



Our Savior Lutheran

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Order of Holy Communion

In Nomine Jesu



Music for Meditation & Prayer

Ringing of the Bells

Prelude

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

By Duane Funderburk

Nathan Russ, cello & Julia Russ, piano

Greetings & Announcements

Hymn of Invocation

Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941; Tune: Philipp Nicolai – “Wie Schön Leuchtet”; LSB #822 © 2006 CPH



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! To God the Fa -
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Lamb
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Ho -
4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to our tri -



ther let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.
of God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed.
ly Ghost we sing For our re - gen - er - a - tion.
une God we sing; Blest be His name for - ev - er!



To Him through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon -
He bought His Church with His own blood, He cleansed her in
The sav - ing faith in us He wrought And us un - to
With an - gel hosts let us a - dore And sing His prais -



or, pow'r, and praise, Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.
that bless - ed flood, And as His bride se - lect - ed.
the Bride-groom brought, Made us His cho - sen na - tion.
es ev - er - more For all His grace and fa - vor!



Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;
Ho - ly, ho - ly Is our u - nion And com - mu - nion.
Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;
Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;



Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.
His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.
There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.
Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry!

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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)

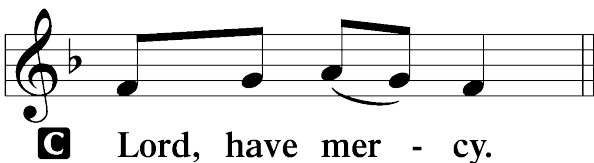
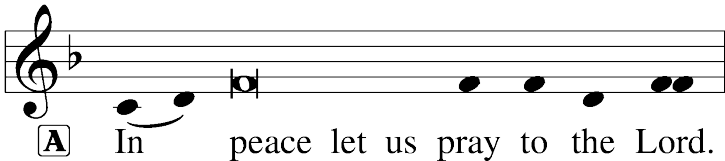
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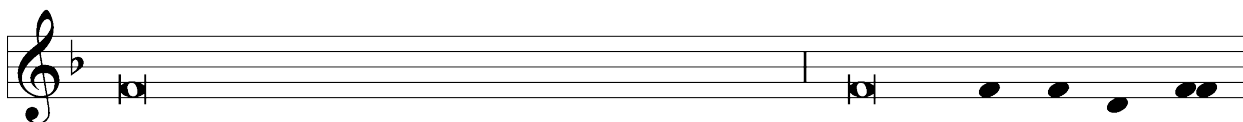
“Dominus Fortitudo Plebis Suae”

(Intoned by Pastor with Congregation on Gloria Patri; Psalm 28:1–2, 7; antiphon: vv. 8–9)

The Lord is the strength of his | people;*
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.
Save your people and bless your | heritage!*
Be their shepherd and carry them for- | ever.
To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,*
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the pit.
Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,*
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.
The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;*
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.
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.
The Lord is the strength of his | people;*
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Save your people and bless your | heritage!*
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Kyrie





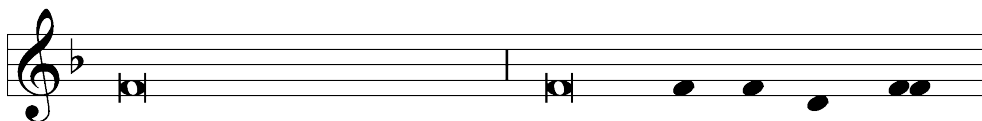
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



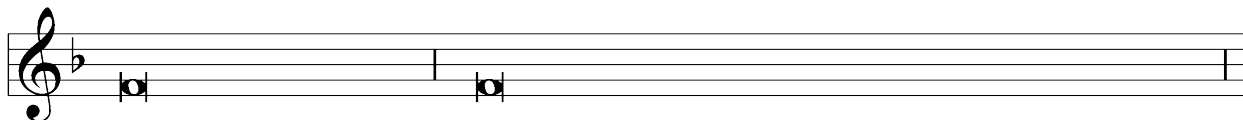
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



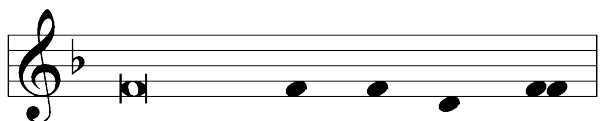
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



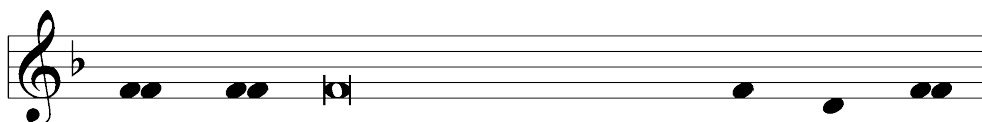
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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,

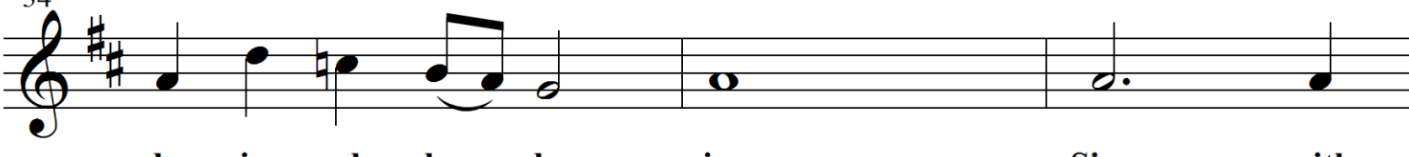
23 rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or -

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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 -

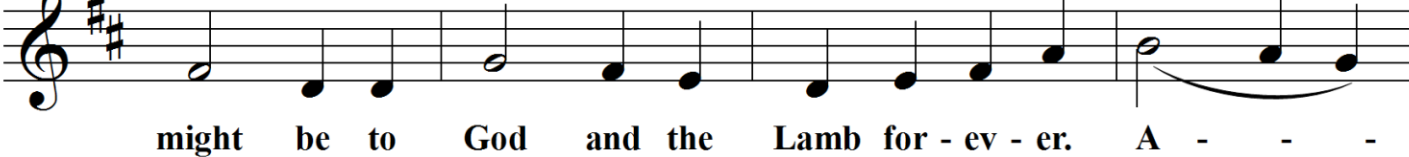
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 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Sing with

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

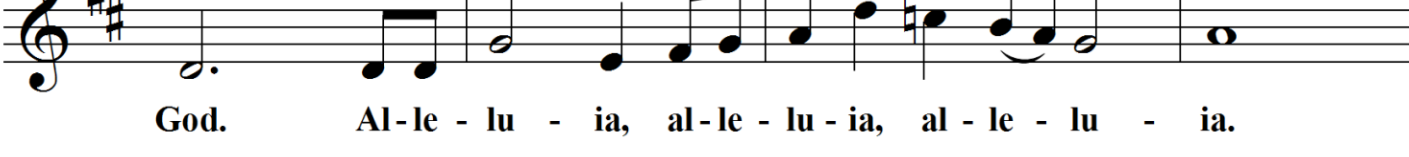
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 a - - - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or glo - ry, and

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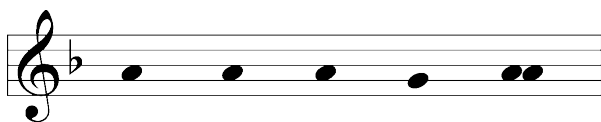
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lu - ia, al - le lu - - - ia.

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 of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; 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)

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

[1] And God spoke all these words, saying, [2] “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

[3] “You shall have no other gods before me.

[4] “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. [5] You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, [6] but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

[7] “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

[8] “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. [9] Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, [10] but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. [11] For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

[12] “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

[13] “You shall not murder.

[14] “You shall not commit adultery.

[15] “You shall not steal.

[16] “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

[17] “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

The “Ten Words” which God revealed to Moses on Mount Sinai comprised the essence of His covenant with Israel. All the other commands and laws that were given were merely implementation and application of these most basic moral principles. These commandments were designed to enable God’s people to avoid the destructive consequences of sin and exemplify His loving purpose for mankind.

Gradual

(Intoned by Pastor; Psalm 90:13, 1, 2b)

Return, O Lord! | How long?*

Have pity on your | servants!

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all gener- | ations.*

From everlasting to everlasting | you are God.

Epistle Reading

Romans 6:3-11

[3] Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? [4] We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. [5] For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. [6] We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. [7] For one who has died has been set free from sin. [8] Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. [9] We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. [10] For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. [11] So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The believer, who has come to know God by faith in Jesus, recognizes the loving concern inherent in everything which God does. We have been born again to new life in Christ which repudiates the self-destructive selfishness of sin.

We were buried

therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:4, ESV

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Alleluia and Verse

(John 6:68)

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

St. Matthew 5:17-26

[17] [Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

[18] For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

[19] Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. [20] For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

[21] “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ [22] But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. [23] So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, [24] leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. [25] Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. [26] Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.”

Obedience to God can never be reduced to a formal compliance which is content with a minimalism of the letter of the law. The believer recognizes sin as the deadly threat it is and seeks to live his life in a manner which reflects the love of God.

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.*

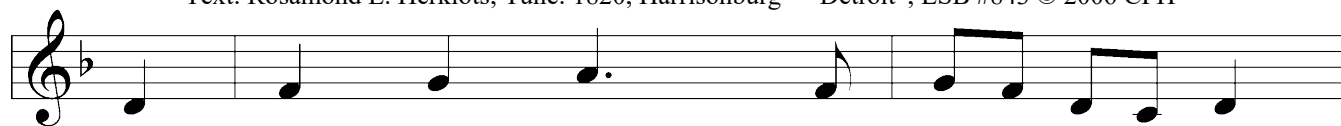
*And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life,
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
Who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission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

(Be Seated)

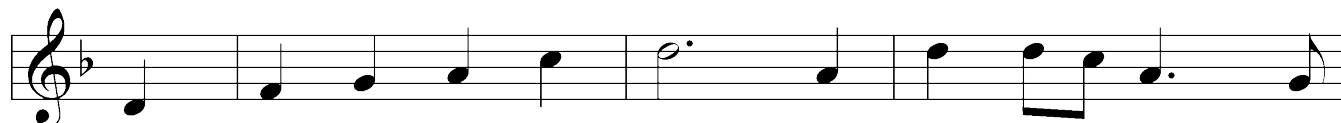
Sermon Hymn

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

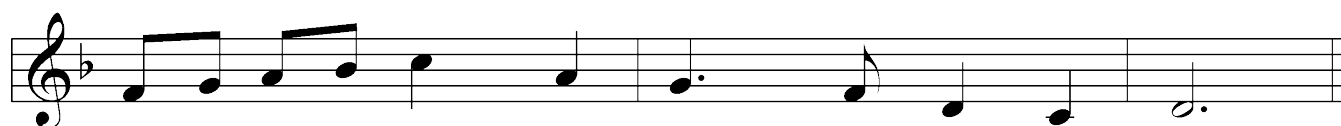
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1 “For - give our sins as we for - give,”
2 How can Your par - don reach and bless
3 In blaz - ing light Your cross re - veals
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls



You taught us, Lord, to pray; But You a - lone can
The un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and
The truth we dim - ly knew: What triv - ial debts are
And bid re - sent - ment cease; Then, bound to all in



grant us grace To live the words we say.
will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?
owed to us, How great our debt to You!
bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

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(Stand for Text)

Sermon

Text: St. Matthew 5:20
“All the Way to the Top”



(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

“English Folk Song V”

By Ralph Vaughan Williams

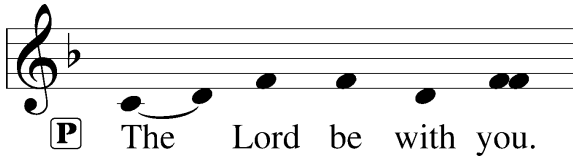
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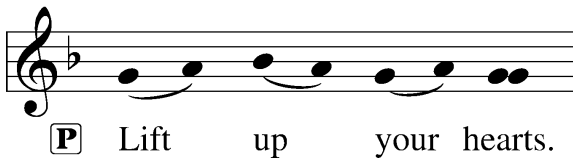
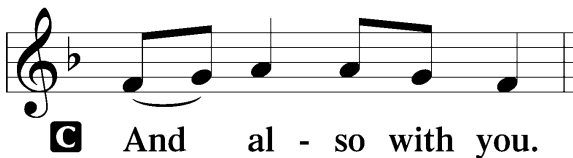
Intercessory Prayer

Preface

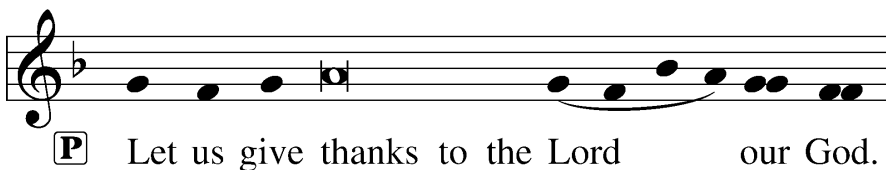
Worship Note: The sound of the Zimbelstern announces the invitation that brings the realms of heaven and voices here on earth to sing the great hymn of praise to our Lord. As the Pastor reads “therefore with angels and archangels....” the bells peal in festive celebration.



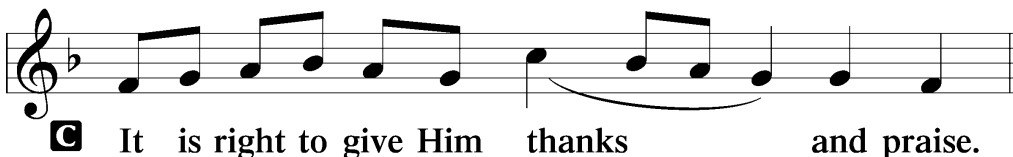
(2 Timothy 4:22)



(Colossians 3:1)



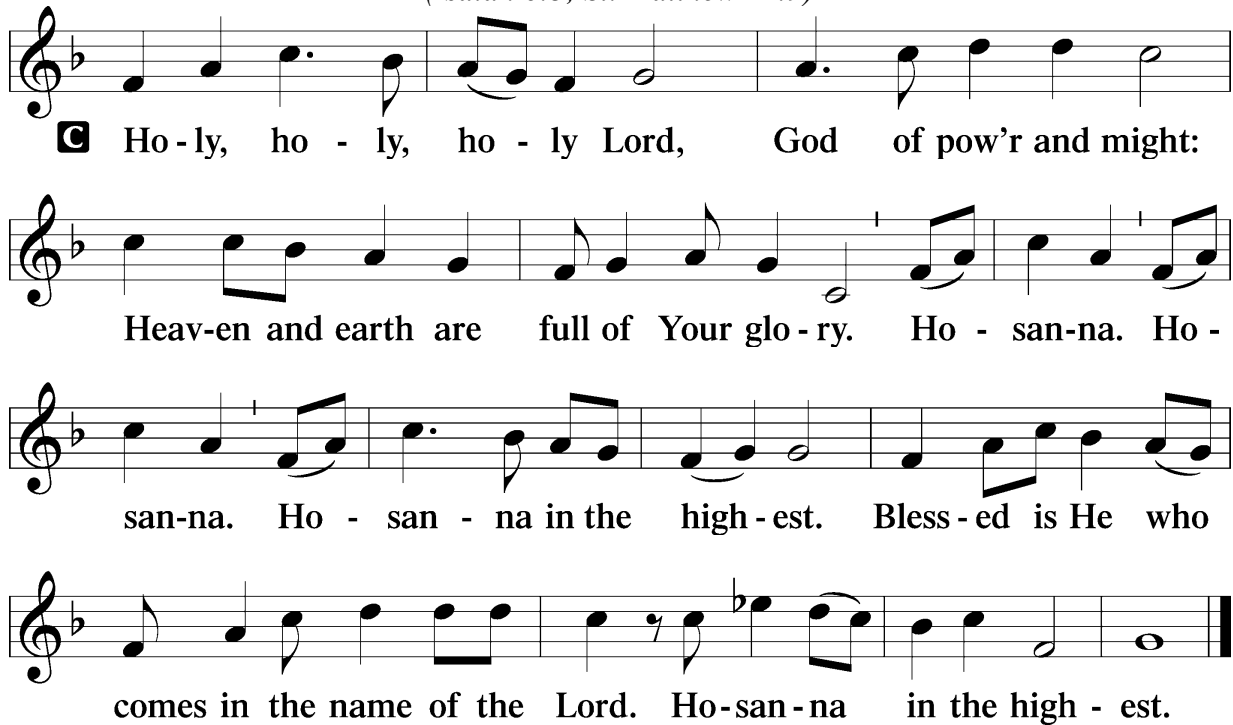
(Psalm 136)



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)



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

The Lord's Prayer

(St. Matthew 6:9-13)

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

Words of Institution

(St. Matthew 26:26-28)

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

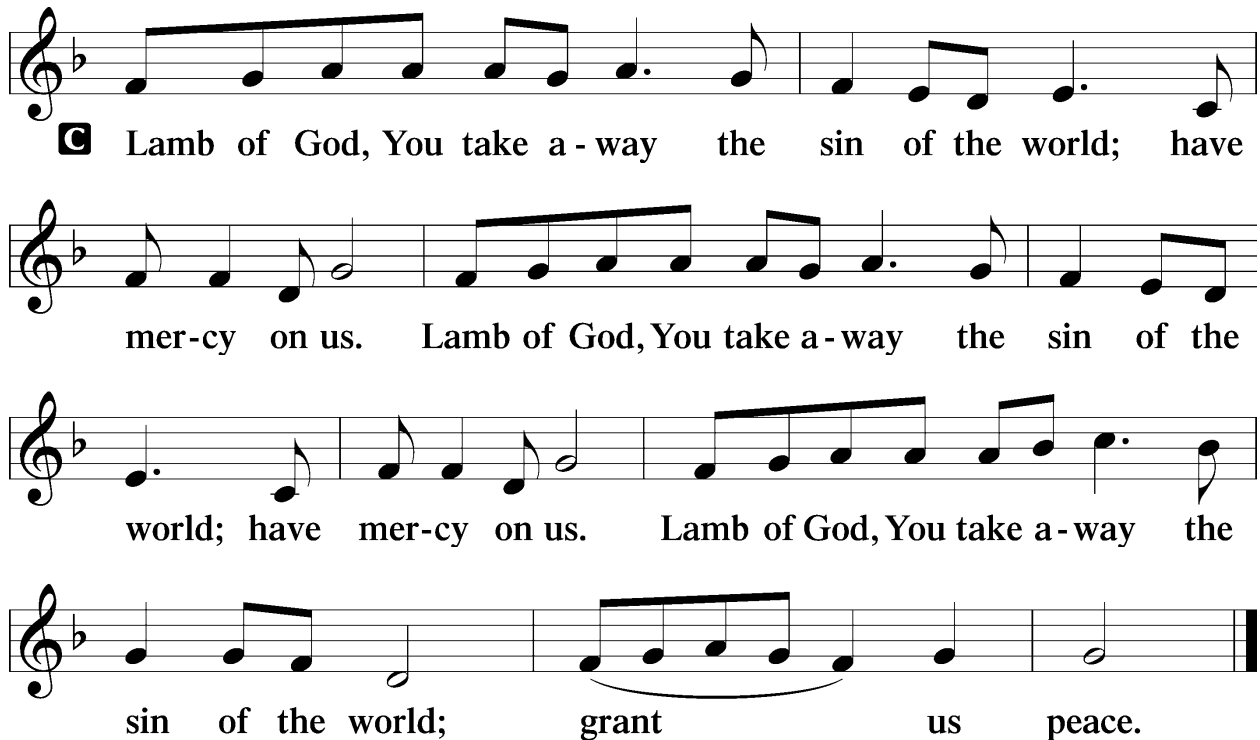
(St. John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C *And also with you.*

Agnus Dei

(St. John 1:29)



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

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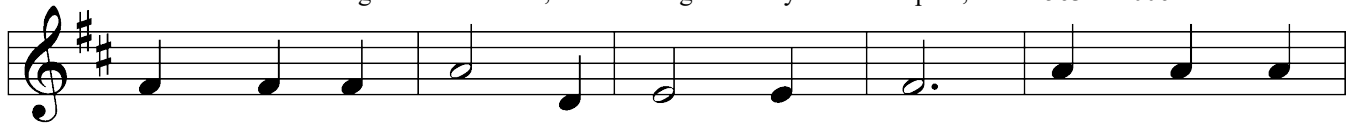
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Distribution Hymns

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

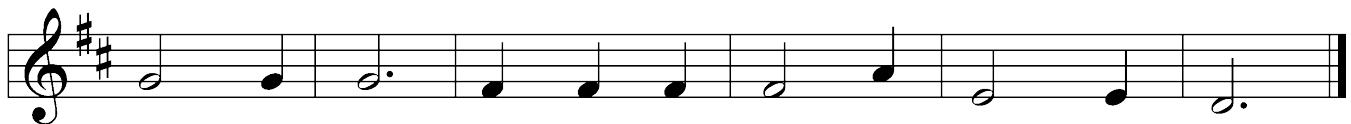
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1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

- 5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

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Ministry of Music

“Adagio”

from the “Arpeggione Sonata” By Schubert
Nathan Russ, cello & Julia Russ, piano

Not What These Hands Have Done

Text: Horatius Bonar; Tune: William H. Monk – “Energy”; LSB #567 © 2006 CPH



- 1 Not what these hands have done Can save this guilt - y soul;
- 2 Not what I feel or do Can give me peace with God;
- 3 Thy work a - lone, O Christ, Can ease this weight of sin;
- 4 Thy love to me, O God, Not mine, O Lord, to Thee,



Not what this toil - ing flesh has borne Can make my spir - it whole.
 Not all my prayers and sighs and tears Can bear my aw - ful load.
 Thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, Can give me peace with - in.
 Can rid me of this dark un - rest And set my spir - it free.

- 5 Thy grace alone, O God, To me can pardon speak;
 Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God, Can this sore bondage break.
- 6 I bless the Christ of God, I rest on love divine,
 And with unfalt'ring lip and heart I call this Savior mine.

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My Faith Looks Up to Thee

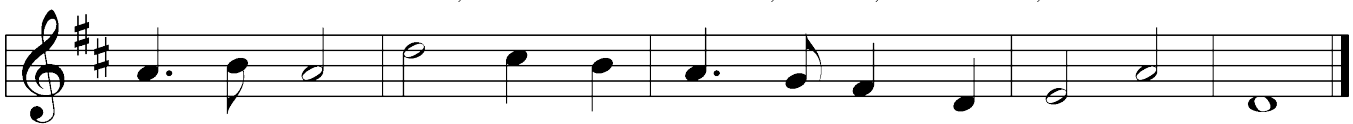
Text: Ray Palmer; Tune: Lowell Mason – “Olivet”; LSB #702 © 2006 CPH



- 1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
- 2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
- 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
 My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
 Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
 love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
 trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

Text and tune: Public domain

(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

(Numbers 6:24-26)

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

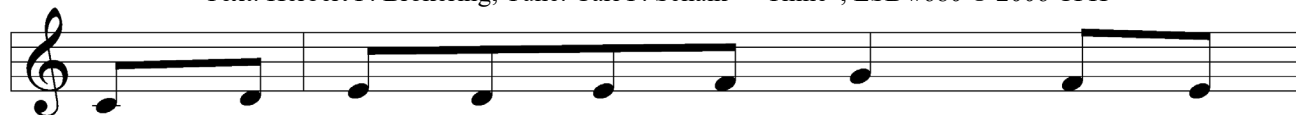


C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

Text: Herbert F. Brokering; Tune: Carl F. Schalk – “Thine”; LSB #680 © 2006 CPH



1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the
4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

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Postlude

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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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 VI – The Gospel of Jesus Christ prioritizes preserving life. You shall not murder (Exodus 20:13), nor shall you harbor any attitude that entertains it (Matthew 5:22). Where flesh and world see only death, we perceive opportunity for immediate, abundant, and everlasting life (Romans 6:5). If the laws of nature are declaring it (Psalm 19:1-4), we should lift our Gospel-motivated voices For Life, too. *Loving Savior, reflect Your self-giving mercy and devotion in us. 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, July 26 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 –

Lutheran Doctrine and Catechesis (New Member Class): Everyone is welcome! This week: Prayer.
(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

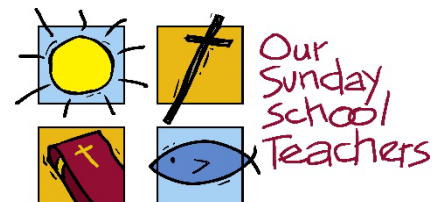
High School – 4:12 Youth Room
7th – 8th Grade – C105
6th Grade – C103

5th Grade – C113
3rd – 4th Grade – C116
1st – 2nd Grade – C115

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

Hey, parents!

If you have kids attending Sunday School, would you consider volunteering to be substitutes when teachers are out? If you are interested in helping, please call or 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 Lanny & Bonnie Moore in celebration of their 38th wedding anniversary, and by Bill & Beth Prestwood for their 33rd wedding anniversary.



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.

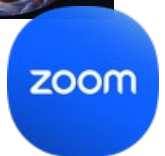
Young Adults Bible Study: *This group is taking a break for the summer... but you are invited to join the Revelation study on Mondays @ 7:00pm.*



***REVELATION Bible Study—WILL NOT MEET this week! Join us next on Monday, July 20, 7:00pm - 8:30pm in the Bible Class Room with Pastor Cholak.** Everyone is welcome! There is a pot-luck and light snacks beginning at 6:30pm, with the study starting at 7pm. Join us for God’s Word and great Christian fellowship.



ZOOM option: Go to <https://osl.cc/mondaynight-biblestudy>. For the best experience, *please download the Zoom app* on your phone or computer. Contact Bill Prestwood with any questions: bprestwood@osl.cc or 806-626-5244. **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—WILL NOT MEET this week! Join us next on Wed, July 22 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 church service and Sunday school and are a gift to all our congregation. We are grateful for Free Will offerings as they help the church by offsetting cost. Christ did not exclude the children from his Grace! Scan this QR Code or Search: menalive@osl.cc



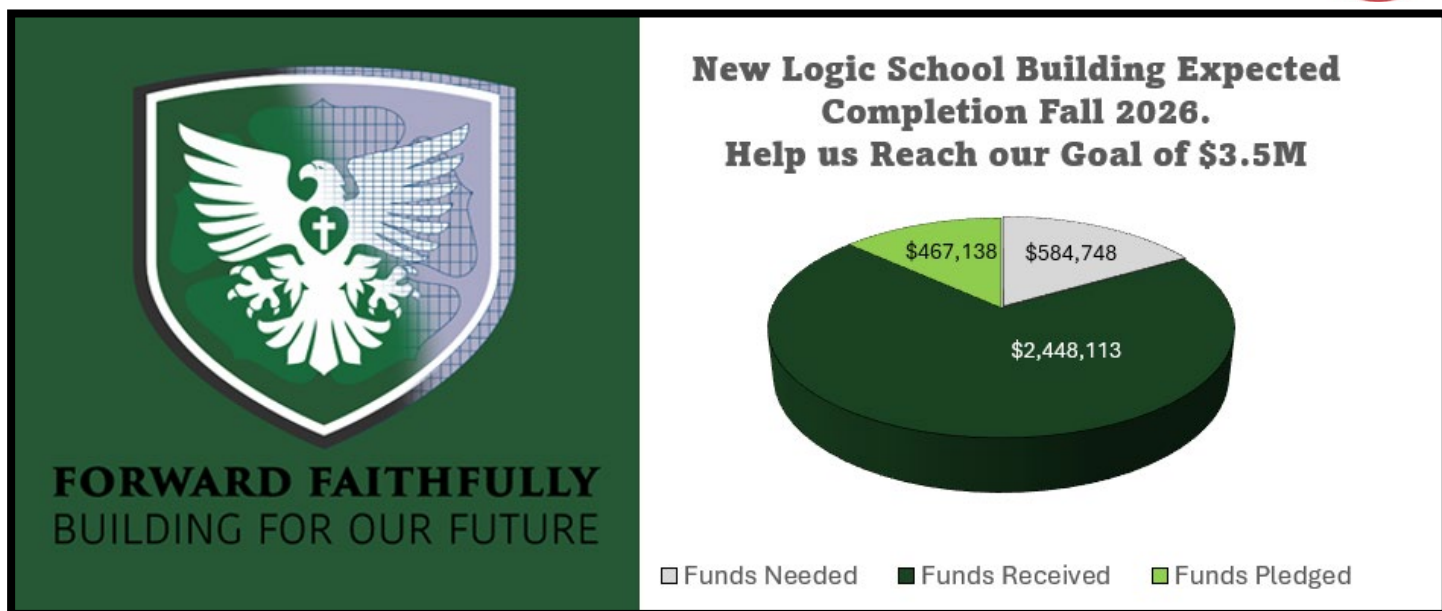
The Stitches Fellowship Group meets on Tuesdays, in the Family Room starting at 6:30pm.

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! 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.



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 Positions Available for the Upcoming School Year! Our Savior Lutheran School is hiring Early Childhood Classroom Aides and After-School Extended Care Staff for the upcoming school year. Applicants must have a high school diploma and be 18 years or older.

Childcare experience is helpful but not required. These are part-time, Monday–Friday positions. We are seeking Christian role models who enjoy working with children. If interested, contact **Lynette Cherington** at lcherington@oslschool.org or 713-290-8277.



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 for **Two Logic School teachers**. Candidates should be LCMS members in good standing and interested in becoming part of our congregation.

We greatly appreciate recommendations from our congregation members!

Those who are interested or would like to recommend a candidate are encouraged to contact:

Erik Morrissey – emorrissey@oslschool.org



MEASURE OF DEVOTION: Last Sunday, we had 279 people in attendance (last year 386), viewers online 529.

Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week	\$ 46,689.25
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 27	\$ 1,028,661.73
Tithes & Offerings needed each week	\$ 43,385.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 27	\$ 1,171,395.00
Special Contributions to date	\$ 624,922.51

“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, July 12, at 9:30 AM	Next Week, Sunday, July 19, at 9:30 AM
ELDERS:	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman
USHERS:	Gobrogge Team	Symcox Team
SOUND:	T. Wilbanks	Whiting
CARTS:	Work Team	Adams Team
ACOLYTES:	Aria Ferrarese / Iris Ferrarese	Alex Dellaughter / Prynce Willis
ALTAR GLD:	Barbara Mushinski Team 8	—
COMM. ASST:	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman / Brian Nitsch	—
EVANGELISM:	Team O'Neill/Schmidt	Team Kriegel
GREETERS:	TEAM 1: Carter/Malsons	TEAM 2: Renevier
MUSIC:	Julia Russ / Nathan Russ	Julia Russ
VIDEO:	Adam White / Wesley White	Adam White / Wesley White



An Evening Under the Stars
Saturday, September 5, 2026
George Observatory

Join us as we caravan to Brazos Bend State Park for an astronomy experience you will never forget. The program begins at 9:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 each. Please contact Bill Prestwood for tickets 806-626-5244.

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OSL at a Glance

Sunday, July 12, 2026

<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Communion	9:30am	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45am	

Monday, July 13, 2026 ~ Pastor Cholak @ CCLE Conference
Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML 9:00am

LWML

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 ~ Pastor Cholak @ CCLE Conference
Braille 8:30am

Stitches Fellowship Group - FR 6:30pm
Trustees-Maintenance Bldg. 6:30pm
Parish Ed mtg-YR 7:00pm

Concordia LCMS
Family Room
Maintenance Building
Youth Room



Wednesday, July 15, 2026 ~ Pastor Cholak @ CCLE Conference
Newsletter Deadline

Men's Bible Study-BC 6:30am
Bulletin Deadline 12:00pm

Bible Class Room
Church Office

Thursday, July 16, 2026 ~ Pastor Cholak @ CCLE Conference
Prayer Request printing deadline 3:00pm

Church office

Friday, July 17, 2026 ~ Pastor Cholak @ CCLE Conference

Saturday, July 18, 2026

Bunco Women's Social-BC 10:00am

Bible Class Room



Sunday, July 19, 2026

Bible Class 8:15am
Matins 9:30am
Sunday School 10:45am
Potluck Summer Picnic F.E.A.S.T! - BC 12:00pm
Life Team Meeting-YR 12:00pm

Bible Class Room
Church & online
Bible Class Room
Youth Room

Join Us for a Potluck Summer Picnic F.E.A.S.T!

Join us in the Bible Class Room after Sunday School for F.E.A.S.T. (Fellowship, Eating, And Sharing Together). Gather together, share a meal, and deepen the relationships that make our congregation so special! Whether you are a new member looking to meet people or a long-time attendee hoping to reconnect, this event is for everyone. It's a casual, welcoming environment where conversation flows as freely as the coffee. There will be carts set up in the Family Room this morning with power strips for crockpots. The ovens will be available to keep some things warm, and the school has said that we can use their warmers, too! The board will provide drinks and dinnerware. Contact **Bill Prestwood: 806-626-5244, bprestwood@osl.cc**



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