



Our Savior Lutheran

Second Sunday in Advent

Order of Matins

In Nomine Jesu



Preservice Music

Ringing of the Bells

Prelude
LO! HE COMES

Greetings & Announcements

Hymn of Invocation

LO, HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING

Text: Charles Wesley; Tune: French folk tune, 17th cent. – “Picardy”; LW #15 © 1982 CPH



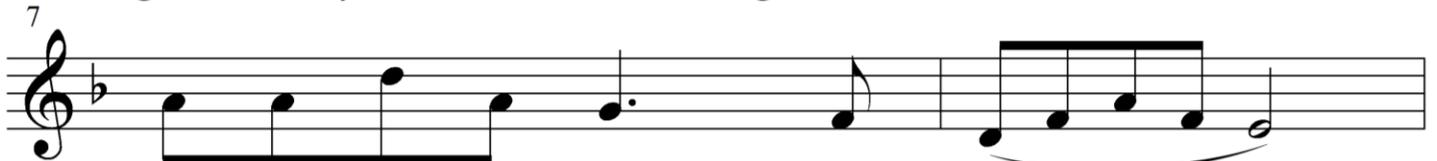
1. Lo, he comes with clouds de - scend - ing, Once for ev - 'ry
2. Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him Robed in glo - rious
3. Those dear to - kens of his Pas - sion Still his daz - zling
4. Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee, High on thine e -



sin - ner slain; Thou - sand thou - sand saints at -
maj - es - ty; Those who set at nought and
bod - y bears, Cause of end - less ex - ul -
ter - nal throne; Sav - ior, take the pow'r and



tend - ing Swell the tri - umph of his train:
sold him, Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
ta - tion To his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
glo - ry, Claim the king - dom for thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - - ia!
Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - - ia!



Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

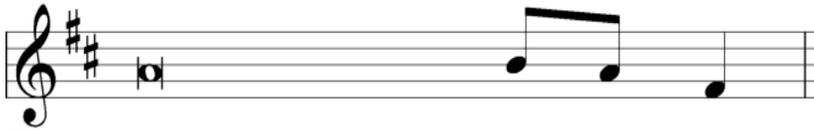
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Versicles

P O Lord, open thou my lips,

(Psalm 51:15)



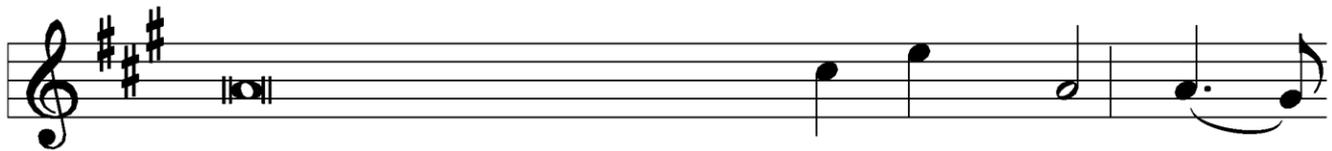
C And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

(Psalm 70:1)



C Make haste to help me, O Lord.



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and



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



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



A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia!

32
and His hands formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and bow down:

39
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker, For He is our God:

46
and we are people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

50
Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

57
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. A - men.

Give ear,



O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!



Psalmody

DICITE FILIÆ SION: ECCE SALVATOR TUUS VENIT

*(Psalm 80:1, 3, 14, 17; antiphon: Isaiah 62:11b; 30:30, 29)
(Intoned by Pastor, with Congregation to join on the Gloria Patri)*

Say to the daughter of | Zion,*

“Behold, your sal- | vation comes.”

The Lord will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,*
and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock!*

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.

Restore us, | O God;*

let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

Turn again, O | God of hosts!*

Look down from | heaven, and see.

But let your hand be on the man of your | right hand,*
the son of man whom you have made strong | for yourself!

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.

Say to the daughter of | Zion,*

“Behold, your sal- | vation comes.”

The Lord will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,*
and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.

(Be Seated)

Hymn of the Day

O SAVIOR, REND THE HEAVENS WIDE

Text: Friedrich von Spee; Tune: "O Heiland, Reiss Die Himmel Auf"; LSB #355 © 2006 CPH



1 O Sav - ior, rend the heav - ens wide;
2 O Fa - ther, light from heav - en send;
3 O earth, in flow'r - ing bud be seen;
4 O Fount of hope, how long, how long?
5 O Morn - ing Star, O ra - diant Sun,



Come down, come down with might - y stride;
As morn - ing dew, O Son, de - scend.
Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.
When will You come with com - fort strong?
When will our hearts be - hold Your dawn?



Un - lock the gates, the doors break down;
Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring;
Bring forth, O earth, a blos - som rare,
O come, O come, Your throne fore - go;
O Sun, a - rise; with - out Your light



Un - bar the way to heav - en's crown.
To Ja - cob's line rain down the King.
Our Sav - ior, sprung from mead - ow fair.
Con - sole us in our vale of woe.
We grope in gloom and dark of night.

6 Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies; Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.
O come, lead us with mighty hand From exile to our promised land.

7 There shall we all our praises bring And sing to You, our Savior King;
There shall we laud You and adore Forever and forevermore.

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Old Testament Lesson

MALACHI 4:1-6

[1] “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. [2] But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. [3] And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts. [4] “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. [5] “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. [6] And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

The final prophet of the Old Testament era affirmed the certainty of the Day of Judgement. For the godless it will be a day of terror and destruction but for believers a day of rescue and redemption. The messianic “Sun of Righteousness” would soon arise who would accomplish the salvation which the prophets had long foretold. The imminence of His coming would be signaled by a new Elijah, John the Baptist, who would proclaim a message of repentance to Israel.

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



C Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

Epistle Reading

ROMANS 15:4-13

[4] For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. [5] May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, [6] that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. [7] Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. [8] For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God’s truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, [9] and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.”

We who live in the interim between the Savior’s first and second comings are called to live hopefully, in eager anticipation of our Lord’s triumphant return. Our love for one another in Christ is to serve as the evidence of God’s reconciling love for humanity. God’s love reaches out to all of mankind with a Gospel of life and hope in our Savior King.

[10] And again it is said, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.” [11] And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.” [12] And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.” [13] May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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



C Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

(Stand)

Gospel Reading ST. LUKE 21:25-36

[25] “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, [26] people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. [27] And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. [28] Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” [29] And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. [30] As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. [31] So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. [32] Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. [33] Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. [34] “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. [35] For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. [36] But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Christ’s return as Judge will be an event of cosmic significance as all of the universe awaits the coming of the divine Word by which it was created in the beginning. The signs of His coming will resound throughout a creation that had been condemned to decay and death by man’s sin. Christians are to be ever watchful, undistracted by the temporary things of this world which will all be swept away when the Lord Jesus comes again. We need not be taken by surprise, having been graciously forewarned by God’s Word of the great events that will occur when our Lord and Savior comes again.

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



C Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

(Be Seated; Children may gather in front of the altar at this time)

Children's Hymn

AWAY IN A MANGER

Text: Philadelphia, 1885; Tune: James R. Murray – "Away in a Manger"; LSB #364 © 2006 CPH



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the sky _____ looked down where He lay,
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

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Children's Sermon

Sermon Hymn

WHAT HOPE! AN EDEN PROPHESED

Text: Stephen P. Starke; Tune: "Consolation"; LSB #342 © 2006 CPH



- 1 What hope! An E - den proph - e - sied Where tame live with the wild;
- 2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da - vid's line,
- 3 As ban - ner of God's love un - furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,
- 4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;



The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!
A Prince of Peace in Beth - le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.
That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.
Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword—Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

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Sermon

TEXT: MALACHI 4:1-6
"SUNRISE IS ON THE WAY"

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Votum

Offertory

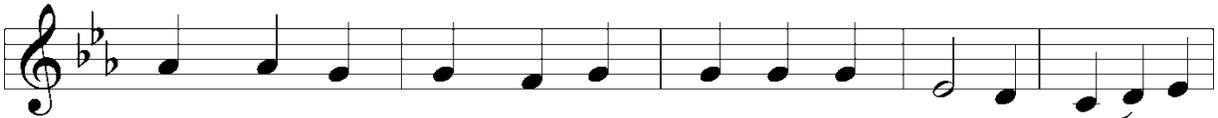
(Psalm 51:10-12)



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



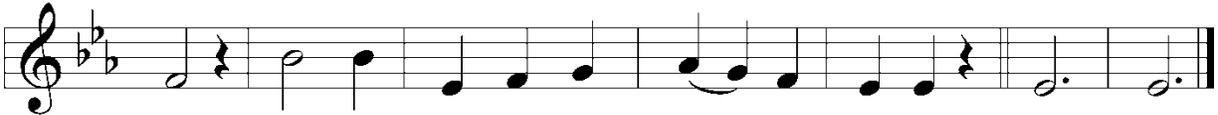
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



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



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



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

Offering Prayer

(Be Seated)

Offering

Voluntary CONSOLATION

Catechism Hymn

WE ALL BELIEVE IN ONE TRUE GOD

Text: Martin Luther; Tune: Latin, 14th cent. – “Wir Glauben All”; LSB #954 st. 3 © 2006 CPH

3 We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who, in high - est
heav - en dwell - ing With God the Fa - ther and the Son,
Com - forts us be - yond all tell - ing; Who the Church, His
own cre - a - tion, Keeps in u - ni - ty of spir - it.
Here for - give - ness and sal - va - tion Dai - ly come through
Je - sus' mer - it. All flesh shall rise, and
we shall be In bliss with God e - ter - nal - ly.

Catechism Lesson

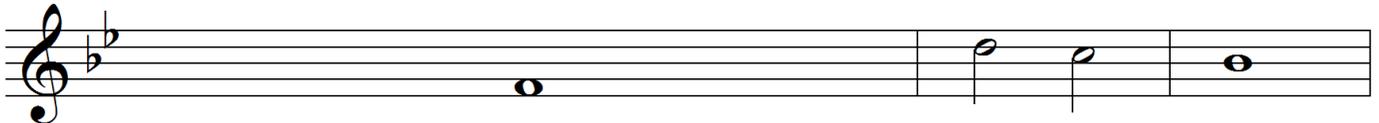
- P** A lesson from Titus 3:1 –
- C** *Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good.*
- P** What is the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed?
- C** *I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*
- P** What does this mean?

C *I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church he daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.*

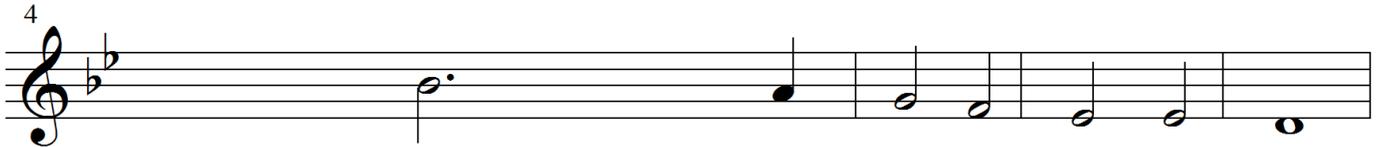
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The Canticle - Te Deum Laudamus

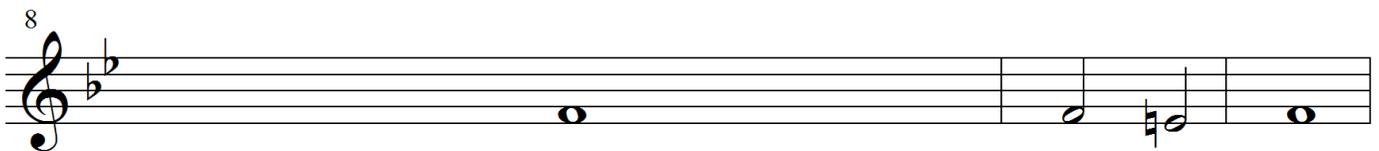
(“We Praise Thee O Lord” is one of the most ancient and glorious hymns of the Church. Tradition indicates that it was composed by Ambrose of Milan on the occasion of the baptism of St. Augustine in A.D. 387. The “Te Deum” is an exalted song of praise and thanksgiving to God the Father and God the Son, based upon the outline of the Apostle’s Creed. Martin Luther thought so highly of this great hymn that he suggested it be included among the basic creedal statements of Christendom. This morning we are blessed to add our voices to a grand chorus of saints and angels across the centuries in singing the praises of our wondrous God.)



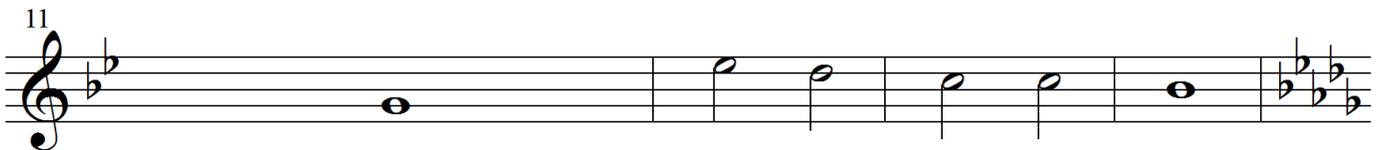
1. We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
 3. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 5. The noble army of martyrs praise Thee;



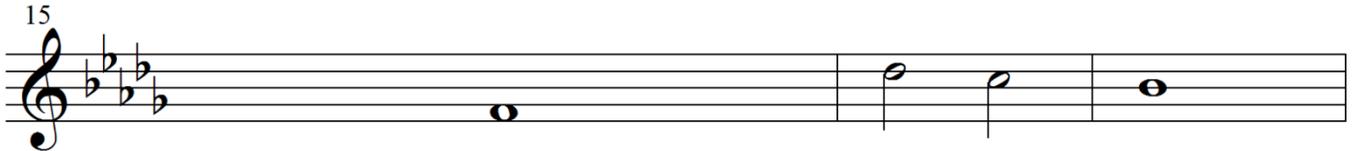
1. All the earth doth worship Thee, the Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.
 3. Heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Thy glo - ry.
 5. The holy Church throughout all the world doth ac - knowl - edge Thee:



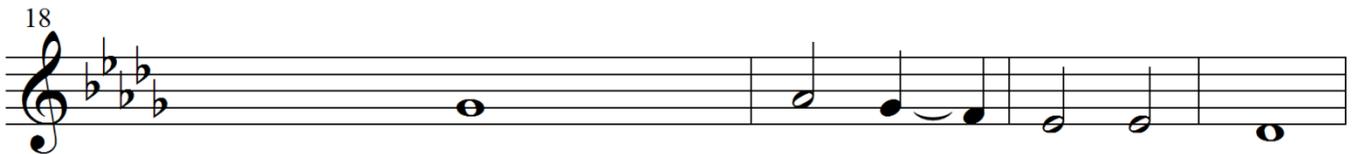
2. To Thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers there - in;
 4. The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee;
 6. The Father of an infinite majesty; Thine adorable true and on - ly Son,
 7. Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.



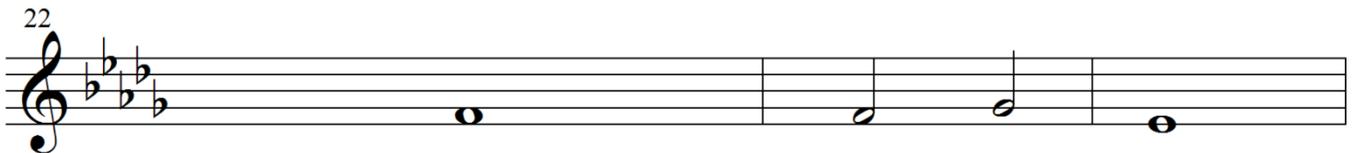
2. To Thee cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
 4. The goodly fellowship of the proph - ets praise Thee;
 6. also the Holy Ghost, the Com - fort - er.
 7. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



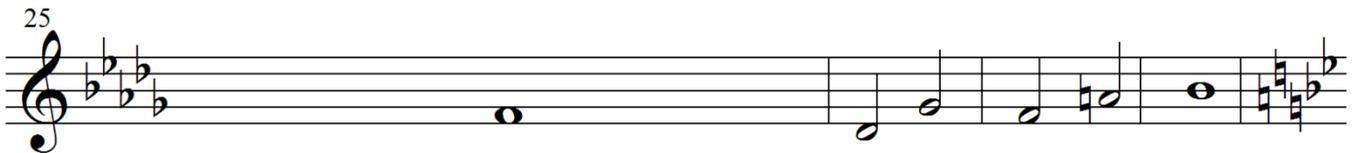
8. When Thou tookest upon Thee to de - liv - er - man,
 10. Thou sittest at the right hand of God
 12. We therefore pray Thee, help Thy ser - vants,



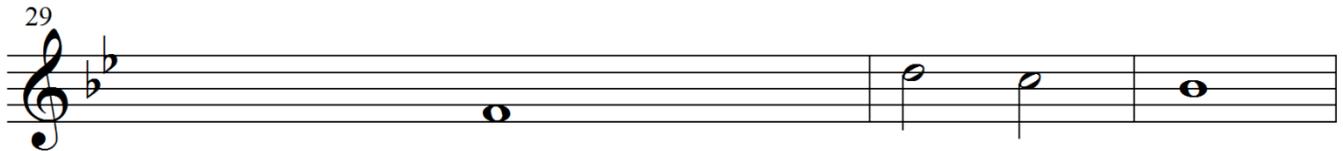
8. Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a vir - gin.
 10. in the glory of the Fa - ther.
 12. whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy pre - cious blood.



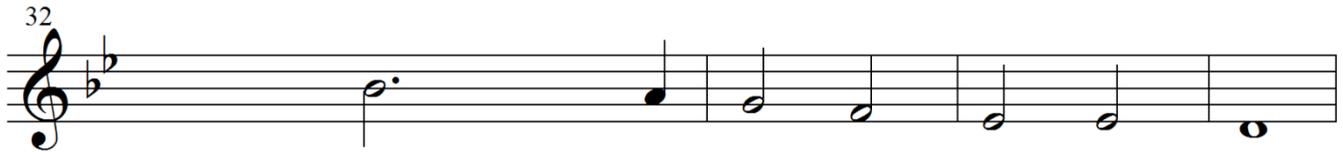
9. When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
 11. We believe that Thou shalt come
 13. Make them to be numbered with Thy saints



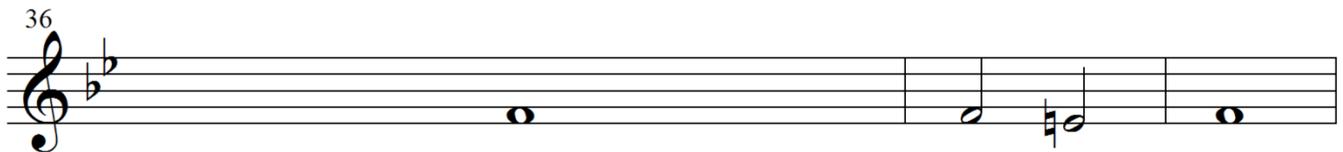
9. Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
 11. to be our Judge.
 13. in glory ev - er - last - ing.



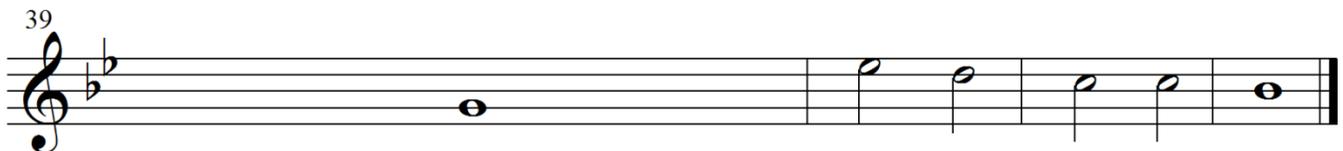
14. O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine her - i - tage.
16. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



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

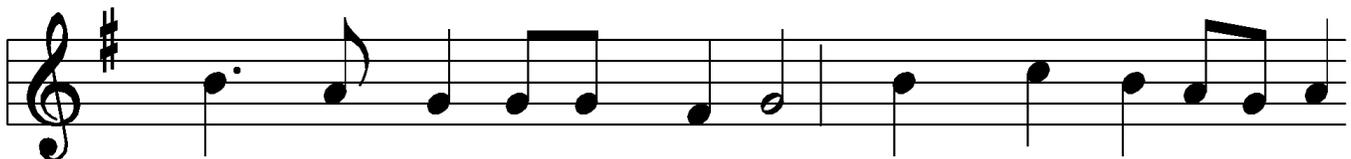


15. Day by day we magni - fy Thee.
17. O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee.



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

Kyrie (Mark 10:47)



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer cy up-on



us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

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

Salutation

(2 Timothy 4:22)

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Intercessory Prayer

Benedicamus

(Psalm 103:1)

P Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

(2 Corinthians 13:14)

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



C A - men.

Closing Hymn

PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén; Tune: Swedish, 17th cent. – “Bereden Väg För Herran”; LSB #343 © 2006 CPH



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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Postlude

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

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Soli Deo Gloria!

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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: Advent II – No matter what sufferings we carry or how weary we become, Jesus provides hope-filled news about His second coming. Christ has won the victory, and when He returns death and evil will be vanquished. We will be “leaping like calves from the stall” (Malachi 4:1-3). “Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near” (Luke 21:28). Some things are worth waiting for—even amid suffering! *Prayer: O Lord, may we welcome others as Christ has welcomed us. Help us proclaim the sanctity of every human life to defend the cause of the poor, and put it into practice to give deliverance to the children of the needy. 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, Dec 11 @ 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 OPTIONS FOR ALL:

8:15 AM –

7th-8th Grade Catechism/Confirmation: Confirmation students learn together as they develop their faith, learning how to pray, read and study Scripture, and defend their faith. (Pastor Cholak – Youth 4:12 Room)

Genesis: The Beginning of All Things – A study of Creation in Scripture, chapters 1-11 (Pastor White - Bible Class Room)

10:45 AM – Adults

The Cost of Discipleship: This will be an intense study to help each of us understand what it truly means to be a Christian according to the Word of God. Our outline will be based on the life and the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Pastor Bonhoeffer was brutally martyred by the Nazis for his courageous stand against the evil which had engulfed his country. Most Christians remained silent while everything they professed to believe was denied and destroyed. Join us for this important Bible study because it is happening again all around us. Let God call us back to real discipleship. (Pastor White - Bible Class Room)

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)

Bethel Bible Series: We are proud to be Christians following in the footsteps of Martin Luther's teachings of Scripture alone, grace alone, and faith alone through Christ alone. Our focus is based solely on the Bible. It alone is our rule and guide. The Bethel class is now studying the Old Testament which serves as a foundation for studying the New Testament. If you have never studied the Bible or would like to sharpen or improve your overall knowledge level then please consider joining the Bethel Class. (Herb Peterson, C102)

Women's Bible Study: As a Christian, you face the pressure and stressors of the world daily. You look for rest at every turn—rest from your job, family drama, personal struggles—but the only true rest can come from Christ. Michelle Diercks invites you to find His *Promised Rest* by studying eight different names and characteristics of God. This study will feature a new name or characteristic of God along with its pronunciation and a biblical fact about it. Learn how you can, and should, cling to God's names during times of anxiety and hardship. (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 Early Church: The history of the first four centuries of the early Church, exploring how God guided and sustained the first Christians, and what it means for us today. (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 – B107
3 & 4 yrs – B108
18 mos. – 3 yrs – B111



The flowers are given to the glory of God by the Symcox Family in honor of Jo-Caroll Mueller's birthday on 12/6.

The Flower Chart is available to sponsor the church flowers for your special occasions! Each flower arrangement is \$45. 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—Mondays—7PM—OSL Youth Room: This group is young adults (both married and single). We meet on Monday evenings at 7PM in the 4:12 Lounge (the Youth Room). We'll have snacks and refreshments as we gather to study and visit. Please tell your friends!

WEEKLY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY –All men are invited on Wednesday mornings in the Bible Class Room, at 6:30-7:30 a.m. Contact Channing Wood at channing@toddyblends.com.

PASTOR WHITE'S WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets from 10:00-12:00, and we are studying *Romans, Chief Part of the New Testament and the Very Purest Gospel*. Make Bible study a regular part of your schedule. Food and fellowship provided of course!

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS – Join us for the Word on the Web as we study Matthew's Gospel on Thursdays at 6PM. Go to: <https://osl.cc/the-word-on-the-web> to join the study. You need Zoom installed on your phone or computer with microphone and camera to participate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS in the Sunday services are for latest news & emergencies. Regular news and information is printed in the **Sunday bulletin** and the **monthly Voice newsletters**. Requestor's name and contact information needs to be included, both for Member and Church/School requests.

- **Sunday bulletin** information must be received by Noon on Wednesday.
- **Newsletter** information must be received by the 15th of the month for the next month's newsletter.
- **For website updates**, at least two business days are needed.



****Don't forget to schedule a meeting room.** A minimum of a week is needed. We will check with the school to confirm there are no conflicts, and get AC and Heating scheduled for you! **Please email:** jhester@osl.cc, or church@osl.cc, or call us at 713-290-9087. **Thank you.**



THE OUR SAVIOR SCHOOL YEARBOOK is accepting advertisements for the current school year. If you would like to buy space for an ad in this year's yearbook, contact Dirk Kemnitz at: dkemnitz@oslschool.org. Ad space starts at \$50.



Join the **GEMS** group that is starting at **Our Savior** for the first meeting on **December 10th @ 10am**, in the **Youth room**. **GEMS** will be a **YOUth in Mission-LWML group** at OSL. The monthly meetings will include a Bible study, fellowship time, and service project.

HANGING OF THE GREENS is **December 11th, 12:00 noon**, following Sunday School! We meet in the narthex and help with this OSL tradition of Hanging of the Greens. This is a great afternoon for the family to share. There is something for teenagers on up, Men & Women! The Altar Guild appreciates your help! Sandwiches & drinks will be provided for the workers in the narthex. For any questions contact Debbie Adams 713-826-1279.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING! Join us **December 18th, at 5:00 pm!** Bring the whole family and let's fill every seat on the bus as we spread some Christmas cheer, singing to our shut-in members! Then we'll come back to church for snacks and fellowship. Bring a snack to share and come with your voices strong and ready to sing.

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 to add your name to the list.

GREETERS NEEDED to serve the Lord with gladness! Get to know your fellow church family. Call Pastor Krieg for information: 713-290-9087, ext 209.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for audio-visual ministries: If you would like to learn from a "hands on" perspective, call 713-290-9087, leave your name, number, and we will contact you. No experience needed.

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

STAMPS – Cheerful Helpers are collecting stamps trimmed to ¼". Please put them in the mailbox in Pastor White's Bible Class Room. – Sandi Hall, Human Care Chairman.

Greeting Cards are available in the Bible Class Room. Each box is \$6 or \$7. Make checks payable to OSL, with Circle of Grace in the memo.

AMAZON SMILE & OSL – Now enjoy everything Amazon offers while supporting OSL School. Amazon will donate .5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Our Savior Lutheran School. How? Visit Smile.Amazon.com, search "Our Savior Lutheran Church and School, Houston" and select us as your preferred charity. Who knew supporting your school could be so easy?

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM — Please make sure your account has our new NPO account number, **XB926**. Log in to your account at Kroger.com, place the cursor on the Savings & Rewards link at the top left-hand side, and click on Kroger Community Rewards. Choose the "View Details" button under "I'm a Customer". Verify that the Organization Number is **XB926**. You should also see "You are contributing to Our Savior Lutheran School" at the bottom of your grocery receipt.

JOBS – Toddy, Inc. Winery, Distillery, Brewery and Event Venue is currently hiring for the following positions: Daiquiri Store Attendants, Bartenders, Bar-Backs, Servers, Drivers, Salesmen and Cooks. Send resume to recruiter@toddyoaks.com, located at 20120 Franz Rd, Katy, TX 77449.



MEASURE OF DEVOTION: Last Sunday, we had 363 people in attendance (last year 396), 350 viewers online. Thanksgiving Eve we had 168 (last year 214), Thanksgiving Day was 45 (last year 44).

Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week	\$ 35,282.69
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 48	\$ 1,575,981.99
Tithes & Offerings needed each week	\$ 39,769.23
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 48	\$ 1,908,923.04
General Fund Income to date	\$ 3,834,597.28
Special Contributions to date	\$ 861,432.78

“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

Please use your assigned envelopes which are mailed to you, and have your number on them. That way we can be sure you are properly credited for ALL your contributions. Thank You!

Those To Serve:

Today, December 04, at 9:30 AM

- ELDERS:** Alan Fritsche / Brian Nitsch / Mel Derong / Channing Wood
- USHERS:** Lehr Team
- SOUND:** Blake
- CARTS:** Downie Team
- ACOLYTES:** Katherine Johnson / Toni Willis
- ALTAR GLD:** —
- COMM. ASST:** —
- EVANGELISM:** Team 5 Al
- GREETERS:** Team 10
- MUSIC:** —
- VIDEO:** Amélie Boerger / Chad Greenwood / Mitchell Stephens / Adam White / Wesley White

Next Sunday, December 11, at 9:30 AM

- Alan Fritsche / Brian Nitsch / Mel Derong / Channing Wood
- Halbert Team
- Witt
- Kriegel Team
- Abi Halbert / Emma Witt
- Ann Putman Team
- Mel Derong / James Kriegel / Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood
- Team 1 Lee
- Team 2
- Jubilate / Cantate

Advent Wednesday, December 07, at 7:00 PM

- ELDERS:** Alan Fritsche / Brian Nitsch / Mel Derong / Channing Wood
- USHERS:** Lehr Team
- SOUND:** Whiting
- CARTS:** Downie Team
- ACOLYTES:** Lorenzo Gonzales / Kendall Horn / Riley Soileau
- EVANGELISM:** Team 5 Al
- GREETERS:** Team 1
- MUSIC:** Laudate
- VIDEO:** Amélie Boerger / Chad Greenwood / Mitchell Stephens / Aiden Sullivan / Adam White

Join Us at
Advent Worship



Wednesday Advent Service: Dec 7 @ 7:00 pm, with Laudate choir.

Supper @ 5:30 pm, in the Bible Class Room.

Elders will serve: Beef Lasagna, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert.

OSL at a Glance

Sunday, December 4, 2022

<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Confirmation Class	8:15am	Youth Room
Matins	9:30am	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45am	
LWML Christmas Party-BC	12:30pm	Bible Class Room
Merry Christmas, Mommy	3:00pm	Outside Pavilion
Sr Youth Meeting	4:12pm	Youth Room

Monday, December 5, 2022

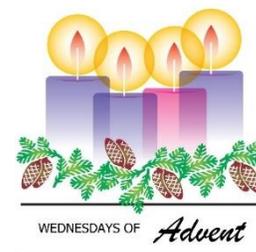
<i>Bon Appetit Christmas Luncheon</i>	<i>11:00am</i>	<i>In home</i>
Potter's Vessel-FR	6:30pm	Family Room
Young Adults-YR	7:00pm	Youth Room

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

<i>UH Campus Ministry</i>	<i>6:15pm</i>	<i>University of Houston Student Center South</i>
Church Council-BC	7:00pm	Bible Class Room

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Men's Bible Study-BC	6:30am	Bible Class Room
Bible Class-BC	10:00am	Bible Class Room
Bulletin Deadline	12:00pm	Church Office
Advent Meal-BC	5:30pm	Bible Class Room
Advent Wed Service	7:00pm	Church & online



Thursday, December 8, 2022

Prayer Request printing deadline	3:00pm	Church office
Zoom Bible Study	6:00pm	https://osl.cc/the-word-on-the-web
Carillon Ringers	6:15pm	Choir Loft
Jubilate Choir	7:00pm	Choir Loft

Friday, December 9, 2022

Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML	9:00am	LWML Room
Copeland/Kemnitz Wedding	6:30pm	Church

Saturday, December 10, 2022

GEMS YOUth in Mission-LWML Group	10:00am	Youth Room
Nativity Bethlehem Village	5:00-7:00pm	Church Campus



Sunday, December 11, 2022

Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Confirmation Class	8:15am	Youth Room
Communion	9:30am	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45am	
Hanging of the Greens	12:00pm	Church & Narthex
Laudate	12:00pm	Church Music Room



DON'T FORGET TO TITHE!

Use the OSL app from Subsplash! It is 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

Chrismons!

Be on the lookout for Chrismons after Sunday school in December! Ornaments will be sent home with children during the Sunday School hour. Our plan is to make a new design each year for 18 years, then start back at the first design in year 19.



A few points:

- If you are not a Sunday School child but **want to request an ornament** this year, please fill out the form below and return to the church office.
- If you **want your child to have a complete set**, but this isn't his or her first Christmas, we will be happy to complete their set by the time they graduate high school; just indicate so on the form below.
- In the tradition of Chrismons, these ornaments are gifts and not to be sold. If you are so moved, we **suggest** that you **donate** to the **Nativity Fund**.

Please note that our priority order is Congregation Children, single ornament orders, and then full sets. We will do our best to finish them before Christmas, but please be patient as we are a volunteer workforce. We cannot guarantee any before Christmas besides the ones for the OSL Church children.



Chrismon Order Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone Number: _____ email: _____

Quantity of single Chrismons: _____

Quantity of full sets: _____

Complete my child's set! Name of Child: _____

High School Graduation Year: _____

Order Form Due: December 15, 2022

(but remember that the sooner you turn it in, the sooner we can start working on your order!)

YOU ARE INVITED TO
HOUSTON COALITION FOR LIFE'S GENERATION VITAE

Merry Christmas, Mommy!



Become a **Secret Santa** and help us say "Merry Christmas, Mommy!" to our new and expecting moms served through our Maternal Assistance Program.

Bring friends & the whole family for a fun-filled Christmas afternoon with fellowship, food, and activities such as: pictures with Santa, s'mores, a bounce house, lawn games, and more!

Gift Registry: babylist.com/blue-blossom

DECEMBER 4, 2022

3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN
Outdoor Pavilion

5000 W Tidwell Rd, Houston, TX 77091

We look forward to seeing you today for Generation Vitae's first Merry Christmas, Mommy! event. **Please RSVP Today to alexandra@houstoncoalition.com**

All welcome to create Christmas memories of your own as well as help us say Merry Christmas to some of the moms being served through our Maternal Assistance Program. We will be showering 16 moms and their little ones with much needed gifts this Christmas. Thank you to everyone who purchased gifts from our registry! All the gifts have been purchased and our moms who are able to attend will receive them today!

Join us for a fun afternoon at Our Savior Lutheran's beautiful outdoor campus. Christmas activities will include, pictures with Santa, cookie decorating, S'mores, lawn games, face painting, and more! There is no cost to attend the event. All of the items on the registry have been purchased, but if you would still like to bring a gift, our Maternal Assistance Program is always in need of diapers in sizes newborn to 6, wipes, and baby clothes.

Speaking the Truth in Love: Engaging Abortion Advocates' Arguments and Objections

"The Bible doesn't say anything about abortion."

"It's not a person."

"My body, my right."

"If it's illegal, women will die."

"Don't legislate morality."

"You can't force rape victims to bear their attackers' children."

"We shouldn't judge those poor women."



Let's look into how we can share God's grace sensitively, eloquently, and winsomely in response to these and other invitations.

We welcome Pastor Michael Salemink

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Join us in our School Cafeteria for music by Cantate, and

Lunch @ Noon • Presentation @ 1:30pm

Freewill Offering • Please RSVP with QR Code

Pastor Salemink has served Lutherans For Life since 2015. His prior parish experience includes a decade at a large congregation with a vibrant day school and lots of catechism classes, chapel services, and Bible studies. A father of three boys, fan of sports and music, and avid runner, he writes regularly and speaks nationwide equipping Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.



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You're Invited
to
Come & See
interactive
Bethlehem Village
&
Scripture Scene
meditative walk

December 10, 2022
5:00 – 7:00 pm

Our Savior Lutheran Church
5000 W Tidwell Rd.
Houston, TX 77091

osl.cc/nativity

Rain Date Planned for 12.17.22



Order Your Poinsettias

The Altar Guild will be decorating our church with poinsettias to celebrate the joy of our newborn Savior in memory of loved ones or a special occasion. Your dedication will be printed in a special book that will be handed out at the Christmas services. Use this form and place in the offering plate, mail to us, or email to Julie at jhester@osl.cc. Each poinsettia plant is \$10.00. Checks made out to OSL. Poinsettias will be available for pick up after the New Year's Eve Service. Poinsettia dedication deadline for the book is December 15th.

Yes, I want ___ poinsettias @ \$10.00 each = _____ enclosed.

Name: _____

Dedication: _____

