm, and the school has said that we can use their warmers, too! The board will provide drinks and dinnerware. Contact **Bill Prestwood: 806-626-5244, bprestwood@osl.cc**



OSL at a Glance

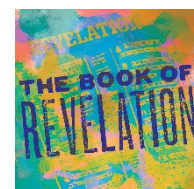
Sunday, April 12, 2026

Event	Time	Location
<i>Bon Appétit "Tastecation"</i>		
Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Communion	9:30am	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45am	
Laudate-Choir Rm	12:00pm	Church Choir Room
Summer Youth Trip Parent Meeting - YR	12:00pm	Youth Room
Men's Church Softball League	2:00pm	Field



Monday, April 13, 2026

PTL Board Meeting - YR	8:00am	Youth Room
Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML	9:00am	LWML
Young Adults Bible Study-YR	6:00pm	Youth Room
LWML Potter's Vessel-FR	6:30pm	Family Room
Revelation - Monday Night Bible Study	6:30pm	Bible Class Room



Tuesday, April 14, 2026

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

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 ~ Newsletter Deadline

Men's Bible Study-BC	6:30am	Bible Class Room
Chapel - Sanctuary	8:15am	Sanctuary
Bible Class-BC	10:00am	Bible Class Room
Bulletin Deadline	12:00pm	Church Office

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Prayer Request printing deadline	3:00pm	Church office
Carillon Ringers	6:15pm	Choir Loft
Jubilate Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm	Choir Loft
Lutheran Confessions Bible Study -BC	7:00pm	Bible Class Room

Friday, April 17, 2026

<i>Texas Lutheran Men's Conference</i>		<i>Offsite</i>
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Saturday, April 18, 2026

<i>Texas Lutheran Men's Conference</i>		<i>Offsite</i>
Bunco Women's Social-BC	10:00am	Bible Class Room



Sunday, April 19, 2026

<i>Texas Lutheran Men's Conference</i>		<i>Offsite</i>
Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Matins - Mucci Baptism	9:30am	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45am	
Cantate-Choir Rm	12:00pm	Church Choir Room
Potluck F.E.A.S.T. - BC	12:00pm	Bible Class Room
Life Team Meeting-YR	12:00pm	Youth Room
Men's Church Softball League	2:00pm	Field





IT'S TIME to register for the 2026 Summer Youth Trip Registration to Galveston! OSL 8th Grade Graduates through 12th Grade Graduates are invited to the summer youth trip on Galveston Island—**June 29-July 2.** We will be joining Memorial Lutheran (Houston), Grace Lutheran (Brenham), Bethlehem Lutheran (William Penn), and Saint John Lutheran (Galveston) Youth Groups for Bible Study, island fun, and fellowship. Pastors Cholak, Moerbe, Ogrodowicz, and Krieg will be presenting. Participants will stay at a beach house on the island and have activities at Saint John Lutheran Church and various attractions on the island. One afternoon will be spent at the Schlitterbahn Waterpark. ***We will be holding an ALL-parent meeting on April 12 in the Youth Room immediately following Sunday School. All participants and at least ONE parent MUST be in attendance. Register Now!***



TEXAS LUTHERAN MEN'S CONFERENCE: *April 17-19, 2026*

This year's Texas Lutheran Men's Conference topic will be "The Vocations of Man." Come hear pastors Steven Cholak, Brian Kachelmeier, and Bryan Wolfmueller speak about man as father, husband, and neighbor. Information about the retreat, and how to register, can be found at <https://www.stpaulaustin.org/retreat2026/>.

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MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

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PASS THIS DATE ON TO EVERYONE! HAVE SOMEONE'S EMAIL AND/OR ADDRESS WHO USED TO ATTEND OSL?

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