



# *Christmas Day*

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## *Introduction to the Service*

*Christ is born. He is born to us. And, He is born today. For Christmas is not merely a day like every other day. It is a day made holy and special by a sacred mystery. It is not merely another day in the weary round of time. Today, eternity enters into time, and time, sanctified, is caught up into eternity. Today, Christ, the eternal Word of the Father, who was in the beginning with the Father, in whom all things were made, by whom all things consist, enters into the world which he created in order to reclaim souls who had forgotten their identity. Therefore, the church exults, as the angels come down to announce not merely an old thing which happened long ago, but a new thing which happens today. For today, God the Father makes all things new, in his divine Son, our redeemer. – Thomas Merton*

**December 25, 2022**



*Order of Divine Service for*

# *Christmas Day*

*Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

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*In Nomine Jesu*

*Prelude*

**Sounds of Christmas**

Thoelke Family

## Introduction & Greetings

- P** I bring you good news of great joy: a Savior has been born to you. Alleluia!  
**C** *Unto us a child is born, a son is given. Alleluia!*  
**P** Hear the words of St. Luke: When the angels had gone from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, ‘Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.’ So they hastened, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. He is Christ the Lord. Alleluia!  
**C** *We worship and adore him. Alleluia!*

## Hymn

### O Come, All Ye Faithful

Text & Tune: John F. Wade – “Adeste Fideles”; LSB #379 © 2006 CPH



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;  
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
Je - sus, to Thee — be — glo - ry giv'n!

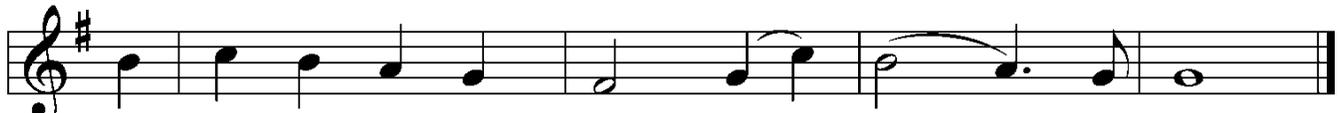


Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God — In — the — high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

#### Refrain



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

(Stand)

## *Confession of Sin*

**P** As we kneel with the shepherds before the newborn Christ child, we open our hearts in penitence and faith: You, Lord, were born for our salvation. Lord, have mercy.

**C** *Lord, have mercy.*

**P** You came as Savior to bring wholeness and peace. Christ, have mercy.

**C** *Christ, have mercy.*

**P** You came to bring light into the darkness of our lives. Lord, have mercy.

**C** *Lord, have mercy.*

**P** Almighty God, sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and peace, now and forever. Therefore, 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 Ghost.

**C** *Amen.*

(Be Seated)

## *Old Testament Lesson*

### *Exodus 40:17–21, 34–38*

[17] In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected. [18] Moses erected the tabernacle. He laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and raised up its pillars. [19] And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent over it, as the Lord had commanded Moses. [20] He took the testimony and put it into the ark, and put the poles on the ark and set the mercy seat above on the ark. [21] And he brought the ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony, as the Lord had commanded Moses. [34] Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. [35] And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. [36] Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. [37] But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. [38] For the cloud of the Lord was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** *Thanks be to God.*

## *Epistle Lesson*

### *Titus 3:4–7*

[4] But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, [5] he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, [6] whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus

Christ our Savior, [7] so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** *Thanks be to God.*

## *Ministry of Music*

Blake Crabtree, trumpet



(Stand)

## *Gospel for Christmas Day*

### **St. John 1:1–14**

[1] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] He was in the beginning with God. [3] All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. [4] In him was life, and the life was the light of men. [5] The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. [6] There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. [7] He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. [8] He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. [9] The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. [10] He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. [11] He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. [12] But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, [13] who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. [14] And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** *Thanks be to God.*

## *A Litany of Faith*

**P** We proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus Christ;

**C** *We believe and declare that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is both divine and human;*

**P** God, of the being of the Father, the only Son from before time began; human from the being of his mother, born in the world.

**C** *Fully God and fully human; one human person with mind and body.*

- P** As God he is equal to the Father, as human he is less than the Father.
- C** *Although He is both divine and human he is not two beings but one Christ.*
- P** One, not by turning God into flesh, but by taking humanity into God.
- C** *Truly one, not by mixing humanity with godhead, but by being one person.*
- P** For as mind and body form one human being, so the one Christ is both divine and human.
- C** *The word became flesh and lived among us; we have seen His glory, the glory of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

(Be seated)

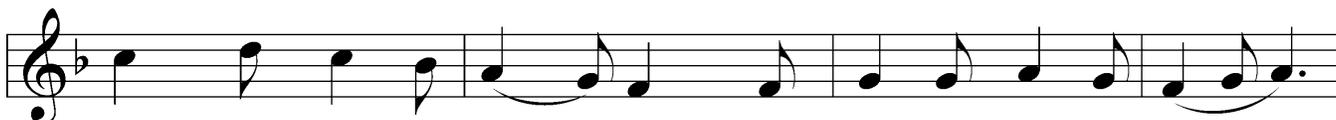
## *Sermon Hymn*

### **Now Sing We, Now Rejoice**

Text: Latin & German, 14<sup>th</sup> cent.; Tune: German – “In Dulci Jubilo”; LSB #386 © 2006 CPH



1 Now sing we, now re - joice,	Now raise to heav'n our voice;
2 Come from on high to me;	I can - not rise to Thee.
3 Now through His Son doth shine	The Fa - ther's grace di - vine.
4 Oh, where shall joy be found?	Where but on heav'n - ly ground?



He from whom joy stream - eth	Poor in a man - ger lies;
Cheer my wea - ried spir - it,	O pure and ho - ly Child;
Death was reign - ing o'er us	Through sin and van - i - ty
Where the an - gels sing - ing	With all His saints u - nite,



Not so bright - ly beam - eth	The sun in yon - der skies.
Through Thy grace and mer - it,	Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
Till He o - pened for us	A bright e - ter - ni - ty.
Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing	In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art!	Thou my Sav - ior art!
Draw me un - to Thee!	Draw me un - to Thee!
May we praise Him there!	May we praise Him there!
Oh, that we were there!	Oh, that we were there!

## *Sermon*

(Stand for the reading of the text)

**Text: John 1:1–14**  
**“Light and Life”**

## *Offering*

## *Voluntary*

Blake Crabtree, trumpet

(Stand)

## *Prayers*

- P** We bring before God our needs and the needs of his world. Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. Wonderful Counselor, give your wisdom to the rulers of the nations. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** *Hear our prayer.*
- P** Mighty God, make the whole world know that the government is on your shoulders. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** *Hear our prayer.*
- P** Everlasting Father, establish your reign of justice and righteousness forever. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** *Hear our prayer.*
- P** Prince of peace, bring in the endless kingdom of your peace. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** *Hear our prayer.*
- P** Almighty Lord,
- C** *Hear our prayer, and fulfill your purposes in us, as you accomplished your will in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## *Lord's Prayer*

- 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

**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

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** *And also with you.*

## Agnus Dei



**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

*(This congregation observes the Biblical practice of “Closed Communion.” 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. Thank you for your kindness.)*

# Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Text: Charles Wesley; Tune: Felix Mendelssohn – “Mendelssohn”; LSB #380 © 2006 CPH



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
2 Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



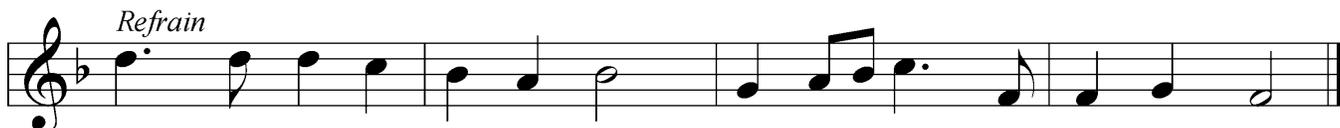
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!”  
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin’s womb.  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris’n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see, Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty!  
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King!”

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*Ministry of Music*

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# Of the Father's Love Begotten

Text: Aurelius Prudentius Clemens; Tune: Plainsong, 13<sup>th</sup> cent., mode V – "Divinum Mysterium"; LSB #384 © 2006 CPH



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -  
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,  
3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with  
4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His  
5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly



gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him  
Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that  
Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -  
Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -  
And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be  
And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, And that fu - ture years shall see  
deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face  
pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
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## Canticle

### *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*

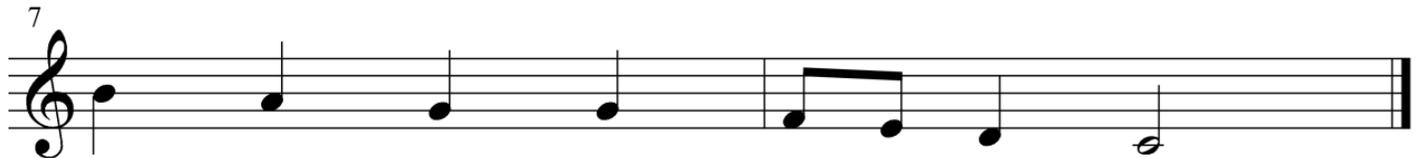
Text: Martin Luther; Tune: "Vom Himmel Hoch"



1. "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come To bear good news to  
2. Glo - ry to God in high - est heav'n, Who un - to us His



ev - 'ry home; Glad ti - dings of great joy I bring, Where-  
Son hath giv'n! While an - gels sing with pi - ous mirth A



of glad I new now year will say and sing:  
glad new year to all the earth.



## Benediction

**P** May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

**C** *Amen.*

# Closing Hymn

## Joy to the World

Text: Isaac Watts; Tune: George Frideric Handel – “Antioch”; LSB #387 © 2006 CPH



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -  
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
play, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings  
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

## Postlude

### Vom Himmel Hoch

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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:** Christmas I/New Year's Eve – A peaceful departure (Luke 2:29) may not always mean the absence of pain and suffering. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, it is seeing the presence of our Savior accomplishing His will according to His timetable. *Prayer: In our last hour, dear Savior, help us see You and be at peace. 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 **New Year's Eve, Saturday, Dec 31 @ 7:00 PM.** "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, January 8, 2023:*** **8:15 AM** –

**7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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  
7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – C105  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade – C103

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – C113  
3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – C116  
1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – C115

Kindergarten – B107  
3 & 4 yrs – B108  
18 mos. – 3 yrs – B111



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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.

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**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](mailto:channing@toddyblends.com).

**PASTOR WHITE’S WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS will NOT meet Dec 28. Class will resume January 4,** and 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](mailto:jhester@osl.cc), or [church@osl.cc](mailto:church@osl.cc), or call us at 713-290-9087. **Thank you.**

**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](mailto:recruiter@toddyoaks.com), located at 20120 Franz Rd, Katy, TX 77449.



***Don't Forget To Tithe!***

***Use the OSL 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](http://www.OSL.cc)***

**MEASURE OF DEVOTION:** Last Sunday, we had 352 people in attendance (last year 298), 320 viewers online; for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent Wed, we had 125 (last year 264).

**Our Ministry Challenge**

Tithes & Offerings for last week .....	\$ 31,563.80
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 51 .....	\$ 1,710,029.94
Tithes & Offerings needed each week .....	\$ 39,769.23
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 51 .....	\$ 2,028,230.73
General Fund Income to date .....	\$ 4,087,848.69
Special Contributions to date .....	\$ 871,735.57

*“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:*

	<b>Today, December 25, at 9:30 AM ~ Christmas</b>	<b>Next Sunday, January 1, at 9:30 AM ~ New Year’s</b>
<b>ELDERS:</b>	Alan Fritsche / Brian Nitsch / Mel Derong / Channing Wood	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White
<b>USHERS:</b>	Lehr Team	Downie Team
<b>SOUND:</b>	Witt	Greenwood
<b>CARTS:</b>	Adams Team	Downie Team
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Sophie Bennett / Emma Guevara / Lance Holman / Abi Halbert / Kaden Resendez	Livy Adams / Toni Willis
<b>ALTAR GLD:</b>	Lorie Moehlman Team	—
<b>COMM. ASST:</b>	Mel Derong / James Kriegel / Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood	—
<b>EVANGELISM:</b>	Team 3 James	Team 4 Karl
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Team 6	Team 8
<b>MUSIC:</b>	Thoelke Family / Blake Crabtree	—
<b>VIDEO:</b>	Amélie Boerger / Chad Greenwood / Mitchell Stephens / Adam White / Wesley White	

**New Year’s Eve, Saturday, December 31, at 7:00 PM**

<b>ELDERS:</b>	Alan Fritsche / Brian Nitsch / Mel Derong / Channing Wood
<b>USHERS:</b>	Halbert Team
<b>SOUND:</b>	Wilbanks
<b>CARTS:</b>	Pampell Team
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Aiden Kleb / Riley Soileau
<b>ALTAR GLD:</b>	Jeanene Lunsford Team
<b>COMM. ASST:</b>	Mel Derong / James Kriegel / Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood
<b>EVANGELISM:</b>	Team 3 James
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Team 7
<b>VIDEO:</b>	Amélie Boerger / Chad Greenwood / Mitchell Stephens / Aiden Sullivan / Adam White



# *OSL at a Glance*

**Sunday, December 25, 2022**

*Event*

**Christmas Day Service Communion**

*Time*

**9:30am**

*Location*

**Church & online**



**Wednesday, December 28, 2022**

**Men's Bible Study-BC**

6:30am

Bible Class Room

**Thursday, December 29, 2022**

**Prayer Request printing deadline**

3:00pm

Church office

**Saturday, December 31, 2022**

**New Years Eve Communion Service**

**7:00pm**

**Church & online**



**Sunday, January 1, 2023**

**Matins**

**9:30am**

**Church & online**



*Sunday School Parents:*

***Chrismons are here!***

Your child should have received a Chrismon ornament during Sunday School last week.

If they were not here, or did not receive one, please contact Sarah in the church office:

sbaughman@osl.cc. Thank you!

*Also, we wish to extend a heartfelt thank-you to all the people  
who helped stitch and assemble the ornaments.*

***We appreciate your help in preparing these keepsake ornaments that share about our Savior!***

# Join us for a groovy gala at Eagle Evening on Friday, January 27th 2023!



BENEFITING OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Eagle evening is Our Savior Lutheran School's largest fundraising event of the year. The funds raised will go directly towards enhancements for the school. The event includes dinner, drinks, dancing, live and silent auction items. Please scan QR code for ticketing.



**God's Blessings – The Parent Teacher League**

## *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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# *Soli Deo Gloria!*

*On behalf of the staff of Our Savior Lutheran Church and School we wish you and yours a truly Blessed Christmas. May the Peace and the Joy of Bethlehem's Manger fill your hearts and your homes all the year to come.*

*A special word of welcome this Christmas Day to our guests and visitors. We are honored by your presence and we hope that you have been blessed by celebrating Christ's birth with our congregation. We would be delighted to have you become a part of this gathering of believers on a regular basis so that together we may praise and serve our God together. Please come again soon.*

*Our thanks to the many people who have given their time and talent to make these holiday services the special events that they are. We wish to thank our musicians this morning. We are grateful to the members of the Altar Guild for the beautiful decorations which adorn our sanctuary on this Holy Day. Get your Poinsettia Dedication Book from an usher in the narthex. To God be the Glory as His people serve Him in Joy and Love!*



Worship with us again  
*New Year's Eve*  
Saturday, December 31, at 7:00 PM

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