

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN'S
Voice May 2026

Ascension Day

May 14 @ 7:00pm *with* Holy Communion

The Ascension

*And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them.
While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.*

Luke 24:50-51

Join us for Pledge Day, May 3!

We will hold a special worship service dedicated to the ministry of Our Savior Lutheran School, and we ask the Lord to continue the progress of the construction of our Logic Building.

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

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

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and support for Our Savior Lutheran School and the new LOGIC BUILDING! It is our joy and privilege to continue to Serve Families for Jesus Christ.



**OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**



Ascended, But Not Gone!

What men meant for evil, God meant for good. Two cross beams, nails, and a crown of thorns were not the death of life, but of death. The Good Shepherd laid down His life and there when He breathed His last, it was the end of death. It was the beginning of life. Death was finished. Hell was vanquished. The Law was finished and fulfilled. Creation's subjection to the grave's sting and haunting dominion was ended.

For that cruel scaffold, those beams crossed with hate is the emblem of perfect love, of enduring grace, of God's true glory. For in the water and the blood that slipped down the cross forgiveness and mercy were born. The place of the skull is the burial ground of death and Hell's certain defeat.

For forty days after His resurrection, Jesus was present with His people, Creator and creatures, Redeemer and redeemed. He opened the Scriptures to them. He set their hearts afire with His love. He comforted them in His scars. He spoke peace to them and delivered the keys to heaven.

Then Jesus ascended. Forty days after Easter He ascended to the right hand of God's power and glory. He went bodily into heaven. Thirty odd years earlier, He had truly become Immanuel. God with Us, the God that became man. In that moment He joined His Godhead to humanity. Forever He is God and Man. He took up our sinful flesh. And then ascended as the Divine Man to cause the angel of death to pass over all who have been marked with the bloody water of Holy Baptism. Thus He paved the way to paradise for you and me. We are worthy of His love by the power of His invitation; by the declaration and bestowal of His Name. He has made us His and members of the royal family by Grace.

Jesus lives for us. He ascended, but He is not gone. He lives. And He still gives His life to and for you. God ascended to the Father as man, forever elevating our nature and opening heaven for us. Thus we are free even while we yet endure the bonds of this fallen creation and suffer under temptation. We live even though we die and live the most and the fullest when we are most dead. We do not belong here. Our kingdom is not of this world. We will rise and we will ascend. Our Lord bids, "follow Me." And where He bids, even to heaven, we go!

Pastor Cholak

Cello Recital...

Sunday, May 17 @

7:00 PM

Nathan Russ eagerly invites you to attend his senior cello recital!

The recital is on Sunday, May 17 at 7:00 pm here at OSL.



Dear Members of Our Savior Lutheran,

We have entered the final weeks of the 2025–26 school year. As we reflect on the months behind us, we give thanks for the ways we have grown together as a faculty and as a school community. Through every moment, God's Word has guided us, and His Holy Spirit has been at work among us as we teach and care for the children He has entrusted to our school.

This year, our students have grown in many ways, physically, academically, and socially but most importantly, spiritually. Each day, they are nourished by the Word of God, and it is a joy and blessing to witness their faith taking root and growing.

Last month, we held the final round of our Oratio Eloquentium. This meaningful Logic School program invites students in grades 6–8 to memorize and deliver a speech selected from our Learn By Heart: Poetry, Literature, and Verse collection. More than just an academic exercise, this experience builds confidence, poise, and a love for language. Students first present to their peers and then compete for a place in the final round. We celebrate this year's outstanding participants and congratulate our top orators: 1st Place - Brynn Burttschell, 2nd Place - Aria Ferrarese, and 3rd Place - Wesley White.

To supplement our in-class learning, many of our classes have headed off campus for exciting learning opportunities. Classes have seen plays, visited museums, and toured historical locations. These adventures provide an opportunity for our scholars to get hands on experience and to connect material from class to the world around them.

This time of year also brings the excitement of field days. Our youngest students enjoyed a day filled with developmentally appropriate activities that support their growing coordination and motor skills. We were also blessed to host our annual 1st–4th grade city-wide Lutheran School Field Day, welcoming over 1,000 students to our campus. Finally, we will begin May with our 5th–8th grade students traveling to Concordia High School to compete alongside other Lutheran schools from across the Houston area.

Looking ahead, our seventh graders are eagerly anticipating their annual Texas history tour at the beginning of May, while our eighth graders are preparing for their class trip to Washington, D.C. We ask that you keep these students and their teachers in your prayers for safe travels, meaningful experiences, and joyful returns home.

As May draws to a close, we will celebrate a special milestone as we say farewell to our eighth graders. It is a true privilege to walk alongside these students and their families and to mark this important transition as they move on to high school. We pray that God continues to guide and bless them in the years ahead.

*In Christ,
Lynette Cherington & Jeanene Lunsford, Interim Principals*

On Sunday, May 3rd, we will hold a special Pledge Day worship service at Our Savior Lutheran Church. During this service, Erik Morrissey will be installed as our new Principal, and we would love for you to join us for this meaningful occasion. Following worship, we invite you to stay for a time of fellowship and lunch as we celebrate this exciting new chapter in the life of our school.





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.



Diaper Drive . . .

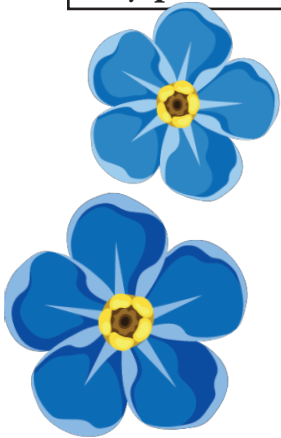
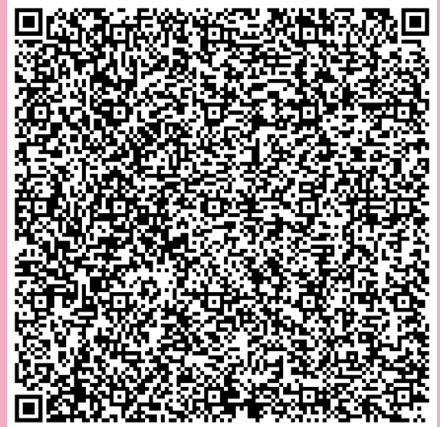
Houston Lutherans For Life is doing a Diaper Drive during the month of May. These donations will benefit moms who visit **Blue Blossom Pregnancy Centers** and who attend parenting courses.

Any size is appreciated and can be left in the narthex or church office.

We happily take any brand, but ... we like to promote the only **prolife** diaper company, <https://everylife.com>



Watch the everylife story with this video:



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

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

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.**



Women's Retreat

Due to low registration, we have rescheduled. Look for more info to come!

Chrismons

This year, we are making the Lamb pattern. If you need supplies or are interested in helping with this, please reach out! (sbaughman@osl.cc or call the church office)

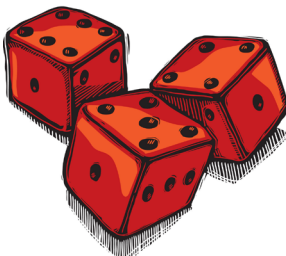
Cheerful Helpers



LWML Night Circle will begin the **Baby Bottle Boomerang on May 10** to benefit Houston Coalition for Life. This will continue through Father's Day, June 21.

5/16 will be Bunco @ 10am

BUNCO SOCIAL



A trip to the Orphan Grain Train facility is scheduled for May 30 to deliver health kits.

We are collecting the following items for Health Kits to be distributed in the USA and abroad (numbers listed are per kit). To learn more about Orphan Grain Train, please visit www.ogt.org.

- 1 bath towel
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 bath-size bar of soap
- 1 plastic soap box holder
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 sturdy comb
- 6 band-aids (1/2" or 3/4")
- 1 small package facial tissues
- 1 nail clipper

LWML Texas District Convention

Registration ends May 8, 2026. Use the QR Code to learn more!

Celebrate the Goodness of God with the ladies of LWML Texas District, June 11-13, 2026 in Austin.



Any graduates in your house?

In our **June** newsletter it's tradition to celebrate our high school and college graduates. What 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.*)



Send information to Barbara at: bmushinski@osl.cc
Deadline is Friday, May 15.

Memorials

The following memorials and honorarium were given to the glory of God to **Forward Faithfully – Building for Our Future for**

Shirley Correll
Della Markert
Jim Nitsch

Delores Guthman (*Diana Stephens' Mother*)
Adam & Diane White

Norbert Pietsch
(OSL School Scholarship Fund)
Jim Nitsch

Wilbert Schulz
Clarence & Nelda Pampell

Honorariums

(Forward Faithfully – Building for Our Future)

Chuck Hall's 85th Birthday
Roger & Clarissa Worthing

Missions

Lutherans in Africa – May Family
Laura Boyd

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 8:30am Men Alive-A101 9:30am Piano Recital 6:00pm Fellowship Family Fiesta BINGO-A101 
3 8:15am Bible Class 9:30am Matins - Morrissey Installation 11:00am School Beam Blessing 11:30am Erik Morrissey Installation Reception 2:00pm Men's Church Softball League 	4 8:00am PTL Board Meeting - YR 6:00pm Young Adults Bible Study-YR 6:30pm LWML Potter's Vessel-FR 6:30pm Revelation - Monday Night Bible Study	5 6:30pm Stitches Fellowship Group - FR 7:00pm Church Council-BC	6 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 8:15am Chapel - Sanctuary 10:00am Bible Class-BC <u>12:00pm Bulletin Deadline</u> 3:30pm Faculty Meeting-BC	7 <u>3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline</u> 6:15pm Carillon Ringers 7:00pm Jubilate Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:00pm Lutheran Confessions Bible Study Group-BC	8 9:00am Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML	9 10:00am GEMS YOUTH in Mission-LWML Group-YR  11:00am Manriquez Baptism - Sanctuary
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17 8:15am Bible Class 9:30am Matins - Baptism Kemnitz 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Cantate-Choir Rm 12:00pm Fellowship Potluck - BC 12:00pm Life Team Meeting-YR 2:00pm Men's Church Softball League 7:00pm Nathan Russ Cello Recital 	18 6:00pm Young Adults Bible Study-YR 6:30pm Revelation - Monday Night Bible Study	19 6:30pm Stitches Fellowship Group - YR 6:30pm 8th Grade Graduation 7:00pm Elders mtg-BC 7:00pm LWML Night Circle-FR	20 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 8:15am Chapel - Sanctuary 10:00am Bible Class-BC <u>12:00pm Bulletin Deadline</u>	21 <u>3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline</u> 6:15pm Carillon Ringers 7:00pm Jubilate Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:00pm Lutheran Confessions Bible Study Group-BC	22 4:00pm Thaelke-White Rehearsal	23
24 Pentecost 8:15am Bible Class 9:30am Communion 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Jr Youth Fusion-YR 12:00pm Laudate-Choir Rm 4:30pm Christian White and Annie Thaelke Wedding 	25 Church Office Closed MEMORIAL DAY 	26 6:30pm Stitches Fellowship Group - FR 7:00pm Parochial Ed-BC	27 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00am Bible Class-BC <u>12:00pm Bulletin Deadline</u>	28 <u>3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline</u> 6:15pm Carillon Ringers 7:00pm Jubilate Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary	29	30
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A=Gym/Cafeteria • B=Early Childhood Ctr • C=Classrooms • BC=Bible Class Room • FR=Family Room • YR=Youth Room • EO=Evangelism Office • *Italics=not @ OSL*

Those to Serve – May 2026

Acolytes	05/03/26	9:30 AM	Aria Ferrarese / Iris Ferrarese
Carts	05/03/26	9:30 AM	Work Team
Elders	05/03/26	9:30 AM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White
Evangelism	05/03/26	9:30 AM	Team 3 Kriegel
Greeters	05/03/26	9:30 AM	TEAM 1: Carter/Malsons
Sound	05/03/26	9:30 AM	Greenwood
Ushers	05/03/26	9:30 AM	Symcox Team
Acolytes	05/10/26	9:30 AM	Abby Frazier / Isabelle Frazier
Altar Guild	05/10/26	9:30 AM	Lorie Moehlman Team 4
Carts	05/10/26	9:30 AM	Downie Team
Comm Asst.	05/10/26	9:30 AM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White / Bo Guevarra
Elders	05/10/26	9:30 AM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White
Evangelism	05/10/26	9:30 AM	Team 5 Malson
Greeters	05/10/26	9:30 AM	TEAM 10: Schmidt / Stuhr
Sound	05/10/26	9:30 AM	T. Wilbanks
Ushers	05/10/26	9:30 AM	Halbert Team
Acolytes	05/14/26	7:00 PM	Alex Dellaughter / Bree Lawder / Paige Lawder / Sophia Williams / Prynce Willis
Altar Guild	05/14/26	7:00 PM	Amanda Crabtree Team 5
Carts	05/14/26	7:00 PM	Adams Team
Comm Asst.	05/14/26	7:00 PM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White / Bo Guevarra
Elders	05/14/26	7:00 PM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White
Evangelism	05/14/26	7:00 PM	Team 5 Malson
Greeters	05/14/26	7:00 PM	TEAM 2: Renevier
Sound	05/14/26	7:00 PM	Whiting
Ushers	05/14/26	7:00 PM	Downie Team
Acolytes	05/17/26	9:30 AM	Melanija Jokic / Noelle Synnott
Carts	05/17/26	9:30 AM	Pampell Team
Elders	05/17/26	9:30 AM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White
Evangelism	05/17/26	9:30 AM	Team 4 O'Neill/Schmidt
Greeters	05/17/26	9:30 AM	TEAM 3: Cherington / Guevara
Sound	05/17/26	9:30 AM	Witt
Ushers	05/17/26	9:30 AM	Gobrogge Team
Acolytes	05/24/26	9:30 AM	George Baughman / Katie Ripple / Megan Ripple / Harlow Schatte / Camryn Winfree
Altar Guild	05/24/26	9:30 AM	Clarissa Worthing Team 6
Carts	05/24/26	9:30 AM	Gavin Team
Comm Asst.	05/24/26	9:30 AM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White / Bo Guevarra
Elders	05/24/26	9:30 AM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White
Evangelism	05/24/26	9:30 AM	Team 1 Nino
Greeters	05/24/26	9:30 AM	TEAM 4: Copeland / Downie
Sound	05/24/26	9:30 AM	J. Wilbanks
Ushers	05/24/26	9:30 AM	Symcox Team
Acolytes	05/31/26	9:30 AM	William Garcia / Clementine Bender / Sydney Leamon / Jordyn Petree / Wesley White
Carts	05/31/26	9:30 AM	Work Team
Elders	05/31/26	9:30 AM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White
Evangelism	05/31/26	9:30 AM	Team 3 Kriegel
Greeters	05/31/26	9:30 AM	TEAM 5: Friedrich / Kriegel
Sound	05/31/26	9:30 AM	Greenwood
Ushers	05/31/26	9:30 AM	Halbert Team

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Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-5 pm
Friday 8:00 am-4 pm

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- 1 Acelynn Akhtar
Andrew Cook
Lona Reeves
Rachel Williams
- 2 Max Berry
Natalie Turney
Meagan Zorn
- 4 Nancy Carter
Trip Halbert
- 5 Paul Bohls
Gunnar Nitsch
- 6 Debbie Armstrong
Paul Crabtree, III
Margie Green
- 7 David Berry
Henry Boundy
Jeannie Medack
Tatiana Robison
- 8 Ava Symcox
Michelle Wright
- 9 Patrick Cochran, Jr.
Micah Eckert
Caroline Key
Ryder Musgrove
- 10 Toni Willis
Clay Crook
- 12 Corin Kauffman
Kinley Kramer
- 13 Brandon Armstrong
Diana Foraker
John Listi
Darcy Skweres
Andrea Smith
Roger Worthing
- 14 Paul Rubalcava
- 15 Tamara Aisenbrey
Allison Kettler
Kimberly Leaton
Samantha Tannert
- 16 Liam Arri
- 17 Kelsi Moore
Chelsie Pigeon
- 18 Hope Edmondson
Alexia Gonzales
- 19 William Lierbo
Jessica Shem
- 20 Lynette Cherington
Isabelle Frazier
- 21 Gladys Bobo
Trevor Holman
- 22 Amanda Curtin
Melanija Jokic
- 23 William Garcia
- 24 Pastor Cholak
Conrad Kleb
Emily Lankford
Allison Symcox
- 25 Aria Ferrarese
Janis Hervey
- 26 Savannah Lamb
Peyton Payne
Jeannine Petree
Lillie Ripple
- 27 Elyssa DeDios
Stephanie Pollock
Kathy Temple
- 29 Prynce Willis
- 30 Alison Cook
Bill Lierbo
Craig Valka
- 31 Art Vasquez, Jr.
Maria White

May Birthdays

Our Savior Lutheran Church & School

5000 W. Tidwell Rd
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Serving Families for Jesus Christ

Return Service Requested



Bring Mom to church to
partake in God's Word &
Sacrament

*Sunday,
May 10
9:30 am*

*"For you formed my inward parts; you
knitted me together in my mother's
womb." Psalm 139:13*

*Happy
Mother's Day!*