



BE COMPLETELY
HUMBLE AND
GENTLE;
BE PATIENT,
BEARING WITH
ONE ANOTHER
IN LOVE.

Ephesians 4:2, NIV

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*Our Savior Lutheran
Church*

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Order of Holy Communion

In Nomine Jesu



Music for Meditation & Prayer

Ringling of the Bells

Prelude

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

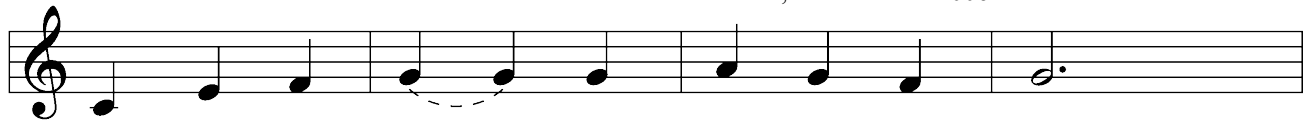
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Greetings & Announcements

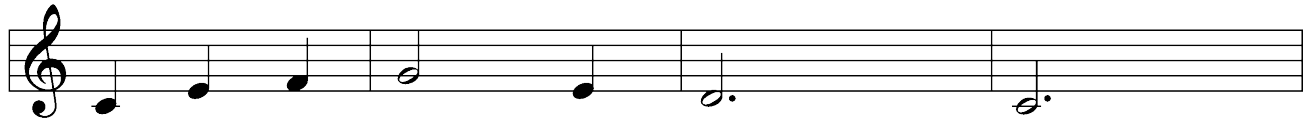
Hymn of Invocation

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

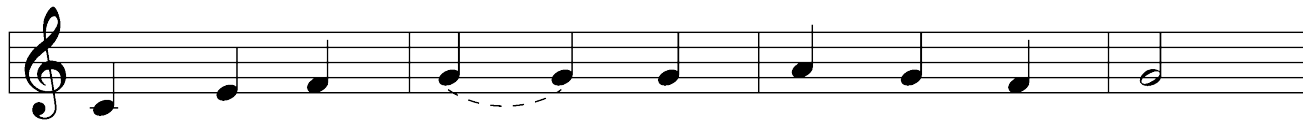
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1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run with pa - tience the race,

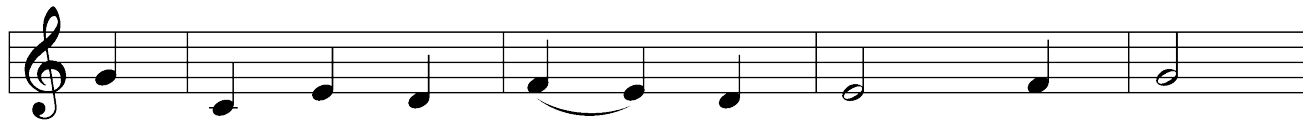


The star of my life is Je - sus.
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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(Stand)

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C *Amen.*

(Kneel)

Confession of Sins

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C *But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C *O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserve your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all of my sins and grant me the power of your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.*

Pronouncement of Forgiveness

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C *Amen.*

(Stand)

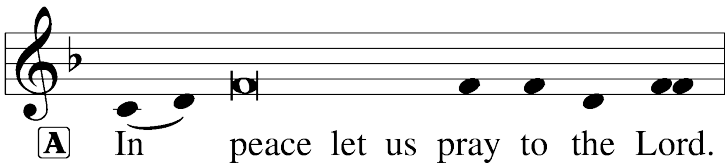
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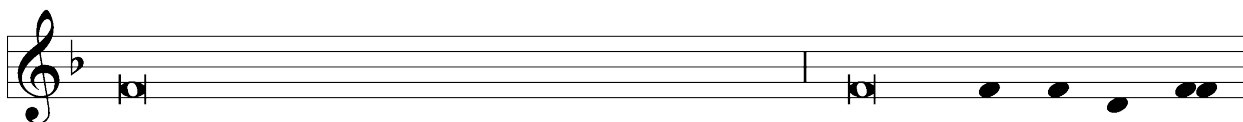
“Justus es, Domine”

(Intoned by Pastor with Congregation on Gloria Patri; Psalm 119:1–2, 5–6; antiphon: vv. 137, 124)

Righteous are you, | O Lord,*
and right are your | just decrees.
Deal with your servant according to your | steadfast love,*
and teach me your | statutes.
Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless,*
who walk in the law | of the Lord!
Blessèd are those who keep his testi- | monies,*
who seek him with their | whole heart.
Oh that my ways may be | steadfast*
in keeping your | statutes!
Then I shall not be | put to shame,*
having my eyes fixed on all your com- | mandments.
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.
Righteous are you, | O Lord,*
and right are your | just decrees.
Deal with your servant according to your | steadfast love,*
and teach me your | statutes.

Kyrie





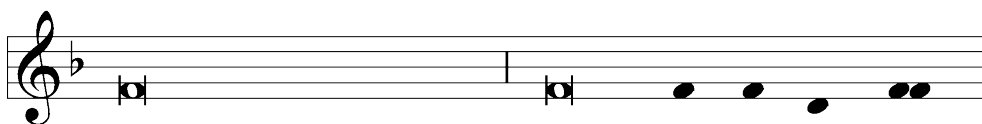
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



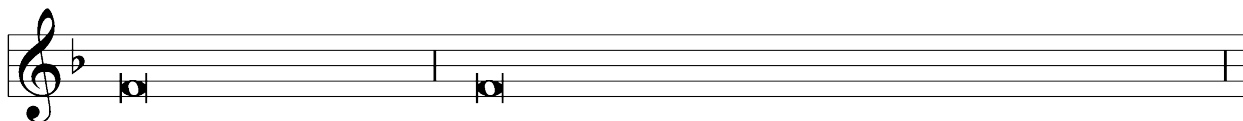
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



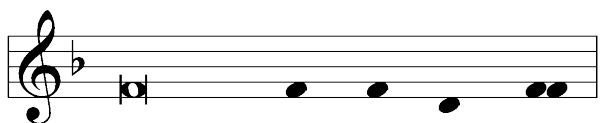
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



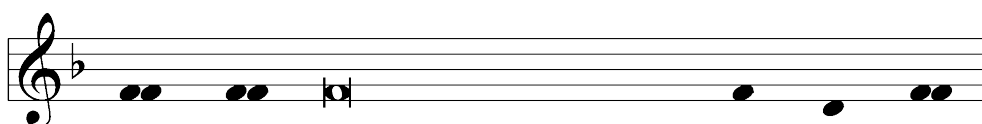
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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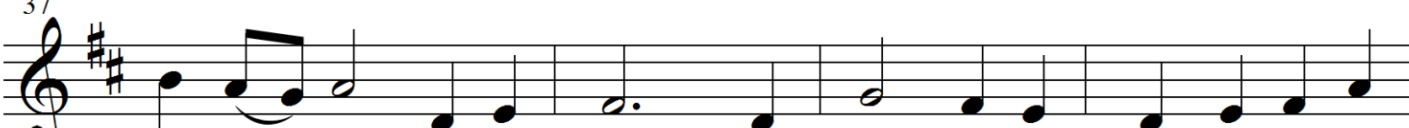
 bless - ing and glo - ry are His. This is the

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

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

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

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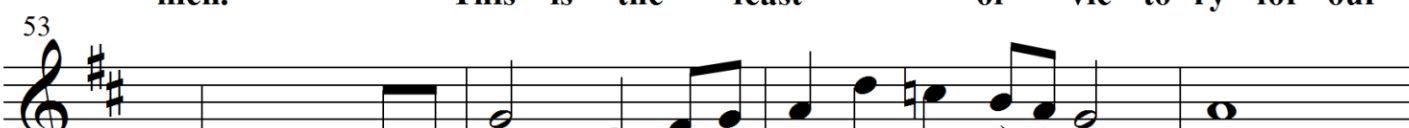
 a - - - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or glo - ry, and

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

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

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

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For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His

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

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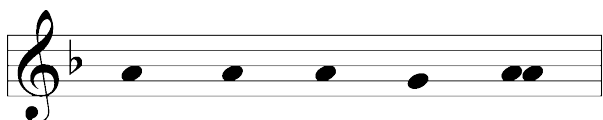
feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

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

Collect of the Day

(2 Timothy 4:22)



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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

Praise Canticle

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Jubilate Choir

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

O sing to the Lord, praise God's name, forevermore the same. Alleluia, alleluia, praise God's holy name.

Alleluia, alleluia, evermore the same.

O shout for joy to the Lord, Alleluia, burst into song with music, Alleluia.

Make music to the Lord with the harp, Alleluia, the harp and the sound of song.

With the trumpet and blast of the ram's horn, shout to the Lord with joy! Alleluia, alleluia, evermore the same.

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad! Let the sea resound, the fields rejoice.

Let the trees of the forest sing for joy. Let all creation rejoice and sing, all creation sing for joy, sing for joy,

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

O sing to the Lord, praise God's name. Forevermore the same.

Alleluia, alleluia, praise God's holy name. Alleluia, alleluia, evermore the same.

O sing to the Lord a new song, a new song, and bless God's holy, holy Name!

Old Testament Lesson

Proverbs 25:6–14

[6] Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, [7] for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen [8] do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? [9] Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, [10] lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end. [11] A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver. [12] Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reprover to a listening ear. [13] Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who send him; he refreshes the soul of his masters. [14] Like clouds and wind without rain is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

The world advises that self-promotion and self-confidence are the only ways to personal success. That false wisdom reveals the insecurity and fear that it's every man for himself. The believer knows better. We have the assurance that we are not alone. Our God of love is guiding and guarding every step of the way. That confidence enables us to live humbly and honestly, always trusting in the Lord to accomplish His purpose for our lives.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*



Gradual

(Intoned by Pastor; Psalm 33:12, 6)

Blessèd is the nation whose God | is the Lord,*
the people whom he has chosen as his | heritage!
By the word of the Lord the heav- | ens were made,*
and by the breath of his mouth | all their host.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 4:1–6

[1] I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, [2] with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, [3] eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. [4] There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— [5] one Lord, one faith, one baptism, [6] one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

St. Paul urges the same humble confidence which Solomon had presented in the OT Lesson. For a marriage, or a family, or a church family to live together in harmony and peace there must be the humble willingness to practice self-sacrificing Christ-like love. Our sinful human nature warns that others will take advantage of us. Jesus says live as I did, not for Myself but for you.

(Stand)

Alleluia and Verse

(John 6:68)

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

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

St. Luke 14:1-11

[1] One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. [2] And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. [3] And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" [4] But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. [5] And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" [6] And they could not reply to these things. [7] Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, [8] "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, [9] and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. [10] But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. [11] For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

The theme of all of our Bible readings today continues in the Gospel. For those who live by the Law, law becomes a legalistic maze of rules which I use to exalt myself over others. Those who live by the Gospel recognize the Law as an expression of God's love. They are no longer interested in exalting themselves but in expressing the love and compassion of God in all things.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

*I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made,
Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary
And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried;
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures;
And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.*

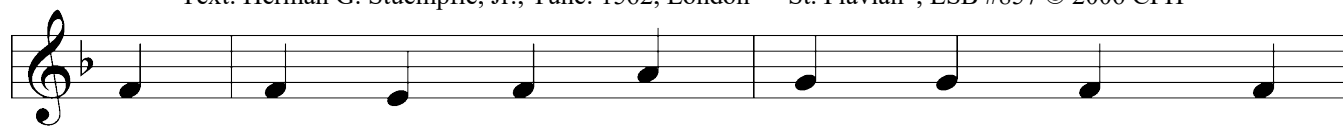
*And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life,
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
Who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.*

(Be Seated)

Sermon Hymn

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

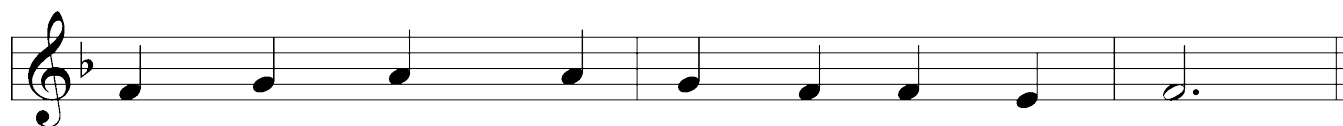
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1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -
2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But
3 No gold - en scep - ter but a towel You
4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor
5 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -



ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -
pow'r You laid a - side. You lived Your years in
place with - in the hands Of those who seek to
count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the
ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.
ser - vant - hood; In low - li - ness You died.
fol - low You And live by Your com - mands.
mean - est task That waits the gift of love.
get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.

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(Stand for Text)

Sermon

Text: St. Luke 14:11

“Humble Yourself!”

(Stand)

Votum

Offertory

(Psalm 104:14-15; Isaiah 25:6; 1 Corinthians 5:7)



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

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Offering Prayer

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Offering

Voluntary

St. Flavian

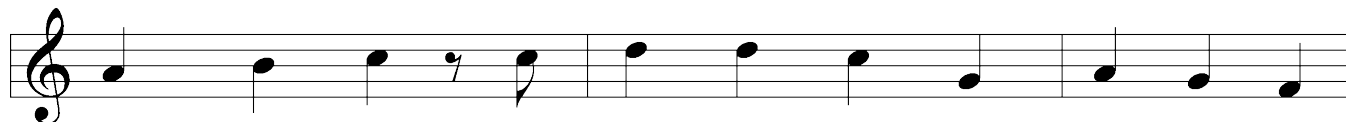
Catechism Hymn

These Are the Holy Ten Commands

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1 These are the ho - ly Ten Com-mands God gave to us by
11 You have this Law to see there - in That you have not been
12 Our works can - not sal - va - tion gain; They mer - it on - ly



Mo - ses' hands When high on Si - nai's mount he stood,
free from sin But al - so that you clear - ly see
end - less pain. For - give us, Lord! To Christ we flee,



Re - ceiv - ing them for our good. Have mer - cy, Lord!
How pure toward God life should be. Have mer - cy, Lord!
Who pleads for us end - less - ly. Have mer - cy, Lord!

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Catechism Lesson

P What does God say about all these commandments?

C *He says: “I the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.”*

P What does this mean?

C *God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear his wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what he commands.*

P A lesson from James 2:10 –

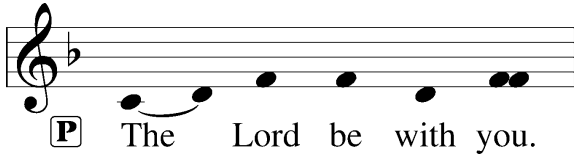
C *“For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.”*

(Stand)

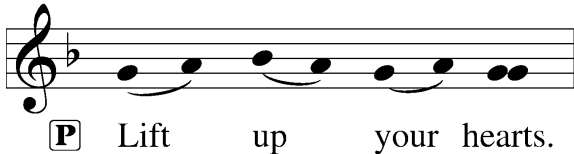
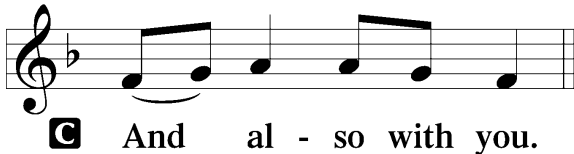
Intercessory Prayer

Preface

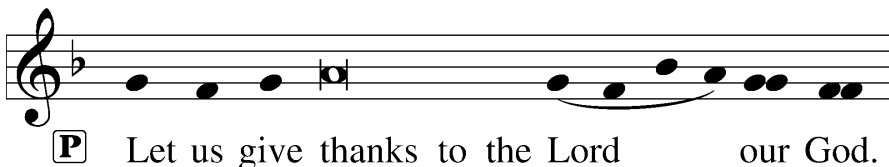
Worship Note: The sound of the Zimbelstern before the Sanctus announces the invitation that brings the realms of heaven and voices here on earth to sing the great hymn of praise to our Lord.



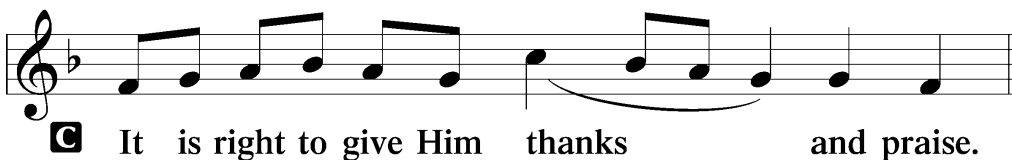
(2 Timothy 4:22)



(Colossians 3:1)



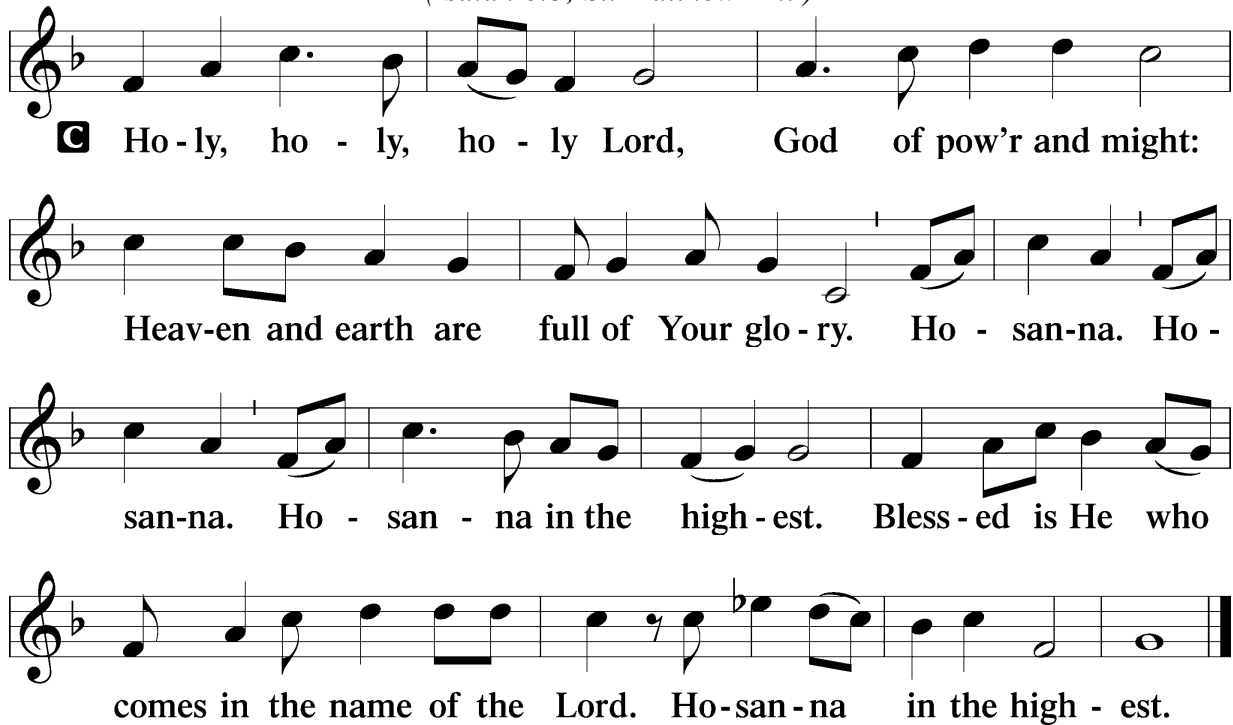
(Psalm 136)



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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore 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)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

(St. Matthew 6:9-13)

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

Words of Institution

(St. Matthew 26:26-28)

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

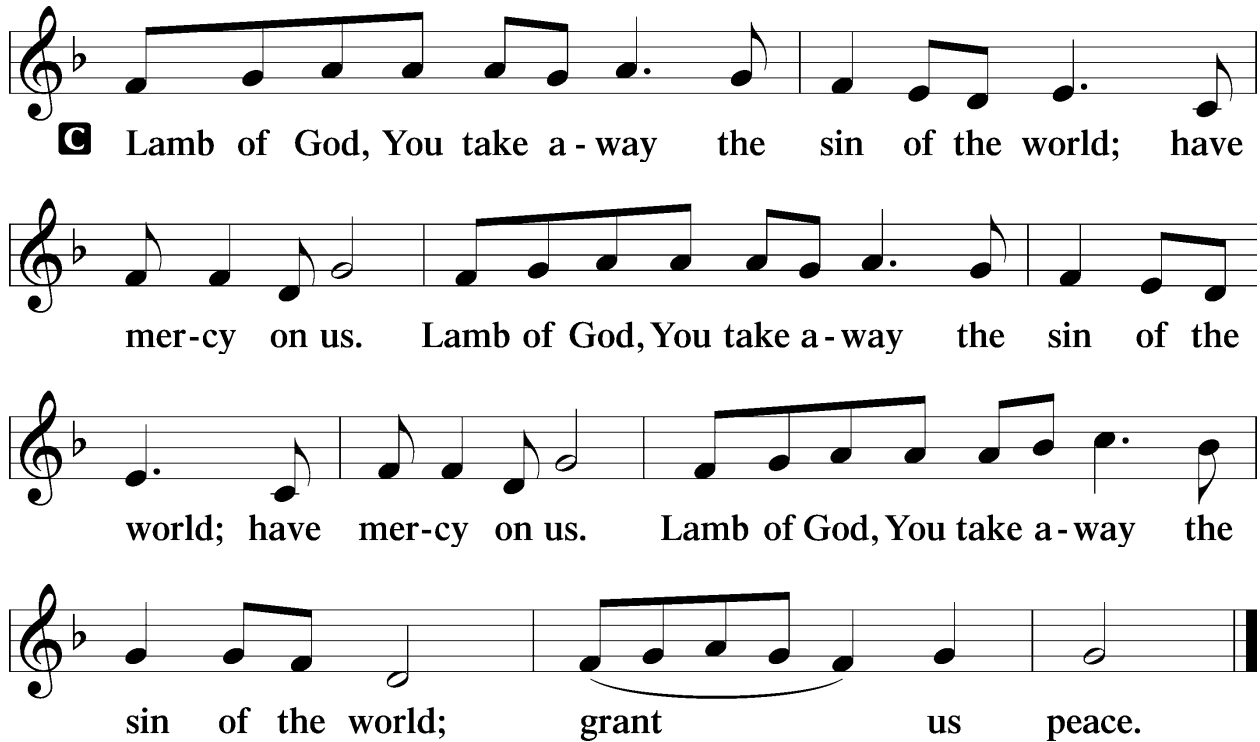
(St. John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C *And also with you.*

Agnus Dei

(St. John 1:29)



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

(Be Seated)

Distribution

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Distribution Hymns

O Lord, We Praise Thee

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1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



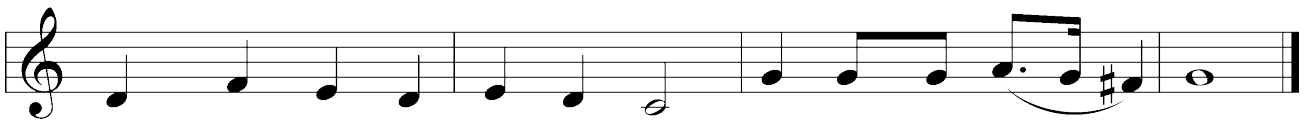
they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

Come, Let Us Eat

Jubilate Choir

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

5 Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

(Be Seated)
I AM Forever Who I AM
 By Kurt Von Kampen



1. Though moun - tains slide in - to the sea, and
 2. We buy - and sell, we - lose or gain; Our
 3. Our lust for pow - er, wealth, and land Di -
 4. Like shep - herds watch - ing for the light, A -
 5. Each gen - er - a - tion looks for truth, and
 6. Some days seem long, though life is brief, And



wa - ters rush where fields should be, though
 for - tunes shift like sun and rain. Sus -
 min - ish - es the earth You planned. Pre -
 ware - of dan - gers in the night. We -
 doubt can trou - ble age or youth. If
 death is wait - ing like a thief. When



mon - u - ments and re - na - tions fall, Your
 tain - our - lives, and re - ward fu - our toil With
 vent our crimes, and gel: "Do our wars; Con -
 hear the an - gel: "Do our tile not fear, The
 oth - er gods would take Your go, place, Re -
 vis - ion fades and dreams go dry, We



ho - ly and cit - y stands through all. When
 bread - us hon - ey, wine and are oil. Save
 vince - us that - ey, things are Yours. We
 Sav - ior of all the world is near. We
 mem - ber on us with love things and grace. We
 will on un - seen things re - ly. Our



noth - ing seems to stay the same, You
 us - and oth - ers from our greed; You
 rage and burn - ers kill our steal; But
 run, we see, and we touch, laugh, You
 claim us, if we we go, tray, You
 stor - ies take up but a - page, But

6

teach us Your e - ter - nal name. I
 al - ways re - deem, us re - what we need.
 You re to the earth on store, and heal.
 came to the Truth, on our Life, be half.
 are Yours goes on from age the to Way.
 Yours goes on from age the to Way.

7

AM for - ev - er - WHO I AM. A -

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bove you, be - neath you, A - round you and with - in you. Be

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still and know that I am God.

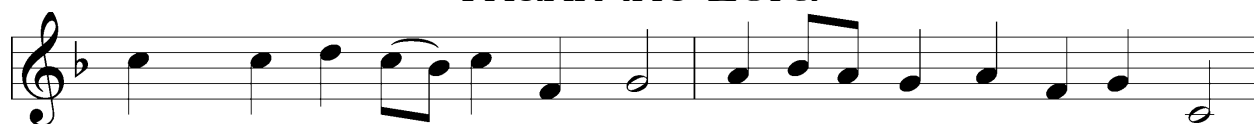
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(Stand)

Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord



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



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



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



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

Post-Communion Collect

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

C *Amen.*

Benediction

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



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

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Closing Hymn

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Text: Omer E. Westendorf; Tune: Welsh – “The Ash Grove”; LSB #643 © 2006 CPH

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,

The peo-ple of our God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.

The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,

The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.

The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;

Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.

His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing

To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Postlude – The Ash Grove By J. Scott

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Welcome!

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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: Trinity 17 – Humility is the posture of the Christian (Luke 14:1-11). The lower place is our preference. After all, we are the creatures. Yet, pride is the great prize of our old man. Pride kills the humble new man. Therefore, our pride must be put to death. The One who fulfilled the Law does just that. Humility was on full display in Jesus on the cross. He took our lower place, a place we deserved, that we might be moved up to rejoice in the presence of our Creator Host, our Triune God. “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”
Prayer: Extend Your kingdom, Lord Jesus, through me to those who are broken like I am. 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, October 11 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 –

What is the Augsburg Confession? An article-by-article Bible study of the Augsburg Confession of 1530. A study to help Lutherans understand what it means to be Christian. (Pastor Cholak, Bible Class Room)

10:45 AM – **Adults**

Matthew: Verse by verse study of the 1st book of the New Testament. (Pastor Cholak, 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

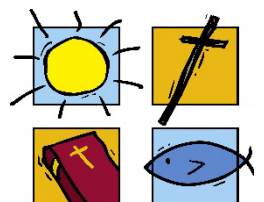
Kindergarten – C104

3 & 4 yrs – B109

18 mos. – 3 yrs – B111

YOU can Help!

Would you consider volunteering to be a substitute when teachers are out? If you are interested in helping the youth classes, please call/text me. Thanks for your consideration and prayers! **Matt Daniel**, Sunday School Superintendent: 832-312-4505



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Mushinski Family in celebration of Lydia's birthday today.



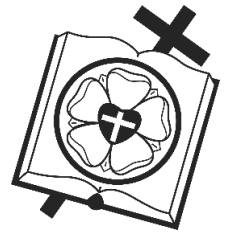
Flower Chart is available to sponsor the church flowers for your special occasions!

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: *This group is taking a break ... but you are invited to join the Adult Catechesis study on Mondays @ 7:00pm.*

ADULT CATECHESIS: What do Lutherans believe? Where is it found in the Bible? Need a refresher course? — Join us on Mondays, 7:00pm - 8:30pm in the Bible Class Room with Pastor Cholak. Everyone is welcome! There is a pot-luck supper and snacks beginning at 6:30 pm, with the study starting at 7:00 pm. Join us for God's Word and great Christian fellowship. Contact Bill Prestwood with any questions: bprestwood@osl.cc or 806-626-5244. **Babysitting provided.**



MEN'S WEEKLY 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.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS — Join us on **Wednesdays** with **Pastor Cholak** 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!

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!**

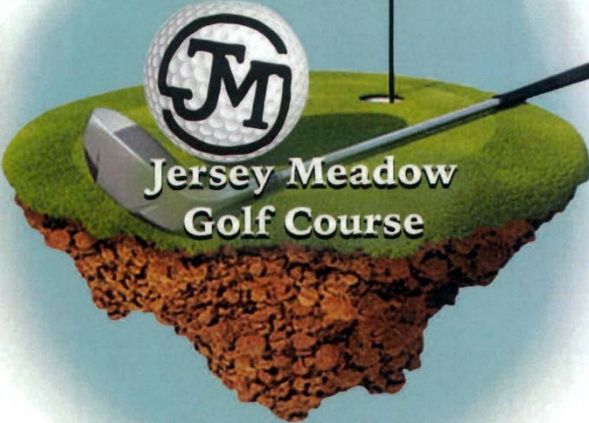
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED in Audio-Visual Ministry: Learn from a “hands on” perspective, call 713-290-9087, leave your name and number, and we will contact you. No experience necessary.

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

Men Alive Donuts & Coffee: Donuts are provided between the 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



SAVE THE DATE
11-13-2026
OSL MEN ALIVE
22nd ANNUAL CHARITY
NIGHT GOLF TOURNAMENT
 Play 9 holes in the daylight & 9 holes in the dark
 3PM START • Modified Callaway Scoring



**Jersey Meadow
Golf Course**

8502 RIO GRANDE ST,
JERSEY VILLAGE, TX 77040

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
 CHANNING WOOD (281)236-8105
 MENALIVE@OSL.CC

The Stitches Fellowship Group meets on Tuesdays, in the Family 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! Special Request! Do YOU have an embroidery sewing machine? We need a volunteer to put “*Jesus Loves Me*” on our baby blankets. *This is a special and important touch.* 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, and one with CDL license for Big Blue!** Call Christine: 713-395-1330.



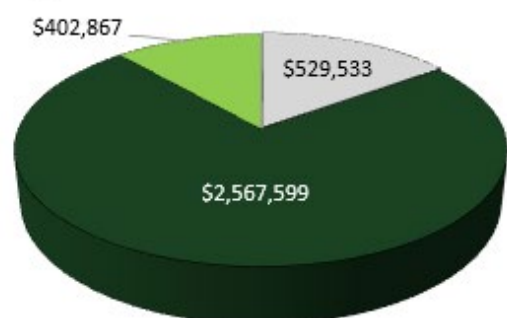
Goju-Ryu Traditional Karate: Private & small group lessons – Contact Nathan Work, Instructor of 23 years: 281-222-9284 or nathanwork0@gmail.com.





**FORWARD FAITHFULLY
BUILDING FOR OUR FUTURE**

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



Funding Status	Amount
Funds Received	\$2,567,599
Funds Pledged	\$529,533
Funds Needed	\$402,867

☐ 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.*



Part-time Position Available for the Current School Year! Our Savior Lutheran School is hiring a Kindergarten Classroom Aide for the current school year. Applicants must have a high school diploma and be 18 years or older. Childcare experience is helpful but not required. This is a part-time, Monday–Friday position. We are seeking a Christian role model who enjoys working with children. If interested, contact **Lynette Cherington** at lcherington@oslschool.org or **713-290-8277**.

MEASURE OF DEVOTION: Last Sunday, we had 346 people in attendance (last year 358), viewers online 535.

Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week	\$ 23,039.52
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 38	\$ 1,349,259.97
Tithes & Offerings needed each week	\$ 43,385.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 38	\$ 1,648,630.00
Special Contributions to date	\$ 764,799.64

“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, September 27, at 9:30 AM	Next Week, Sunday, October 4, at 9:30 AM
ELDERS:	Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Gene Kunkel / Mark Dube	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White
USHERS:	Downie Team	Gobrogge Team
SOUND:	Whiting	Witt
CARTS:	Gavin Team	Work Team
ACOLYTES:	Clementine Bender / Holly Crabtree	Katrin Daniel / Max Berry
ALTAR GLD:	Clarissa Worthing Team 6	—
COMM. ASST:	Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Gene Kunkel / Mark Dube / James Kriegel	—
EVANGELISM:	Team Kriegel	Team Stuhr
GREETERS:	TEAM 2: Renevier	TEAM 3: Cherington / Guevara
MUSIC:	Jubilate Choir	—
VIDEO:	Adam White / Wesley White	Adam White / Wesley White



Schedule Your Tithe! Use the OSLS app, free in the App Store. No monthly fee; No set up fee; No hidden fees; Lowest processing rates that continue to drop as your giving increases. All credit and debit cards (including AMEX) are processed at 2.3% + .30 cents per transaction. All ACH donations are 1% with no cents. There is also a “GIVE” link at the top of our website: www.OSL.cc

LUTHERAN WITNESS - If you would like to be included in the church’s subscription, simply write a check to OSLS for **\$30.00** with “Lutheran Witness” in the memo, and place it in the offering plate by **October 15**.



Classic Car Show! Meeting **TODAY** to plan our car show on **October 17**. Contact **Dan Greenwood: (713) 302-5692**



OSL at a Glance

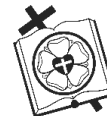
Sunday, September 27, 2026

Event	Time	Location
Bible Class-BC	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Communion	9:30am	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45am	
Car Show Meeting - BC	12:00pm	Bible Class Room
Laudate-Choir Rm	12:00pm	Church Choir Loft
Volleyball League - Gym	5:00pm	Gymnasium
<i>Women's Retreat</i>		<i>Trinity Pines</i>



Monday, September 28, 2026

New Member - Class-BC	6:30pm	Bible Class Room
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Tuesday, September 29, 2026

HCFL Prayer Vigil for LIFE - PP	11:00am	13169 NW Fwy, Ste 115, 77040
Stitches Fellowship Group - FR	6:30pm	Family Room
Parochial Ed-BC	7:00pm	Bible Class Room



Wednesday, September 30, 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



Thursday, October 1, 2026

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

Saturday, October 3, 2026

Men Alive-A101	8:30am	Cafeteria
GEMS YOUth in Mission-LWML -YR	10:00am	Youth Room
<i>Bon Appétit</i>	11:00am	Offsite

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Bible Class-BC	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Matins – LWML, Jensen Baptisms	9:30am	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45am	
Evangelism Meeting - EO	12:00pm	Evangelism
Office		
Exultae Brass-Sanctuary	12:00pm	Choir Room
Volleyball League - Gym	5:00pm	Gymnasium

Wednesdays:

Oct 14 – Nov 11

Mommy & Me @ 4:30pm

Light Meal @ 5:30pm

Short Study @ 6:30pm

*(from many to choose),
and Evening Prayer.*

Menu: Oct 14 – Chicken Pot Pie
Childcare is provided.

**If you have any questions,
please contact Pastor Cholak:
scholak@osl.cc**



ATTENTION: Railroad Crossing CLOSED on Tidwell, Sep 30-Oct 2!



One of the last steps of the road repair process is to replace the crossing panels in the roadway and where the sidewalks cross the tracks. This will require replacing the roadbed, ties, and asphalt approaches and BNSF needs to entirely close the roadway to do this. The work is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 30 through Friday, October 2**, during which time **NO** vehicles or pedestrians will be able to cross the railroad on Tidwell.



TUESDAY

Prayer Vigils

Planned Parenthood

13169 Northwest Fwy
Houston, TX 77040

11:00 AM

We rejoice in the closure of the mega
Planned Parenthood on I-45, but they are
still operating 4 other locations in Houston.

Join us as we show up every Tuesday in peaceful
prayer for an end to abortion – one location at a time.



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Questions?

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Scan QR to Save Babies & Moms!



When you **SCAN** the **CODE** to **CONTRIBUTE** to the **Run/Walk for Life**, **YOU** provide real help to more than 3,700 women each year through our Blue Blossom Pregnancy Centers, of whom 93.5% embrace **LIFE** for their babies! OSL's goal is \$40,000. *You don't have to run or walk to help.*



RUN/WALK for LIFE 2026 is a 2 mile walk or a 5K fun-run to raise awareness for LIFE, **Saturday, October 17, 8:00am-11am**, at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Memorial Park, 6622 Haskell, 77007. *Crisis pregnancies have not ended, and abortions are still happening in Texas due to the widespread availability of the abortion pill.* For nearly 25 years, **Houston Coalition for Life** together with our **generous volunteers** and **supporters** have stood on the front lines praying and working to end abortion while **providing** vulnerable women with **free, life-affirming services** that encourage and empower them to choose **life** for their preborn babies. *Thanks for helping!*

