



ROOTED
in God's Love

And I pray that you, being rooted and
established in love, may have power,
together with all the Lord's holy people,
to grasp how wide and long and high
And deep is the love of Christ.

Ephesians 3:17-18, NIV

Our Savior Lutheran

MOTHER'S DAY

Sixth Sunday of Easter

ROGATE

Order of Holy Communion

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Music for Meditation & Prayer

Ringing of the Bells

Prelude

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Greetings & Announcements

Hymn of Invocation

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

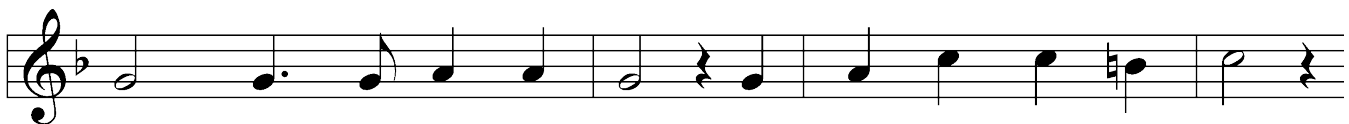
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1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,



Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,



Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;



With countless gifts of love And still is ours to-day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

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(Stand)

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the \dagger 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

*(Intoned by Laetare with Congregation on Gloria Patri;
Psalm 66:1–2a, 17, 19–20; antiphon: Isaiah 48:20b)*

[With a voice of singing,] declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alle- | luia.*

The Lord has redeemed his servant Jacob! Alle- | luia.

Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;*

sing the glory | of his name.

I cried to him | with my mouth,*

and high praise was | on my tongue.

But truly God has | listened;*

he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.

Blessèd | be God,*

because he has not rejected my prayer, or removed his steadfast | love from me!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

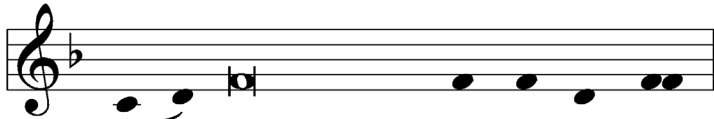
as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.


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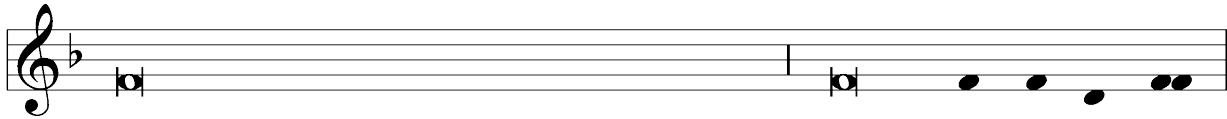
Kyrie




A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



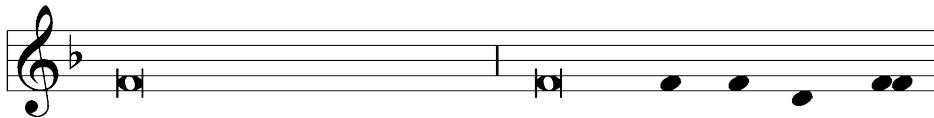
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.




C Lord, have mer - cy.



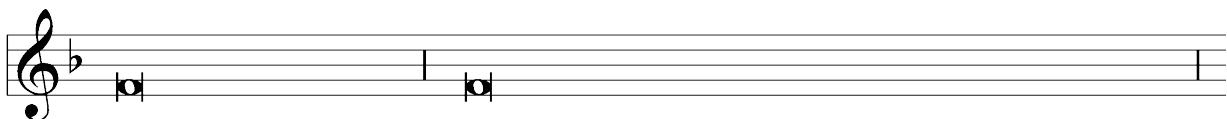
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



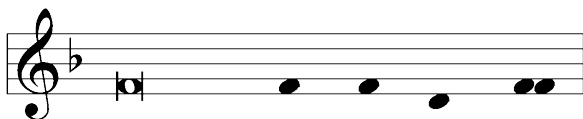
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.




C Lord, have mer - cy.



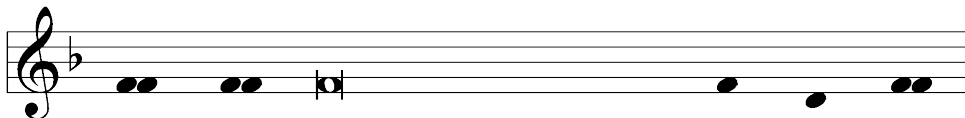
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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 -



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



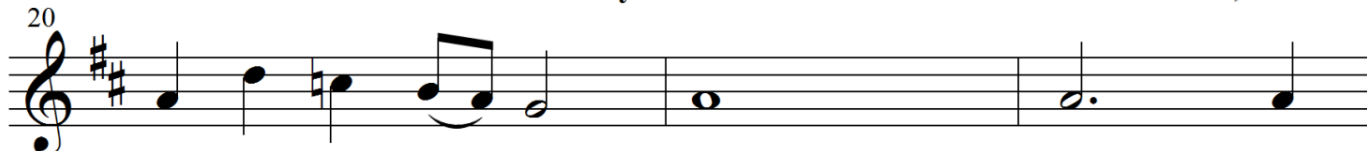
Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



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



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



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



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

26

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

30

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

34

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

37

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

41

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

45

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

49

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

53

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

57

For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His

61

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

65

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

69

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

Collect of the Day

(2 Timothy 4:22)

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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

LORD OF THE DANCE

Words: Sydney Carter; Arrangement: Hal H. Hopson (ASCAP) © 1996 Stainer & Bell Ltd.

Jubilate Choir

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth.*

(Refrain)

*Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance, and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; they came to me and the dance went on. (Refrain)*

*I danced on the sabbath, and I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped, and they stripped, and they hung me high; they left me there on a cross to die. (Refrain)*

*I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance, and I still go on. (Refrain)*

*They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (Refrain)*

Old Testament Reading

PROVERBS 31:10-31

[10] An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. [11] The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. [12] She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. [13] She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. [14] She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from afar. [15] She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens. [16] She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. [17] She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong. [18] She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. [19] She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. [20] She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. [21] She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet. [22] She makes bed coverings for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple. [23] Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land. [24] She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers sashes to the merchant. [25] Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. [26] She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. [27] She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. [28] Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: [29] "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." [30] Charm is deceitful,

The king offers a classic description of the selfless love of a wife and mother for her family. In her willingness to put the needs of her beloved before her own, and by her tireless efforts on behalf of her husband and children, she provides a poignant model of the love of God for His own. The wise king calls upon society to recognize and honor the crucial role which Christian wives and mothers play within every society. Without that intense self-sacrificing love marriage and family cannot survive and without marriage and family it is impossible to maintain a stable society which effectively conveys its values from one generation to the next.

and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. [31] Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

Verse

(Intoned by Laetare; Liturgical Text; John 16:28)

Alleluia. Christ, who has redeemed us | with his blood,*
is risen and has appeared unto us. Alle- | luia.

I came from the Father and have come in- | to the world,*
and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father. Alle- | luia.

Epistle Reading

EPHESIANS 5:22–6:3

[22] Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. [23] For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. [24] Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. [25] Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, [26] that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, [27] so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. [28] In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. [29] For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, [30] because we are members of his body. [31] “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” [32] This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. [33] However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. [6:1] Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. [2] “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), [3] “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”

The apostle Paul re-affirms marriage as the foundational expression of the image of God in which humankind was created in the beginning. Our capacity and need for love reflects our likeness to God who is love. In His wisdom and His love God created male and female each with unique characteristics and capacities to enable them to complement one another as they are bonded together in loving commitment to one another. A culture which foolishly contradicts the will of the Creator and denies the unique identities of male and female forfeits the blessings which God graciously intended in the pattern of creation. Neither marriage nor family can successfully function to create new life and rear children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord apart from the divine design.

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 19th chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

ST. JOHN 19:23-27

[23] When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, [24] so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things, [25] but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. [26] When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" [27] Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

The image of Christ's mother Mary, standing broken-hearted at the foot of the cross, is one of the most poignant and powerful examples of the unbreakable bond of a mother's love in Holy Scripture. Only His mother and her companions loved Him enough to stand by Him to the end. No matter what the risk, no matter how great the pain, Mary was there for her Son. Such is the love of a mother – the most intense form of love in the human experience.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

(Be Seated)

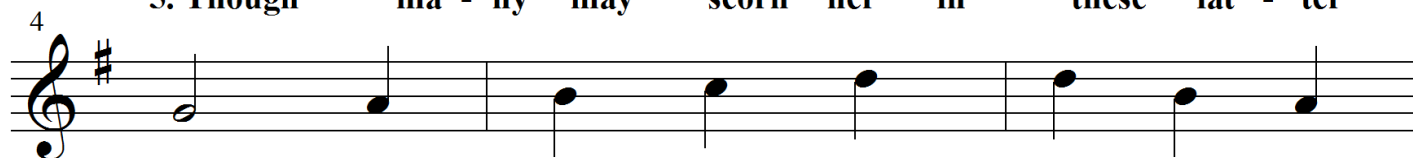
Sermon Hymn

THE LOVE OF A MOTHER

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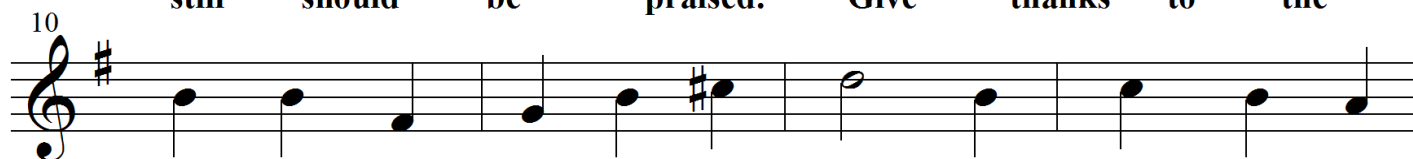
1. The love of a moth - er is God's prec - ious
2. Cre - a - ted in wis - dom as lov - er and
3. To live for her fam - 'ly, her cal - ling and
4. All beau - ty is fleet - ing and charm is a
5. Though ma - ny may scorn her in these lat - ter



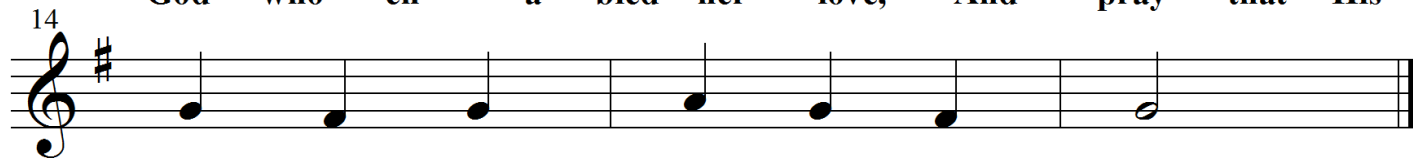
gift It an - chors each fam - 'ly in
wife She bears in her bo - dy the
care Like Christ in her love, ev - 'ry
lie A life lived for self nev - er
days, A wo - man who fears the Lord



this world a - drift. More prec - ious than
se - cret of life And though sin has
bur - den to bear. Though all of life's
can sat - is - fy But joy and ful -
still should be praised: Give thanks to the



ru - bies, a trea - sure di - vine, The heart of her
come with its tri - als and pain The Seed of the
prob - lems would tear us a - part The love of a
fill - ment can al - ways be found In homes where the
God who en - a - bled her love, And pray that His



house - hold by God's own de - sign.
wo - man has brought life a - gain.
moth - er is each fam - 'ly's heart.
love of Christ ev - er a - bounds.
bless - ing de - scend from a - bove.

(Stand for Text)

Sermon

TEXT: EXODUS 20:1-12
"MOM & DAD"

(Stand)

Votum

Offertory

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

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

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Offering Prayer

(Be Seated)

Offering

Voluntary

CHORALE PRELUDE

Cantate

(Stand)

Intercessory Prayer

P Gracious God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, we pray Your blessing and care upon this day of commemoration and celebration upon the mothers of our congregation and our country:

C *Father, bless, empower, and protect them.*

P For expectant mothers, wondering and waiting, who feel the miracle of life growing within their bodies, whose joy is mingled with anxiety at the awesome responsibility which now confronts them:

C *Father, bless, empower, and protect them.*

P For mothers who are being tempted by the subtle hiss of the Adversary, who is whispering in their ear through all the myriad voices of our wicked society, that abortion would be an easy escape from this burden so that they might live their lives as they choose:

C *Father, bless, empower, and protect them.*

P For mothers who are tired, stressed, or depressed, struggling every day to balance the tasks of work and family:

C *Father, bless, empower, and protect them.*

P For mothers who are trapped in poverty, and whose life has become a constant battle to provide the basic necessities of life for their children:

C *Father, bless, empower, and protect them.*

P For mothers whose children have physical, mental, or emotional disabilities, that they may be enabled to view these handicaps as special blessings from You and opportunities to show Your selfless love in their care and nurture:

C *Father, bless, empower, and protect them.*

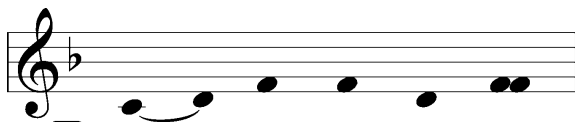
P For mothers who must cope with the complications and pain caused by sin, mothers who have children they do not want, or single mothers who must raise children on their own, or mothers called to care for the children of others, or mothers who have been abandoned by their children:

C *Father, bless, empower, and protect them.*

- P** For mothers who have lost a child that the endless ache of their grief may be tempered with the promise of life everlasting and the anticipation of a joyful reunion in heaven:
- C** *Father, bless, empower, and protect them.*
- P** Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, that they may lead their children to know and do what is good; that their children may see the selfless love of Christ in their mother's care.
- C** *Father, bless, empower, and protect them.*
- P** With Your Son, Your saints and angels, and the righteous women who have gone before us to deliver the faith, gather them, and by their witness gather us, into the never-ending wedding feast of the Lamb, where they will shine with Your own glory and honor.
- C** *Amen.*

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.

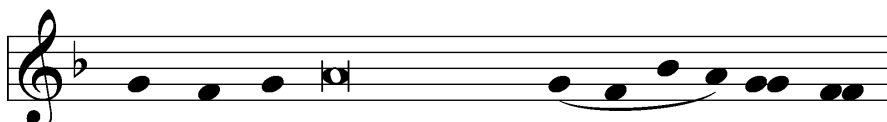


P Lift up your hearts.

(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

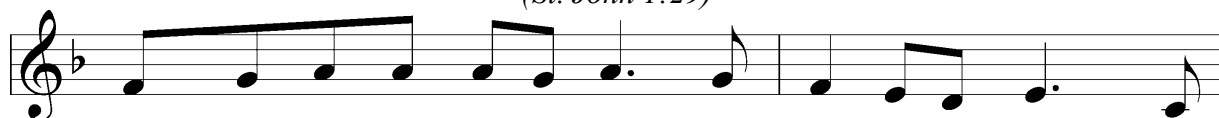
(St. John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

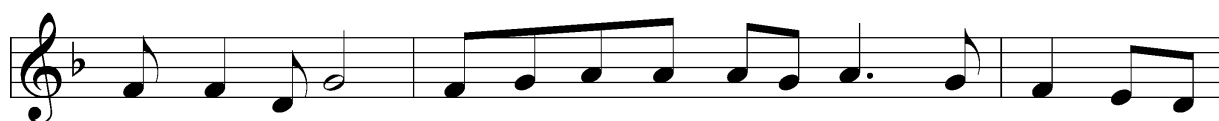
C *And also with you.*

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 & Hymns

(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.)

A CHRISTIAN WOMAN

Text: L. White (in honor of Helen McGee's 95th); Tune: Henry S. Cutler – "All Saints New"; Te Deum #6 © 2016 OSL



1. A Chris - tian wom - an, faith - ful, firm Saved by God's grace a -
2. A mar - riage blessed by Christ Him - self That filled her life with
3. With - in our church a pil - lar strong, Dis - play - ing Christ's own



4 lone, Trans-formed to live in self - less love As one of Je-sus' own. Raised
joy; A home which Je-sus warmed with love, That noth - ing can des-roy. Though
love, Com - mit - ted to His doc - trine true, Re - vealed by God a - bove, An



9 in a Chris-tian fam' - ly true And taught God's ho - ly Word. From
man has gone the heav'n - ly way To live with Christ his Lord, By
ea - ger stu - dent of the Word, To search the Scrip - tures thru, To



child-hood days her faith has grown Christ's gos - pel she has heard.
faith we look to - ward the day, When they will be re - stored.
learn and grow in trust and faith, As Christ would have us do.



Ministry of Music

TAKE, BELIEVE

Text: Herbert Brokering; Music: Robert Wetzler © 1971 Art Masters Studios Inc.

Jubilate Choir

Take, believe, take, believe;

*This is Christ's body and his blood born for you. Celebrate it in your heart.
Rejoice in peace. Rejoice in peace. Take, believe. Rejoice in peace.*

Take and eat, take and eat;

*This is Christ's body and his blood shed for you. Celebrate it in your mouth.
Depart in peace. Depart in peace. Take and eat. Depart in peace.*

Take and rise, take and rise;

*This is Christ's body and his blood raised for you. Celebrate it in your life.
Go live in peace. Go live in peace. Take and rise. Go live in peace.*

JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA

Text: Charlotte Elliott; Tune: William B. Bradbury – "Woodworth"; LSB #570 © 2006 CPH



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



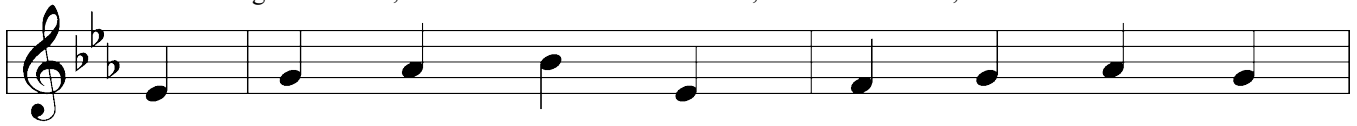
Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

YOU ARE THE WAY; THROUGH YOU ALONE

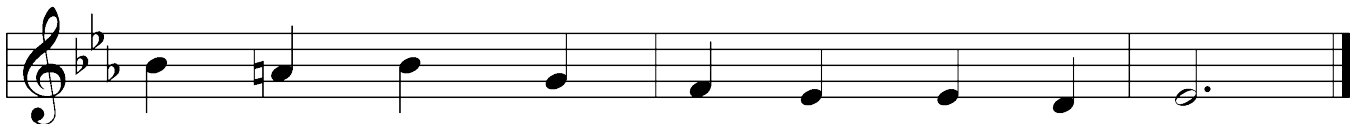
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1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can
2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True
3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has
wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -
claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their
us that way to know, That truth to keep, that



God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.
form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.
trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.
life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

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Post-Communion Canticle

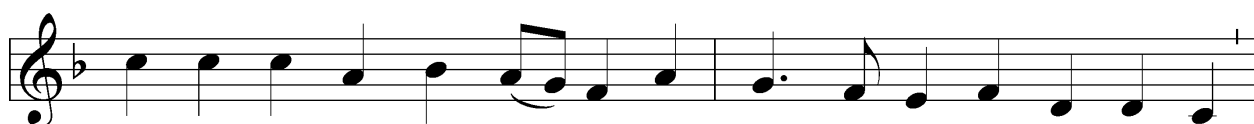
THANK THE LORD



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



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



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



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

Post-Communion Collect

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

C *Amen.*

Benediction

(Numbers 6:24-26)

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



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

Closing Hymn

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

Text: Harry Emerson Fosdick; Tune: John Hughes – “CWM Rhondda”; LSB #850 © 2006 CPH



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple
2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils



pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;
sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us
Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion



Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this
grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these
grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's
grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -



hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
days, For the liv - ing of these days.
goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.
dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

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Postlude

GOD OF GRACE

By P. Manz

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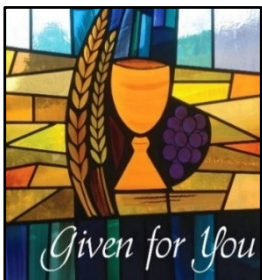
Enter reverently, meditate quietly, worship sincerely, serve Christ faithfully.

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 VI/Mother's Day – The reason for the hope that is in us rests upon the Lord's creating, redeeming, and calling of every human being. The reason for the hope that is in us does not rely on anyone else's age, appearance, or ability. *Faithful Lord, help us advocate for the sanctity of life which gives the reason for the hope that is in us, and may we declare and demonstrate it with a mother's tenderness and tenacity (1 Peter 3:15).*

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 **Ascension Day, Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 PM, and Sunday, May 24 at 9:30 AM.** "Let a man examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." *1 Corinthians 11:28*

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

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 Allison & Chad Symcox in celebration of Ava Symcox' birthday on May 8, and by Roger & Clarissa Worthing in honor of Dorothy Worthing & Sarah Landry.



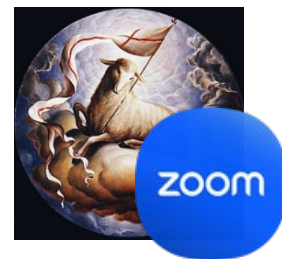
Flower Chart is available to sponsor the church flowers for your special occasions!

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 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! You can **write the notes** we attach to the baby blankets! 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



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



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.



Nathan Russ eagerly invites you to attend his Senior Cello recital!

**Sunday, May 17
7:00 pm
OSL Church Sanctuary**



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:

- **Three 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

We greatly appreciate recommendations from our congregation members!

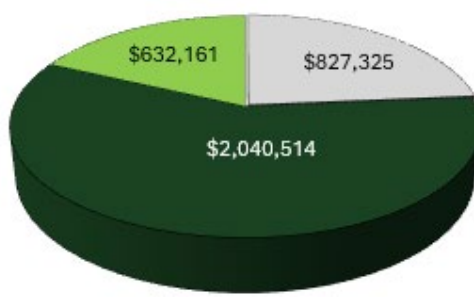


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FORWARD FAITHFULLY
BUILDING FOR OUR FUTURE

New Logic School Building Expected Completion Fall 2026.
Help us Reach our Goal of \$3.5M



Category	Amount
Funds Needed	\$827,325
Funds Received	\$2,040,514
Funds Pledged	\$632,161

Funds Needed
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To start giving now, please use this QR code. 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!*

Photo Finish Directory Drive

Our family is growing! Over the last ten years, our congregation has experienced a lot of growth. New babies, kids growing up, and new members joining our congregation. With all the changing faces, it is helpful to have a directory that includes pictures so that people can connect a name to a face. In the month of May, the Assimilation Board will be accepting and taking pictures of members for the online directory. For those who wish to submit their own photos, please email them to bprestwood@osl.cc or text them to (806) 626-5244. A member of the Assimilation Board will be taking pictures of individuals and families in the narthex each Sunday in May before and after church.



MEASURE OF DEVOTION: Last Sunday, we had 512 people in attendance (last year 358), viewers online 662.

Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week	\$ 51,420.42
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 18	\$ 646,750.99
Tithes & Offerings needed each week	\$ 43,385.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 18	\$ 780,930.00
Special Contributions to date	\$ 280,228.85

“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, May 10, at 9:30 AM	Next Week, Sunday, May 17, at 9:30 AM
ELDERS:	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White
USHERS:	Halbert Team	Gobrogge Team
SOUND:	T. Wilbanks	Witt
CARTS:	Downie Team	Pampell Team
ACOLYTES:	Abby Frazier / Isabelle Frazier	Melanija Jokic / Noelle Synnott
ALTAR GLD:	Lorie Moehlman Team 4	—
COMM. ASST:	Bruce Blake/John Wilbanks/Lanny Moore/Aaron White/Bo Guevarra	—
EVANGELISM:	Team 5 Malson	Team 4 O’Neill/Schmidt
GREETERS:	TEAM 10: Schmidt / Stuhr	TEAM 3: Cherington / Guevara
MUSIC:	Jubilate Choir	Laudate Women’s Choir
VIDEO:	Adam White / Wesley White	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.

Call the church office with questions!

You are invited

**RETIREMENT COMMEMORATION FOR
REVEREND LAURENCE WHITE**

45 years with OSL

JUNE 14, 2026

SPECIAL SERVICE @ 9:30AM
LUNCH TO FOLLOW

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
5000 W TIDWELL RD
HOUSTON, TX 77091



**SCAN TO RSVP AND/OR
SUBMIT PHOTOS, VIDEOS,
OR A SPECIAL MESSAGE**

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OSL at a Glance

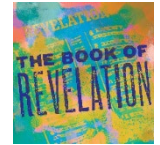
Sunday, May 10, 2026 ~ Mother's Day

<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Communion	9:30am	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45am	
Evangelism Meeting - EO	12:00pm	Evangelism Office
Men's Church Softball League	2:00pm	Field



Monday, May 11, 2026

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



Tuesday, May 12, 2026

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

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

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
Carillon Ringers	6:15pm	Choir Loft
Jubilate Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary	7:00pm	Choir Loft

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Prayer Request printing deadline	3:00pm	Church office
Ascension Service	7:00pm	Sanctuary



Friday, May 15, 2026 ~ Newsletter Deadline

Nitsch-Gabino wedding rehearsal	6:00pm	Church
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Saturday, May 16, 2026

<i>Bon Appétit</i>	<i>11:00am</i>	<i>Offsite at Member's House</i>
Nitsch and Gabino Wedding	2:30pm	Church Sanctuary

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Matins - Baptism Kemnitz	9:30am	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45am	
Cantate-Choir Rm	12:00pm	Church Choir Room
Fellowship Potluck - BC	12:00pm	Bible Class Room
Life Team Meeting-YR	12:00pm	Youth Room
Men's Church Softball League	2:00pm	Field
Nathan Russ Cello Recital	7:00pm	Sanctuary



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Calling All Graduates!

Any graduates in your household?

In our June newsletter it is tradition to celebrate our high school and college graduates. Send your information to Barbara in the church office at: bmushinski@osl.cc.



Deadline is extended to Friday, May 22!

Information to include: graduate’s name, school’s name, type of college degree, awards, special accomplishments, and future plans (*accepted to a college, joining the military, hired by a company, etc.*)



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! We happily take any brand, but we like to promote the only prolife diaper company, **Everylife**. *Order a bundle with the QR code.*



Be sure to pick up the special gift in the narthex from the Altar Guild, to honor all women today!



Mother's Day DIAPER DRIVE

for the month of May!

Help us collect diapers
this month to donate
to mothers in need!

BENEFITTING THE:


BLUE BLOSSOM
PREGNANCY CENTERS
Forget me not



The BLUE BLOSSOM PREGNANCY CENTERS consist of 4 mobile pregnancy centers as well as an office location.

All centers provide free pregnancy tests, free ultrasounds, and free confidential counseling.

Our office location offers the *Curriculum of Life*, a series of free classes where mothers receive a *free pack of diapers for every class she attends.*





*“And when he had said these things, as they were looking on,
he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.”*

Acts 1:9 ESV

THURSDAY, MAY 14 @ 7:00PM

SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Those To Serve for Ascension Day:

- ELDERS:** Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White
USHERS: Downie Team
SOUND: Whiting
CARTS: Adams Team
ACOLYTES: Alex Dellaughter / Bree Lawder / Paige Lawder / Sophia Williams / Prynce Willis
ALTAR GLD: Amanda Crabtree Team 5
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