



He giveth power to the faint;  
and to them that have no might  
*he increaseth strength.*  
Isaiah 40:29, KJV

*Our Savior Lutheran*

# *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

JUBILATE

*Order of Holy Communion*

*In Nomine Jesu*



*Music for Meditation & Prayer*

*Ringing of the Bells*

*Prelude*

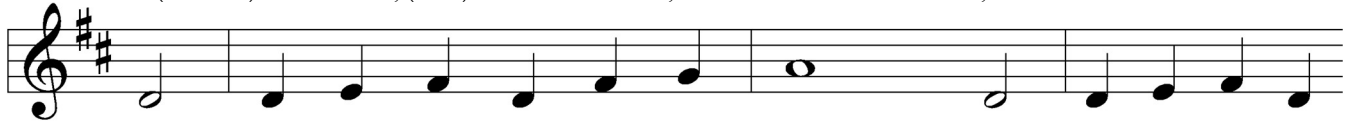
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*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!  
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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)

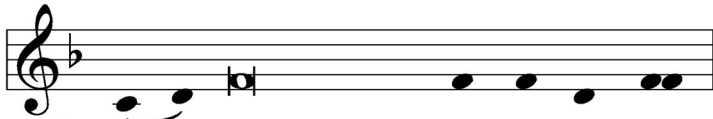
## Introit

### “JUBILATE”


(Intoned by Pastor with Congregation on Gloria Patri; Psalm 66:3, 5, 8–9; antiphon: vv. 1–2)

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia.\*  
Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- | luia.  
Say to God, “How awesome | are your deeds!.\*  
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to you.”  
Come and see what | God has done:.\*  
he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.  
Bless our God, O | peoples;.\*  
let the sound of his | praise be heard,  
who has kept our soul among the | living\*  
and has not let our | feet slip.  
**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.**  
Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia.\*  
Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- | luia.

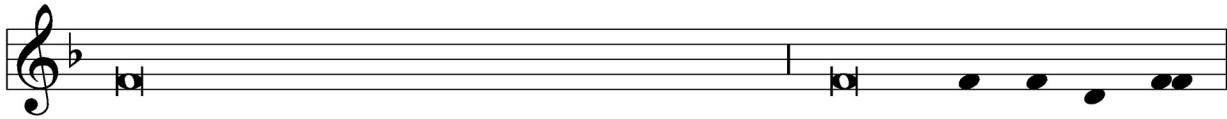
# Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.




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



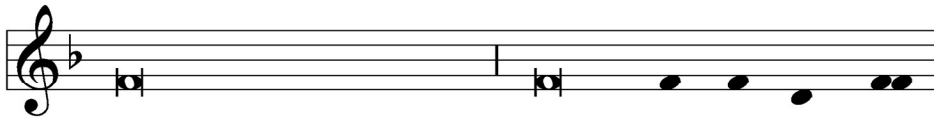
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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



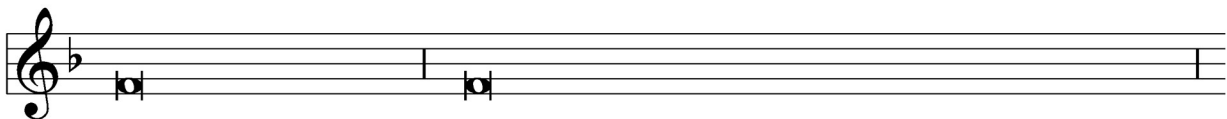
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



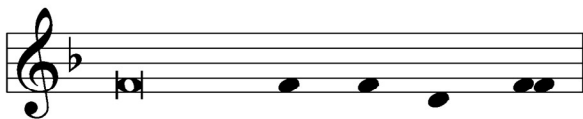
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.




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



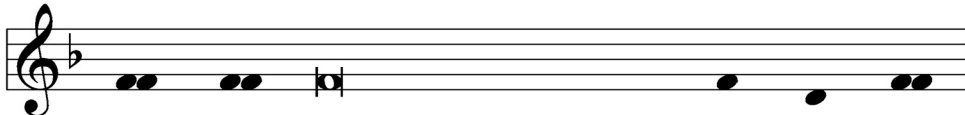
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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



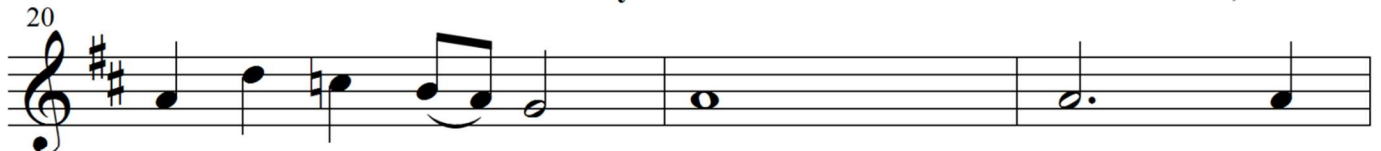
9 Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



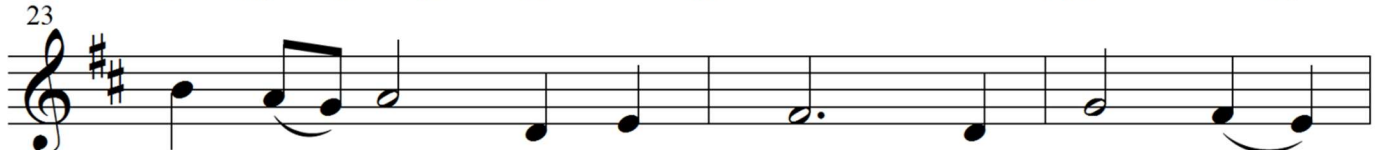
12 free to be peo - ple of God. This is the



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

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 -

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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.

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** *Amen.*

(Be Seated)

# *Ministry of Music*

## FOR THE GLORY OF THE LORD

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### Jubilate Choir

*The Lord is my shepherd, my guardian and my guide. I shall never hunger, all my needs He will provide. Even though I walk in darkness, His love will be my light, He will guide me. I will go where He leads me.*

*I will serve Him each day of my life.*

*(Refrain) I will praise Him with ev'ry breath I take. I will honor Him in ev'ry choice I make.*

*I will live for the glory of the Lord, yes, I will live for the glory of the Lord.*

*Though I often wander, He gently takes my hand and leads me to living waters, that I may rest in Him.*

*Still, He calls me onward to share the gift of life and I will go where He leads me;*

*I will serve Him each day of my life. (Refrain)*

*I will arise to answer God's call. I will go forth and give Him my all.*

*I will be faithful and be strong as I live for the glory of the Lord. (Refrain)*

*Yes, I will live for the glory of the Lord!*

## *Old Testament Lesson*

### ISAIAH 40:25-31

[25] To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. [26] Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing. [27] Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? [28] Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. [29] He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. [30] Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; [31] but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

*The God of Scripture is one of a kind. He is God because He is the only independent existence. He does not have a source; He is the source of everything else that exists. When, like the Children of Israel in days of old, man the creature presumes to criticize God the Creator, he is indulging in presumptuous and self-destructive blasphemy. Those who recognize the unique nature of God as the Giver of every good and perfect gift and who humbly worship Him will receive the blessings of His love. They will receive strength and courage to meet and to overcome the challenges of life.*

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

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

## *Verse*

*(Intoned by Pastor; Psalm 111:9a; Luke 24:26)*

Alleluia. He sent redemption to his people. | Alleluia.\*

Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory? | Alleluia.

# Epistle Reading

## 1 PETER 2:11-20

[11] Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

[12] Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. [13] Be

subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, [14] or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.

[15] For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. [16] Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. [17] Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. [18] Servants, be

subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. [19] For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. [20] For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

*This world is not our home. Here we are nothing more than temporary visitors, strangers and pilgrims traveling toward the permanent residence which God has prepared for us with Him in heaven. That reality must determine our attitude toward all the things of this world and our actions while we are here. When all of this is gone, only God and the things of God will remain.*

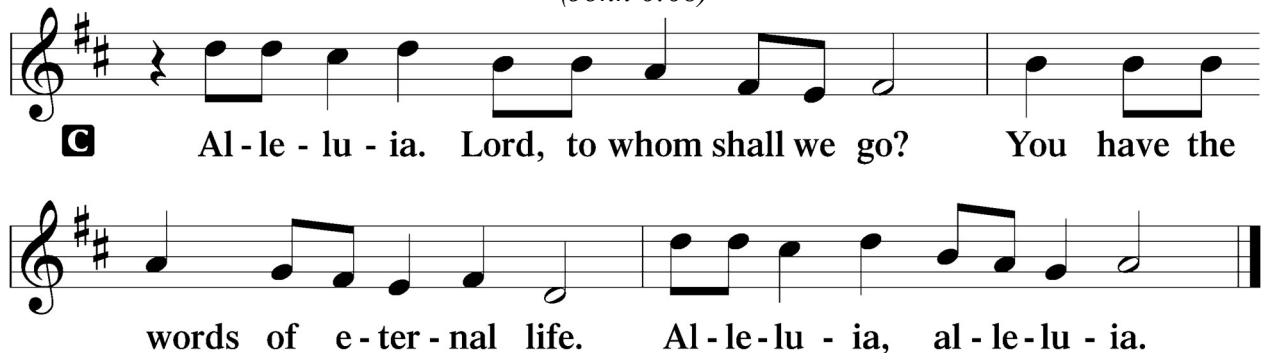
**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

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

(Stand)

## Alleluia and Verse

(John 6:68)



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

# Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter.



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

## Gospel Reading

ST. JOHN 16:16-22

[16] “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” [17] So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father?’” [18] So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” [19] Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? [20] Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. [21] When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. [22] So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

*The risen Lord reminded His disciples that they would be living in the great “in between” – the interval between His first and His second coming. Nothing of this world is permanent – neither its joys nor its sorrows. That fact must serve as both a warning against false priorities and a comfort in time of distress and pain. Jesus is coming again to bring us home to live with Him forever. In the meantime, we eagerly look forward to His return as we are enabled to discern the signs of the times all around us.*



**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

## I'M BUT A STRANGER HERE

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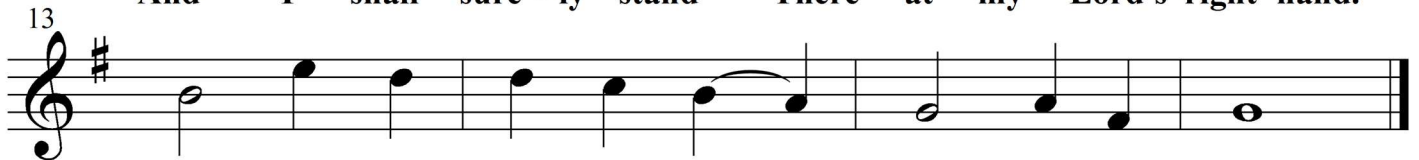
1. I'm but a stran - ger here, Heav'n is my home;  
2. What though the tem - pest rage, Heav'n is my home;  
3. There at my Sav - ior's side Heav'n is my home;  
4. There - fore I mur - mur not, Heav'n is my home;



Earth is a des - ert drear, Heav'n is my home.  
Short is my pil - grim - age, Heav'n is my home;  
I shall be glo - ri - fied, Heav'n is my home.  
What - e'er my earth - ly lot, Heav'n is my home;



Dan - ger and sor - row stand Round me on ev - 'ry hand;  
And time's wild win - try blast Soon shall be o - ver - past;  
There are the good and blest, Those I love most and best;  
And I shall sure - ly stand There at my Lord's right hand.



Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.  
I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.  
And there I, too, shall rest, Heav'n is my home.  
Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.

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*(Stand for Text)*

## Sermon

TEXT: 1 PETER 2:11-20  
"JUST VISITING HERE!"

(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

GAUDEAMUS PARITER

# Catechism Hymn

## O LORD, WE PRAISE THEE

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2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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## Catechism Lesson:

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

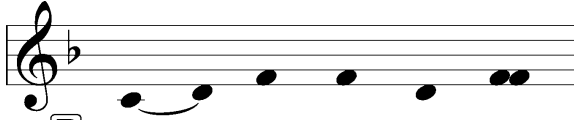
- P** What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?
- C** *These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.*
- P** A lesson from 1 John 1:7b –
- C** *"[T]he blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."*

(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)

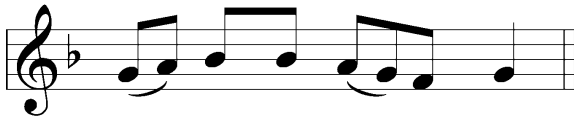


**C** And al - so with you.

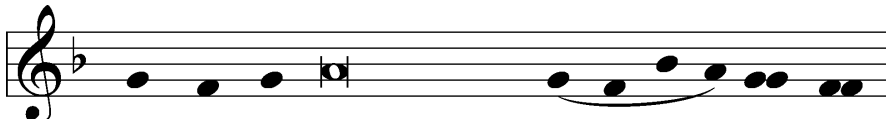


**P** Lift up your hearts.

(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*

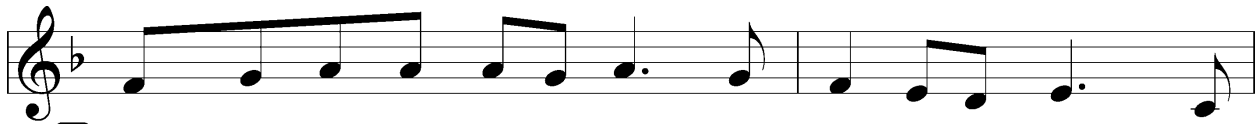
(St. John 20:19)

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

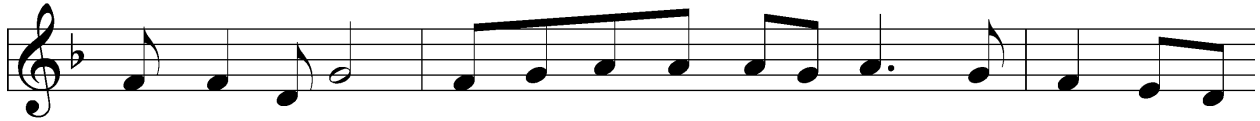
**C** *And also with you.*

# *Agnus Dei*

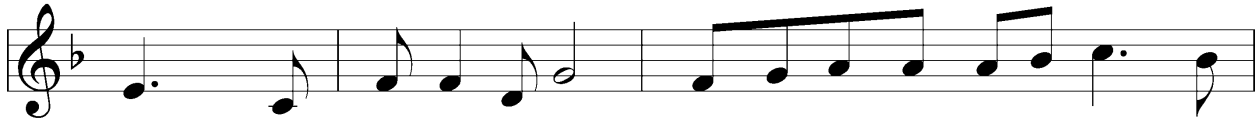
(St. John 1:29)



**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*

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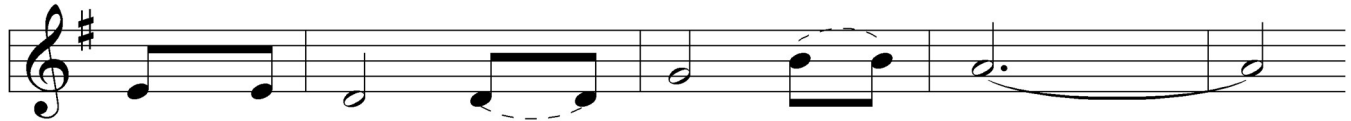
# *Distribution Hymns*

## PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

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1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;  
2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
When my life is al - most gone,  
And the day is al - most gone,



Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.  
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.  
At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,



Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.  
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.  
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.

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# *Ministry of Music*

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Jubilate Choir

*Bread is broken, words are spoken, for the Savior who died for me.*

*Now we meet Him, gladly greet Him, for in dying He set us free.*

*Come risen Lord and dwell with us. Be ever in our heart.*

*May we know Thine eternal grace. May sin and death depart.*

*Wine so sacred, consecrated, given to us as from His hand.*

*Life unending, love descending, in His mercy we ever stand.*

*Come risen Lord and dwell with us. Be ever in our heart.*

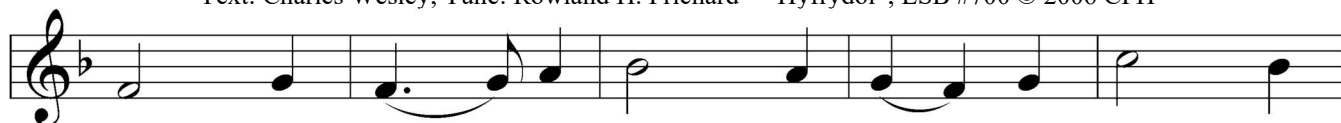
*May we know Thine eternal grace. May sin and death depart.*

*Sing His glory, wondrous story. We receive Him with body and blood.*

*Voices raising, humbly praising, we are mortal, but ever Thine. We are mortal, but ever Thine.*

# LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

Text: Charles Wesley; Tune: Rowland H. Prichard – “Hyfrydol”; LSB #700 © 2006 CPH



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of  
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to  
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us  
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy  
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in  
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -  
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.  
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.  
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -  
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha  
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee  
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with  
and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as  
as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee  
heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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# JESUS COMES TODAY WITH HEALING

Text: Heinrich Puchta; Tune: Johann Löhner – “Alles Ist an Gottes Segen”; LSB #620 sts. 1–4 © 2006 CPH



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my  
2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and  
3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the  
4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.  
wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,  
Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,  
me this hour— In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His  
Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the  
Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter  
On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: “Come and taste the bless - ed feast.”  
pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.  
death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.  
grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

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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.

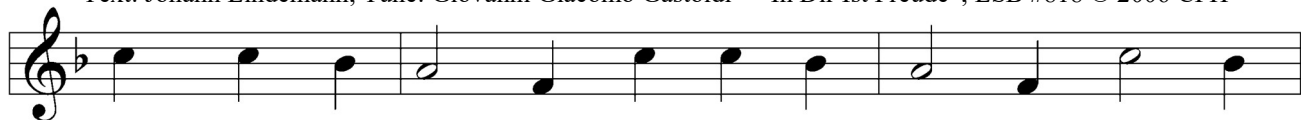


**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

# *Closing Hymn*

## IN THEE IS GLADNESS

Text: Johann Lindemann; Tune: Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi – “In Dir Ist Freude”; LSB #818 © 2006 CPH



1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,  
2 Since He is ours, \_\_\_\_\_ We fear no pow - ers, Not of



sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of  
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -



heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou  
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the



wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -  
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -



cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are  
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for



pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing  
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him



To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!  
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

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# *Postlude*

## IN DIR IST FREUDE

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# Alleluia!

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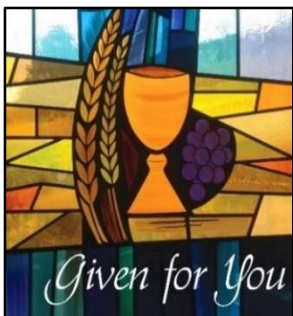
*Enter reverently, meditate quietly, worship sincerely, serve Christ faithfully.*

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 IV-Jubilate** – The joy that comes from the risen Christ cannot be taken away (John 16:22). This is not a feel-good happiness dependent upon circumstances. It is a fruit of Christ's Spirit, the joy of our salvation in Christ that circumstances cannot change or diminish. Many of the life issues we deal with today are "joy robbers" and present opportunities to share the joy of the resurrection. *Gracious Savior, fill my words with the comfort and hope of resurrection to everlasting life with You. 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, May 10 at 9:30 AM,** and **Ascension Day, Thursday, May 14 @ 7:00 PM.** "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 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  
7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – C105  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade – C103

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – C113  
3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – C116  
1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – C115

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

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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Altar Guild.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:aadams@adamsins.com), to add your name to the list.

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

**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](mailto: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](mailto:menalive@osl.cc)



**The Stitches Fellowship Group** meets on Tuesdays in the Youth Room starting at 6:30pm.

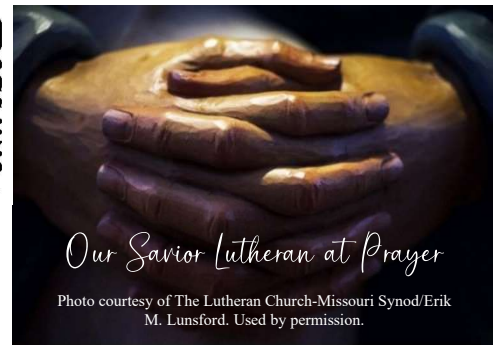
**Calling for Cross-stitchers!** If you are interested in helping make the Chrismon ornaments for our Sunday School children, we are looking for stitchers! The patterns are simple and we will provide you with the materials. If interested, please contact Sarah in the church office.



**HELP!** We 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.



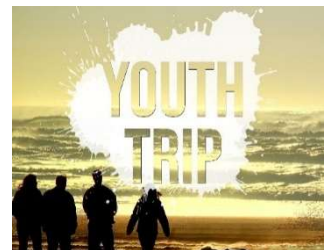
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**Goju-Ryu Traditional Karate:** Private & small group lessons – Contact Nathan Work, Instructor of 23 years: 281-222-9284 or [nathanwork0@gmail.com](mailto:nathanwork0@gmail.com).



**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. **Register Now!**



**Nathan Russ eagerly invites you to attend his senior cello recital, here at OSL, Sunday, May 17 at 7:00 pm!**



**SAVE THE DATE:** Annual Young Adult Retreat May 29-31, 2026 at St. John Lutheran Church in Galveston, TX. Age: 18+ Cost: Free.

Scan the QR or go to <https://osl.breezechms.com/form/8e19212746>, to register. For more information, contact Pastor Steven Cholak at [scholak@osl.cc](mailto:scholak@osl.cc).



# 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**

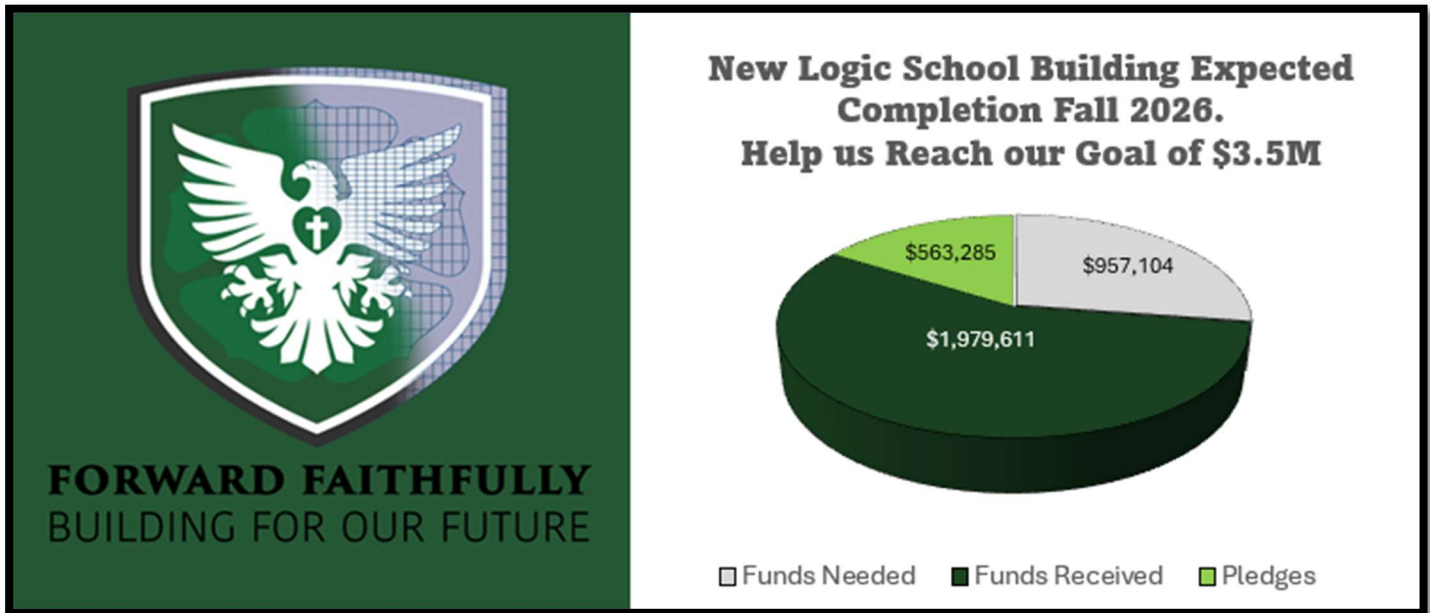
Candidates should be LCMS members in good standing and interested in becoming part of our congregation. Those who are interested or would like to recommend a candidate are encouraged to contact: Lynette Cherington – [lcherington@oslschool.org](mailto:lcherington@oslschool.org)

Jeanene Lunsford – [jlunsford@oslschool.org](mailto:jlunsford@oslschool.org)



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*We greatly appreciate recommendations from our congregation members!*



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. 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*.



LWML Night Circle is sponsoring a **Baby Bottle Boomerang** from Mother's Day to Father's Day with your contributions helping the Big Blue Bus Project. *Collect your spare change for our Baby Bottle Boomerang!*

Houston Lutherans For Life is doing a **Diaper Drive** during the month of May. These donations will benefit moms who visit Blue Blossom Pregnancy Centers and who attend parenting courses. Any size is appreciated and can be left in the narthex or church office. Thanks!



**MEASURE OF DEVOTION:** Last Sunday, we had 353 people in attendance (last year 644), viewers online 651.

**Our Ministry Challenge**

Tithes & Offerings for last week .....	\$ 28,067.00
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 16 .....	\$ 575,329.57
Tithes & Offerings needed each week .....	\$ 43,385.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 16 .....	\$ 694,160.00
Special Contributions to date .....	\$ 219,255.29

*“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 26, at 9:30AM**

- ELDERS:** Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Gene Kunkel / Mark Dube
- USHERS:** Gobrogge Team
- SOUND:** J. Wilbanks
- CARTS:** Gavin Team
- ACOLYTES:** Stella Halbert / Andrea Pugh
- ALTAR GLD:** Crystal Copeland Team 3
- COMM. ASST:** Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Gene Kunkel / Mark Dube / James Kriegel
- EVANGELISM:** Team 2 Stuhr
- GREETERS:** TEAM 9: Kemnitz / Kunkel
- MUSIC:** Jubilate Choir
- VIDEO:** Adam White / Wesley White

**Next Week, Sunday, May 3, at 9:30AM**

- Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White
- Symcox Team
- Greenwood
- Work Team
- Aria Ferrarese / Iris Ferrarese
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- Team 3 Kriegel
- TEAM 1: Carter/Malsons
- School
- Adam White / Wesley White

We are  
collecting  
memories!

Help us collect pictures of memories with Pastor White over the many years he has been our Pastor. Scan the QR code to submit an audio message, written message, video or picture for him. You can also bring photos by the office for us to scan or email [jlowery@osl.cc](mailto:jlowery@osl.cc).

Call the church office for questions!

*You are invited*

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REVEREND LAURENCE WHITE

*45 years with OSL*

JUNE 14, 2026

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LUNCH TO FOLLOW

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HOUSTON, TX 77091



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# OSL at a Glance

## Sunday, April 26, 2026

<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
<b>Communion</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Church &amp; online</b>
Sunday School	10:45am	
Laudate-Choir Rm	12:00pm	Church Choir Room
Men's Church Softball League	2:00pm	Field

## Monday, April 27, 2026

Young Adults Bible Study-YR	6:00pm	Youth Room
Revelation - Monday Night Bible Study	6:30pm	Bible Class Room



## Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Stitches Fellowship Group - FR	6:30pm	Family Room
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## Wednesday, April 29, 2026

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

## Thursday, April 30, 2026

Prayer Request printing deadline	3:00pm	Church office
Carillon Ringers	6:15pm	Choir Loft
Jubilate Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary	7:00pm	Choir Loft

## Saturday, May 2, 2026

Men Alive-A101	8:30am	Cafeteria
Piano Recital	9:30am	Bible Class Room
Fellowship Family Fiesta BINGO-A101	6:00pm	Cafeteria



## Sunday, May 3, 2026

Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Matins - Morrissey Installation	9:30am	Church & online
School Beam Blessing	11:00am	Outdoors
Erik Morrissey Installation Reception	11:30am	Cafeteria
Men's Church Softball League	2:00pm	Field



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*Join us for Pledge Day, Sunday, May 3, when we will hold a special worship service dedicated to the ministry of Our Savior Lutheran School, and we ask the Lord to continue the progress of the construction of our Logic Building.*

*During this service, Erik Morrissey will be installed as our new Principal, and the school choirs will sing.*



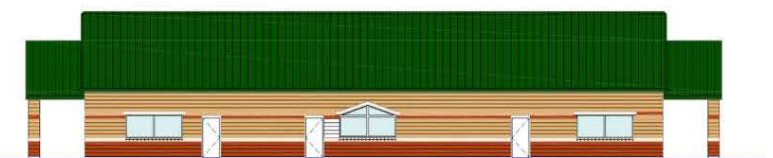
*Following worship, we invite you to stay for a fellowship lunch as we celebrate this exciting new chapter in the life of OSL.*



**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.***



1 SIX CLASSROOM BUILDING - SOUTH ELEVATION



2 EIGHT CLASSROOM BUILDING - EAST ELEVATION



# Fellowship Family Fiesta!



**Saturday, May 2 @ 6:00pm in the School Cafeteria**

Join us for a Fellowship FIESTA Pot-Luck & BINGO Party, Saturday, May 2, at 6:00pm! *Bring your favorite Mexican dish to share, and we will provide the Piñata & drinks!*

Remember your white-elephant gifts for the BINGO prizes! *Good time to clean out your treasures, toys, books, jewelry, or bring something new!* We will have CASH prizes too!

