

*A steady light in uncertain waters.*

The LORD is my light and  
my salvation — whom shall I fear?

Psalm 27:1, NIV

*Our Savior Lutheran*

# *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

EXAUDI

*Order of Matins*

*In Nomine Jesu*



*Music for Meditation & Prayer*

*Ringing of the Bells*

*Prelude*

FOUNDATION

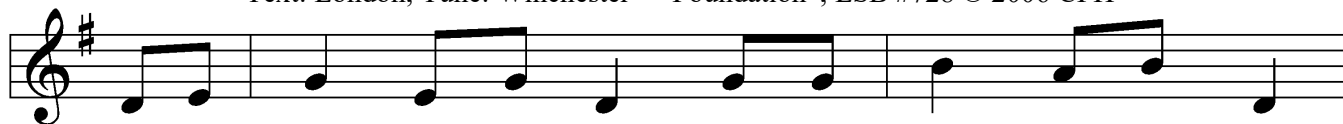
By J. Scott

*Greetings & Announcements*

# Opening Hymn

## HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

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1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
3 “The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose  
4 “When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,  
5 “Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;  
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.  
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!  
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne.”

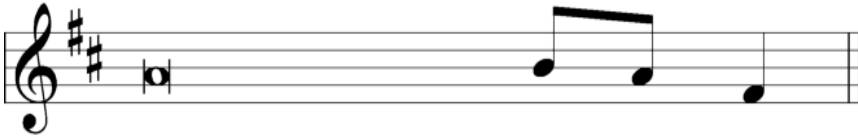
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# Versicles

**P** O Lord, open thou my lips,

(Psalm 51:15)



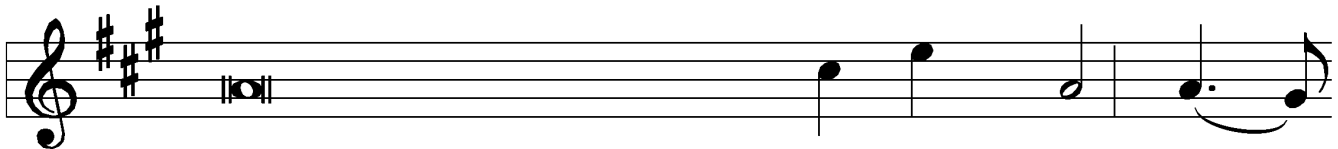
**C** And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

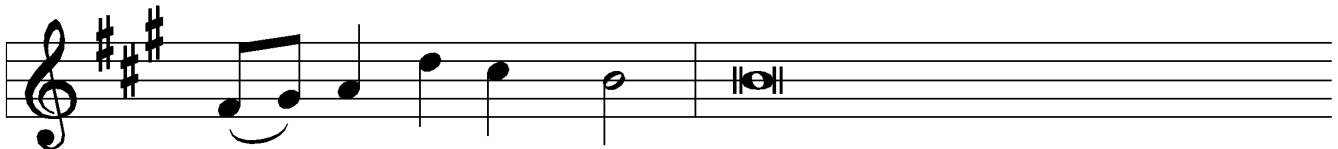
(Psalm 70:1)



**C** Make haste to help me, O Lord.



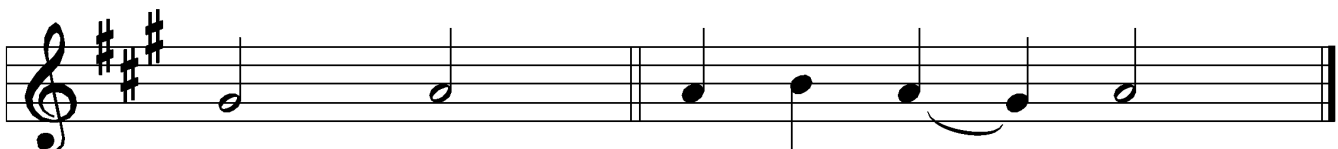
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and



to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is



now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end.



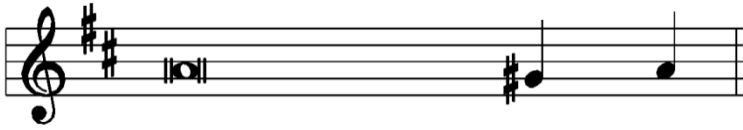
A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia!

# Invitatory

**P** Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:

(Psalm 95:6)



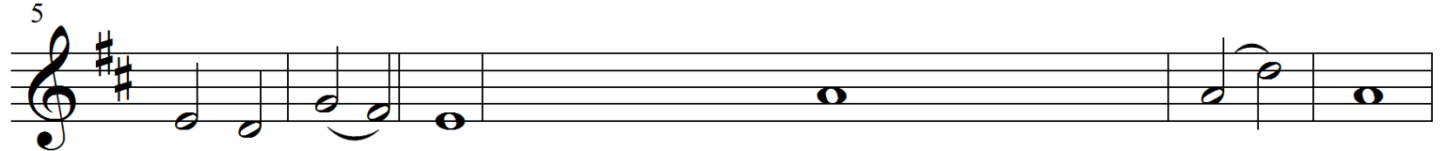
**C** For He is our Mak - er.

## *Venite Exultemus Domino*

PSALM 95:1-7



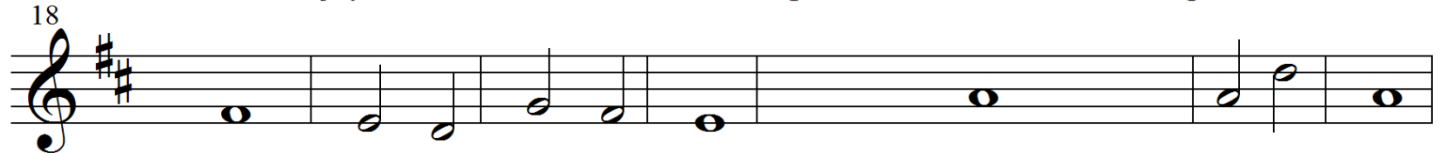
Oh, come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come before His presence with thanks - giv - ing:



and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God:



and a great King a - bove all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth:



the strength of the hills is His al - so. The sea is His, and He made it:



and His hands formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and bow down:



let us kneel before the Lord, our Mak - er. For He is our God:

46

and we are people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

50

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

57

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with-out end. A - men.

## *Psalmody*

### “EXAUDI, DOMINE, CUM CLAMAVERO”

*(Intoned by Pastor with Congregation on Gloria Patri; Psalm 27:1, 11a, 12; antiphon: vv. 7a, 8b, 9a)*

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alle- | luia.\*

Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alle- | luia.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?\*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

Teach me your way, | O LORD;\*

give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries;

for false witnesses have risen a- | gainst me,\*

and they breathe out | violence.

**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.**

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alle- | luia.\*

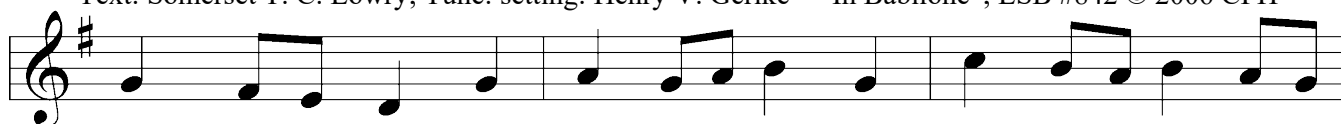
Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alle- | luia.

(Be Seated)

# Hymn of the Day

## SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR

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1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and  
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for  
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us  
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;  
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,  
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in  
Free - ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the  
Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of  
Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your  
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards  
toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered  
will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.  
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.  
thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

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# Old Testament Reading

EZEKIEL 36:22-28

[22] “Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. [23] And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. [24] I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. [25] I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. [26] And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. [27] And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees. [28] You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.”

*Many Bible scholars understand the prophet saw a gathering of Israel from “all nations” that looked beyond the first return after the Babylonian captivity. He sees the regathering from all nations of the world. Because of the finished work of Christ we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh.*

**P** But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



**C** Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

## Ministry of Music

### CANTATE!

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#### Laudate Choir

*Come, let us sing! Cantate! Sing to the Lord! Cantate Domino! Come, let us sing! Cantate! Cantate Domino!*

*Cantate Domino, alleluia! Cantate Domino, sing to the Lord! Cantate Domino, alleluia!*

*A new song, sing a new song. Sing to the Lord all the earth, sing a new song!*

*Sing to the Lord all the earth, sing a new song!*

*Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord. Give thanks, give thanks to the Lord. Declare his glory.*

*Come, let us sing, cantate, cantate!*

*Cantate Domino, alleluia! Cantate Domino, sing to the Lord! Cantate Domino, alleluia!*

*A new song, sing a new song. Sing to the Lord all the earth, sing a new song!*

*Sing to the Lord all the earth, sing a new song! Come, let us sing! Cantate Domino! Sing to the Lord!*

*Cantate Domino! Cantate! Cantate!*

# Epistle Reading

1 PETER 4:7–14

[7] The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. [8] Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. [9] Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. [10] As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: [11] whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. [12] Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. [13] But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. [14] If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

*There are so many things amiss in all, that unless love covers, excuses, and forgives in others, the mistakes and faults for which everyone needs the forbearance of others, Satan will prevail to stir up divisions and discords. The nature of a Christian’s work, which is high work and hard work, the goodness of the Master, and the excellence of the reward, all require that our endeavours should be serious and earnest. And in all the duties and services of life, we should aim at the glory of God as our chief end.*

**P** But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



**C** Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

(Stand)

# Gospel Reading

ST. JOHN 15:26—16:4

*The blessed Spirit will maintain the cause of Christ in the world, notwithstanding the opposition it meets. Believers encouraged by his influence, would bear testimony to Christ and his salvation. Our Lord Jesus, by giving his disciples notice of trouble, designed that the terror might not be a surprise to them. As Jesus in his sufferings, so his followers in theirs, should look to the fulfilling of Scripture. He did not tell them sooner, because he was with them to teach, guide, and comfort them.*

[26] [Jesus said:] “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. [27] And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. [1] “I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. [2] They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. [3] And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. [4] But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.”

**P** But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



**C** Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

*(Be Seated)*

## *Baptism Hymn*

### GOD'S OWN CHILD, I GLADLY SAY IT

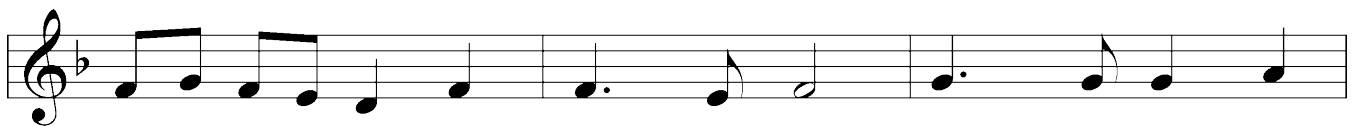
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1 God's own child, I gladly say it: I am bap-tized  
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized  
3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized  
4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized  
5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life-long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:  
in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness  
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in  
E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth  
con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
font I've trav - eled, All your might has  
dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance  
waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -  
did re - lease me In a dear for -  
come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your -  
bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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*Sacrament of Holy Baptism for*  
BENJAMIN PETER KEMNITZ

# Sermon Hymn

## LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

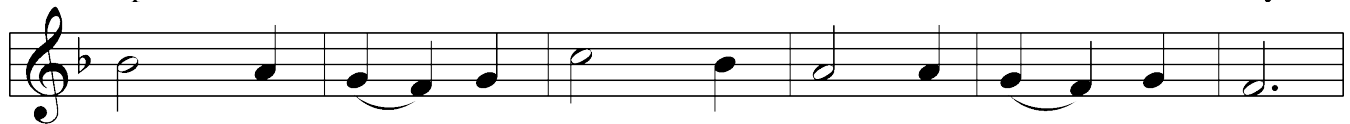
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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of  
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to  
3 Come, Al - mighty - y, to de - liv - er; Let us  
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



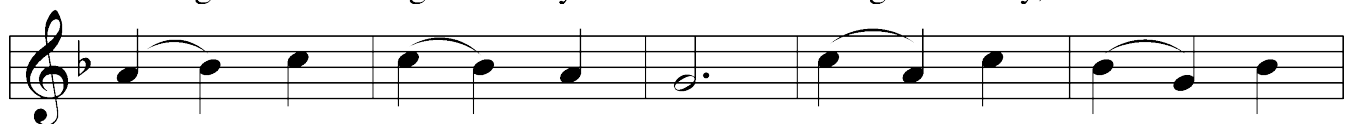
heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy  
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in  
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -  
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



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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(Stand for Text)

## Sermon

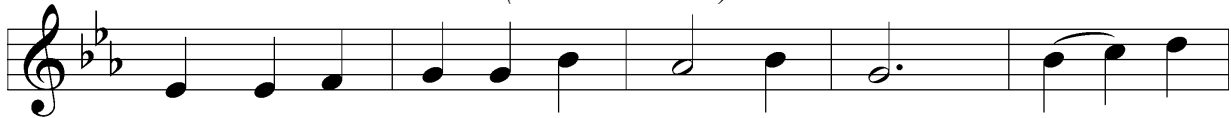
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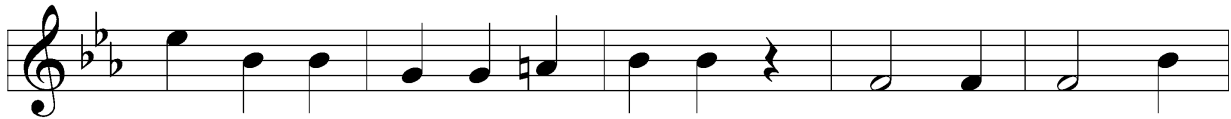
## Votum

## Offertory

(Psalm 51:10-12)



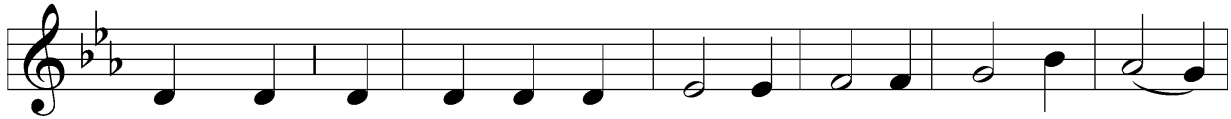
☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## Offering Prayer

(Be Seated)

## Offering

## Voluntary

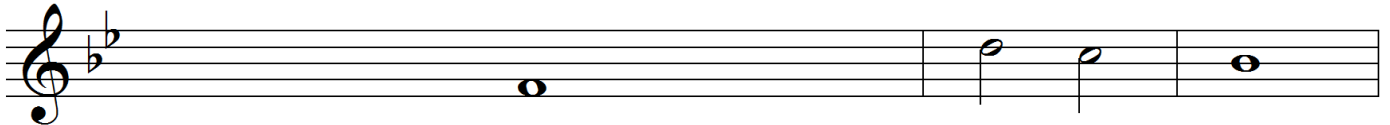
## A SONG WITHOUT WORDS

by Craig Phillips

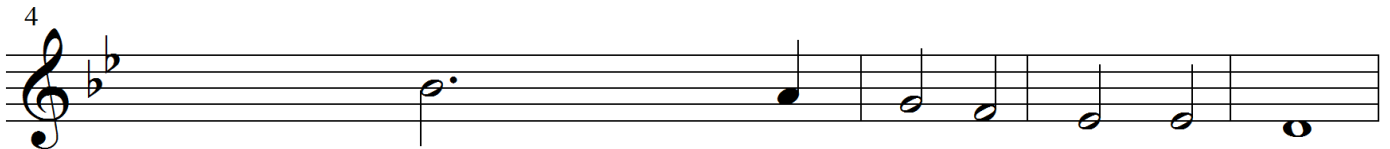
Nathan Russ, cello

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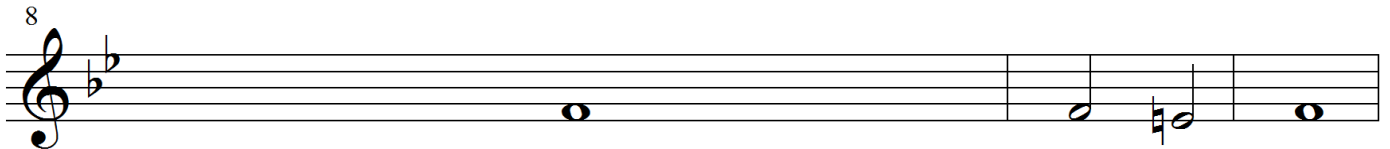
# Canticle - Te Deum Laudamus



1. We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.  
3. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
5. The noble army of martyrs praise Thee;



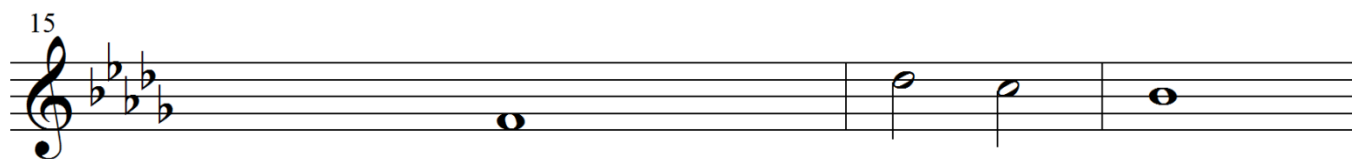
1. All the earth doth worship Thee, the Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.  
3. Heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Thy glo - ry.  
5. The holy Church throughout all the world doth ac - knowl-edge Thee:



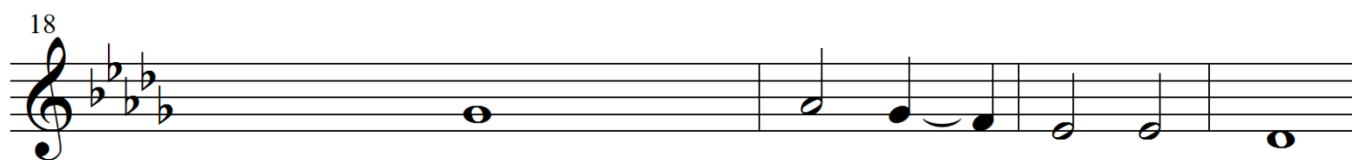
2. To Thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers there - in;  
4. The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee;  
6. The Father of an infinite majesty; Thine adorable true and on - ly Son,  
7. Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.



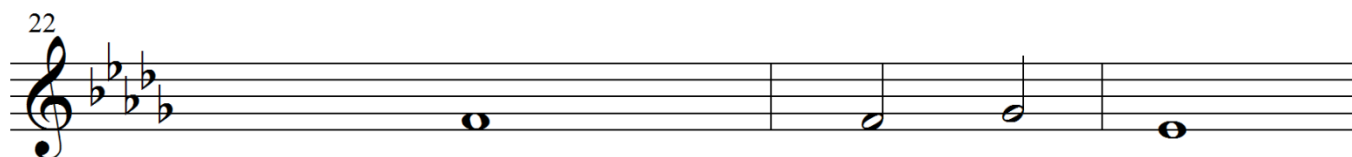
2. To Thee cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:  
4. The goodly fellowship of the proph - ets praise Thee;  
6. also the Holy Ghost, the Com - fort - er.  
7. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



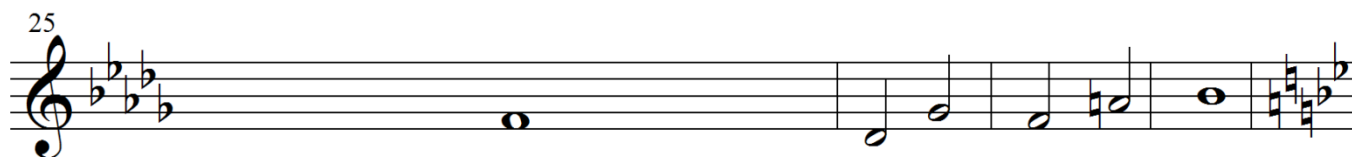
8. When Thou tookest upon Thee to de - liv - er - man,  
 10. Thou sittest at the right hand of God  
 12. We therefore pray Thee, help Thy ser - vants,



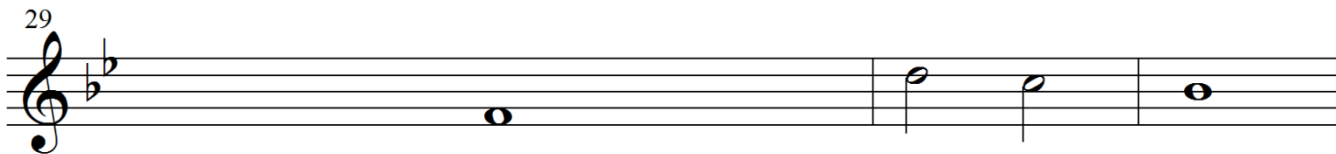
8. Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a vir - gin.  
 10. in the glory of the Fa - ther.  
 12. whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy pre - cious blood.



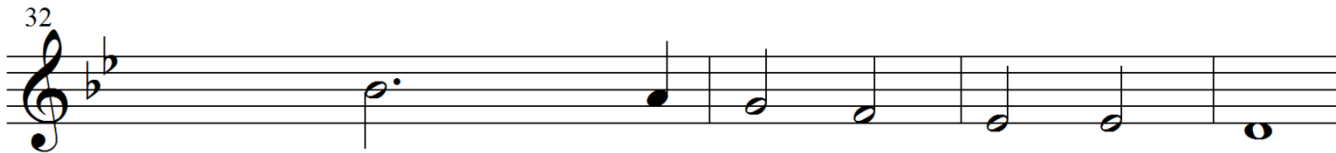
9. When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,  
 11. We believe that Thou shalt come  
 13. Make them to be numbered with Thy saints



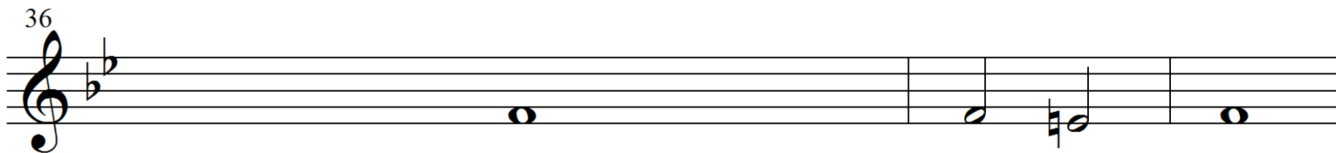
9. Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
 11. to be our Judge.  
 13. in glory ev - er - last - ing.



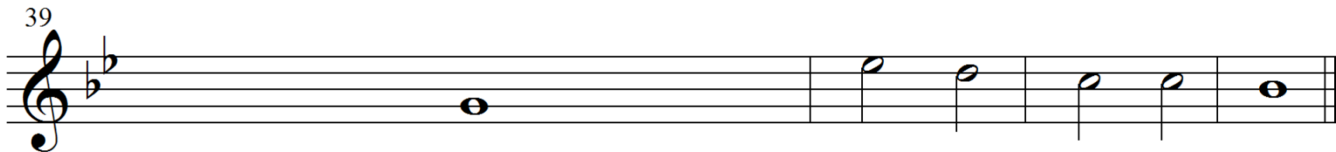
14. O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine her - i - tage.  
16. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



14. Govern them and lift them up for - ev - - er.  
16. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mer - cy up - on us.



15. Day by day we magni - fy Thee.  
17. O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee.



15. And we worship Thy name ever, world with - out end.  
17. O Lord, in Thee have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

## *Kyrie*

(St. Mark 10:47)



# The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

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

## Salutation

(2 Timothy 4:22)

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Intercessory Prayer

### Benedicamus

(Psalm 103:1)

**P** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

(2 Corinthians 13:14)

**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



**C** A - men.

# Closing Hymn

## JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

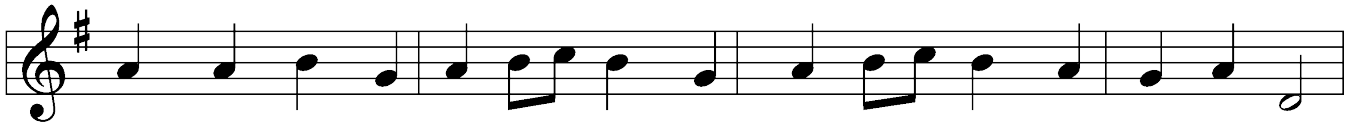
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- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,  
△ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.  
Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.  
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di-vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

## Postlude

### HYMN TO JOY

By J. Scott

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## *Soli Deo Gloria!*

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# Alleluia!

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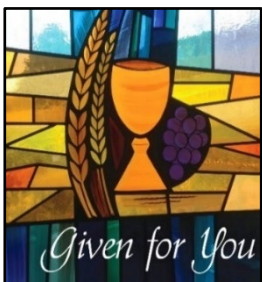
*Enter reverently, meditate quietly, worship sincerely, serve Christ faithfully.*

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 VII (Exaudi) – The loving Creator’s presence and power surmounts every impediment to life and sanctifies all its impairments. He works new life in those as dead as stones (Ezekiel 36:26), abundant life among those as abandoned as exiles (Ezekiel 36:24, 28), and everlasting life for those as bereft as beggars (Ezekiel 36:29-30). Jesus stoops these gifts into – and brings them up out of – every kind of uncleanness (Ezekiel 36:25). *Dear Father, invite and involve us in Your overcoming. 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 24 at 9:30 AM.** “Let a man examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.” *1 Corinthians 11:28*

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

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## BIBLE CLASS & SUNDAY SCHOOL 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**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Emily Jokic in celebration of Melanija's 12<sup>th</sup> birthday, and by Charles & Pam Jeske in honor of their wedding anniversary.

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**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.

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**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



**The Stitches Fellowship Group will not meet this week!** We will resume meeting on Tuesdays, from May 26, 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! If you can't hem blankets or crochet, are you able to **write on our 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.




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



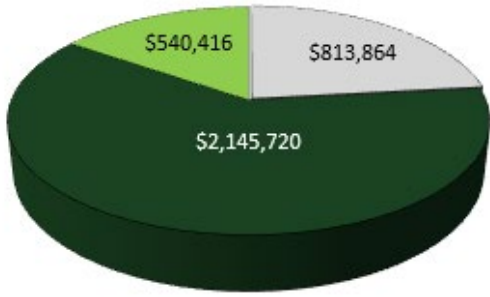
**SAVE THE DATE: Annual Young Adult Retreat May 29-31, 2026** at St. John Lutheran Church in Galveston, TX. Age: 18+ Cost: Free. Scan the QR or go to <https://osl.breezechms.com/form/8e19212746>, to register. For more information, contact Pastor Steven Cholak at [scholak@osl.cc](mailto:scholak@osl.cc).





**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 Received	\$2,145,720
Funds Pledged	\$540,416
Funds Needed	\$813,864

Legend: ■ Funds Needed   ■ Funds Received   ■ Funds Pledged



**To give 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*.



## OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL

### ***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](mailto:lcherington@oslschool.org) or Jeanene Lunsford – [jlunsford@oslschool.org](mailto:jlunsford@oslschool.org)

***We greatly appreciate recommendations from our congregation members!***

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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](mailto: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.)



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



**MEASURE OF DEVOTION:** Last Sunday, we had 405 people in attendance (last year 416), viewers online 646.

### Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week .....	\$ 35,390.80
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 19 .....	\$ 682,141.79
Tithes & Offerings needed each week .....	\$ 43,385.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 19 .....	\$ 824,315.00
Special Contributions to date .....	\$ 385,641.91

*“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:

	<b>Today, Sunday, May 17, at 9:30 AM</b>		<b>Next Week, Sunday, May 24, at 9:30 AM ~ Pentecost</b>
<b>ELDERS:</b>	Bruce Blake/ John Wilbanks/ Lanny Moore/ Aaron White	<b>ELDERS:</b>	Bruce Blake/ John Wilbanks/ Lanny Moore/ Aaron White
<b>USHERS:</b>	Gobrogge Team	<b>USHERS:</b>	Symcox Team
<b>SOUND:</b>	Witt	<b>SOUND:</b>	J. Wilbanks
<b>CARTS:</b>	Pampell Team	<b>CARTS:</b>	Gavin Team
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Melanija Jokic / Noelle Synnott	<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	George Baughman / Katie Ripple / Megan Ripple / Harlow Schatte / Camryn Winfree
<b>ALTAR GLD:</b> _		<b>ALTAR GLD:</b> _	Clarissa Worthing Team 6
<b>COMM. ASST:</b> _		<b>COMM. ASST:</b> _	Bruce Blake/John Wilbanks/Lanny Moore/Aaron White/Bo Guevarra
<b>EVANGELISM:</b>	Team 4 O’Neill/Schmidt	<b>EVANGELISM:</b>	Team I Nino
<b>GREETERS:</b>	TEAM 3: Cherington / Guevara	<b>GREETERS:</b>	TEAM 4: Copeland / Downie
<b>MUSIC:</b>	Laudate Women’s Choir / Nathan Russ	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Jubilate Choir
<b>VIDEO:</b>	Adam White / Wesley White	<b>VIDEO:</b>	Adam White / Wesley White



## *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](mailto: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.

# OSL at a Glance

## Sunday, May 17, 2026

<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
<b>Matins - Baptism Kemnitz</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Church &amp; online</b>
Sunday School	10:45am	
Cantate-Choir Rm	12:00pm	Church Choir Room
Elders mtg	12:00pm	Youth Room
Fellowship Potluck - BC	12:00pm	Bible Class Room
Men's Church Softball League	2:00pm	Field
Nathan Russ Cello Recital	7:00pm	Sanctuary



## Monday, May 18, 2026

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



## Tuesday, May 19, 2026

8th Grade Graduation	7:00pm	Church
LWML Night Circle-FR	7:00pm	Family Room



## Wednesday, May 20, 2026 ~ Last Day of School

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

## Thursday, May 21, 2026

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

## Friday, May 22, 2026

Thoelke-White Rehearsal	4:00pm	Church
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## Sunday, May 24, 2026 ~ Pentecost

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
Christian White & Annie Thoelke Wedding	4:30pm	Church Sanctuary



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**CHANGE OF  
EVENT LOCATION  
RSVP NEEDED!**

# You are invited

RETIREMENT COMMEMORATION FOR  
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*45 years with OSL*



**JUNE 14, 2026**

SPECIAL SERVICE @ 9:30AM

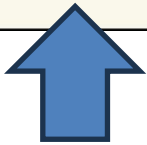
OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH  
5000 W TIDWELL RD  
HOUSTON, TX 77091

EVENT TO FOLLOW AT KARBACH  
BIERGARTEN - LIGHT BITES SERVED

2032 KARBACH STREET  
HOUSTON, TX 77092

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

Don't want to use a QR code?  
Bring us photos to scan in the church office or  
RSVP by phone at 713-290-9087 or email [jlowery@osl.cc](mailto:jlowery@osl.cc)



## 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 with questions!*

# 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.**





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

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