



Our Savior Lutheran Church

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Order of Holy Communion

In Nomine Jesu



Preservice Music

Ringling of the Bells

Prelude

THY STRONG WORD

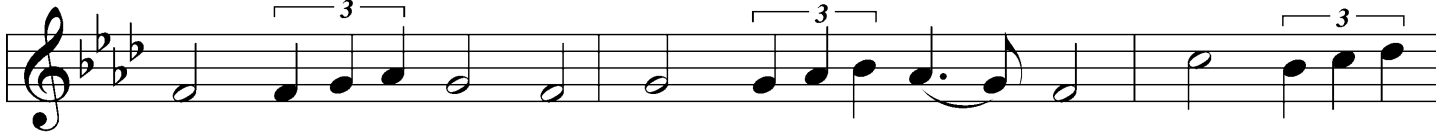
By J. Scott

Greetings & Announcements

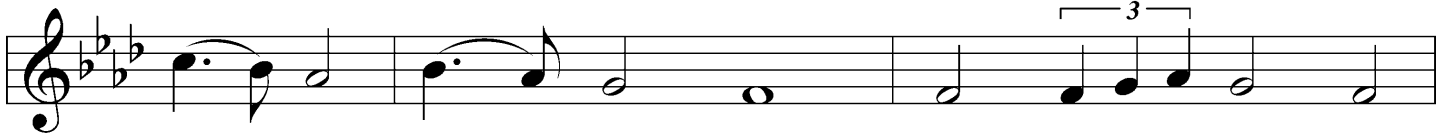
Hymn of Invocation

THY STRONG WORD

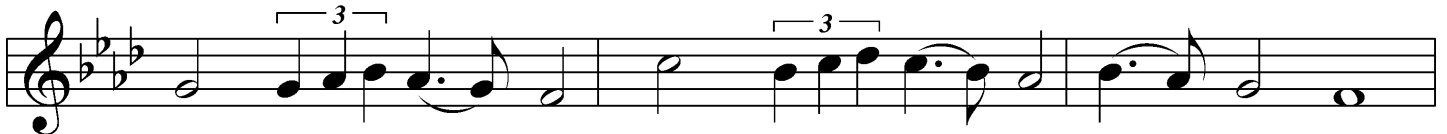
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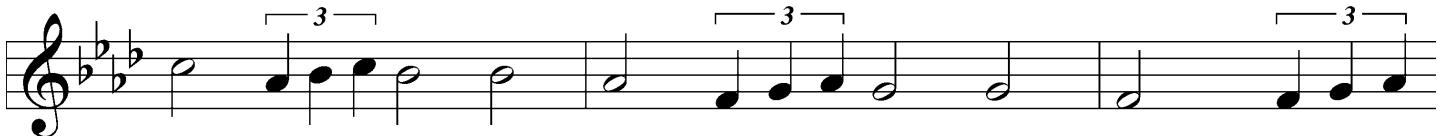
All: 1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
Men: 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
All: 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
Women: 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



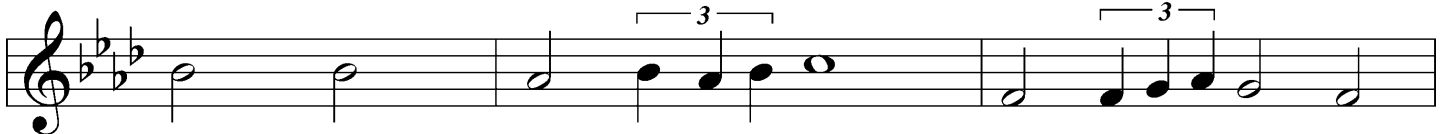
speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
night and deep as death, Broke the light of
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



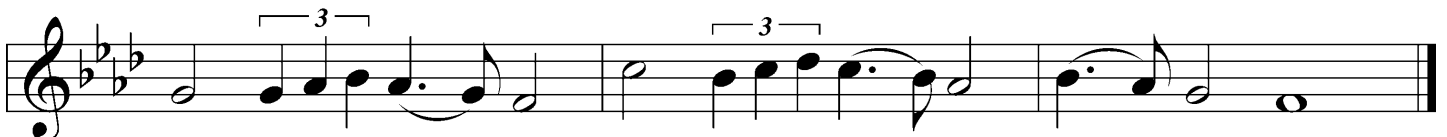
light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

(Continued...)

All: 5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

(Stand)

All: 6 God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

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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)

Introit

“CÆLI ANNUNTIABUNT IUSTÍTIAM EIUS”

(Intoned by Pastor with Congregation on Gloria Patri; Psalm 97:1, 10–12; antiphon: vv. 6, 9)

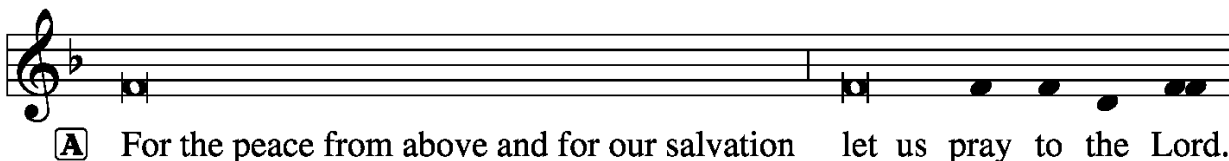
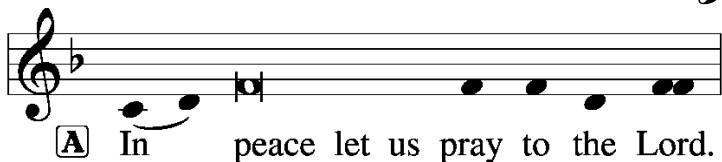
The heavens proclaim his | righteousness,*
and all the peoples see his | glory.
For you, O Lord, are most high over | all the earth;*
you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.
The Lord reigns, let the | earth rejoice;*
let the many coast- | lands be glad!
O you who love the Lord, hate | evil!*

He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the | wicked.
Light is sown for the | righteous,*
and joy for the up- | right in heart.
Rejoice in the Lord, O you | righteous,*
and give thanks to his | holy name!

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.

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Kyrie

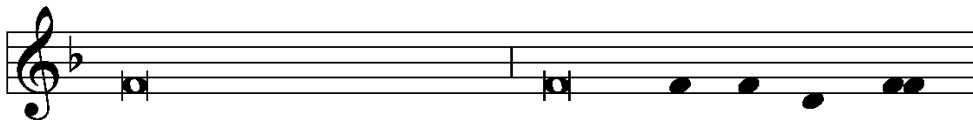




C Lord, have mer - cy.



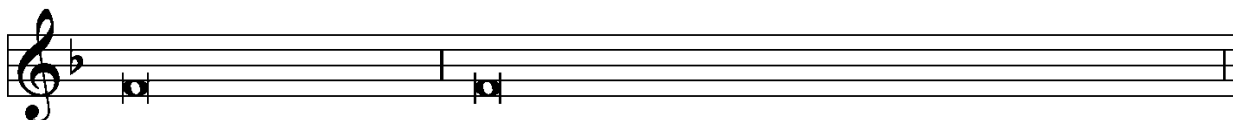
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



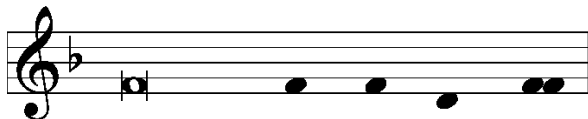
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



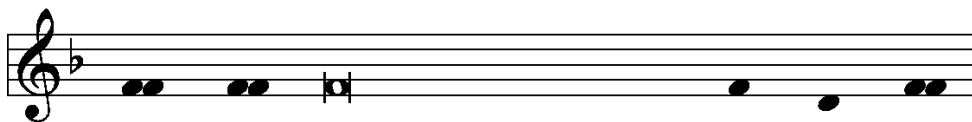
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



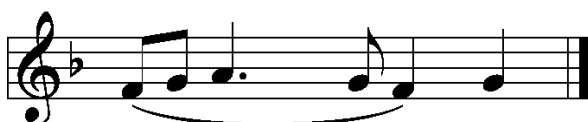
let us pray to the Lord.



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 -

26

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

30

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

34

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

37

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

41

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

45

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

49

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

53

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

57

For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His

61

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

65

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

69

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *Amen.*

(Be Seated)

Ministry of Music

SING FOR JOY, ALLELUIA

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Jubilate Choir

Praise the Lord, O sing for joy. Alleluia; sing for joy.

Sing, O earth, rejoice and sing. Praise the Lord, O sing for joy.

Come, let ev'ry voice be raised. Come, the Lord of Life be praised. Ev'ry voice, sing rejoice.

Come, let ev'ry voice be raised. Come, the Lord of Life be praised.

Ev'ry voice, now rejoice. Praise the Lord, O sing for joy.

Alleluia; Praise the Lord. Sing for joy. Sing for joy. O sing for joy.

(Repeated)

Sing, all earth, rejoice and sing. Sing, all earth, rejoice and sing, rejoice, rejoice, sing, rejoice forevermore.

Sing, rejoice forevermore. Sing, rejoice forevermore.

Old Testament Lesson

2 KINGS 5:1-15A

[1] Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. [2] Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. [3] She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." [4] So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." [5] And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothes. [6] And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." [7] And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me." [8] But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." [9] So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. [10] And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." [11] But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. [12] Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. [13] But his

Servants may be blessings to the families where they are, by telling what they know of the glory of God, and the honour of his prophets. Naaman did not despise what she told, because of her meanness. It would be well if men were as sensible of the burden of sin as they are of bodily disease. And when they seek the blessings which the Lord sends in answer to the prayers of his faithful people, they will find nothing can be had, except they come as beggars for a free gift, not as lords to demand or purchase.

servants came near and said to him, “My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” [14] So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. [15] Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual

(Intoned by Pastor; Psalm 102:15–16)

Nations will fear the name | of the Lord,*
and all the kings of the earth will fear your | glory.
For the Lord builds up | Zion;*
he appears in his | glory.

Epistle Reading

ROMANS 1:8–17

[8] First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. [9] For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you [10] always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God’s will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. [11] For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— [12] that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith, both yours and mine. [13] I want you to know, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. [14] I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. [15] So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. [16] For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. [17] For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

We should readily impart to others what God has trusted to us, rejoicing to make others joyful, especially taking pleasure in communing with those who believe the same things with us. If redeemed by the blood, and converted by the grace of the Lord Jesus, we are altogether his; and for his sake we are debtors to all men, to do all the good we can. Such services are our duty.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

(Stand)

Alleluia and Verse

(John 6:68)



Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 8th chapter.



Gospel Reading

ST. MATTHEW 8:1-13

[1] When [Jesus] came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. [2] And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." [3] And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. [4] And Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them." [5] When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, [6] "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." [7] And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." [8] But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. [9] For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." [10] When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. [11] I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, [12] while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." [13] And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

An outward profession may cause us to be called children of the kingdom; but if we rest in that, and have nothing else to show, we shall be cast out. The servant got a cure of his disease, and the master got the approval of his faith. What was said to him, is said to all, Believe, and ye shall receive; only believe. See the power of Christ, and the power of faith. The healing of our souls is at once the effect and evidence of our interest in the blood of Christ.

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.*

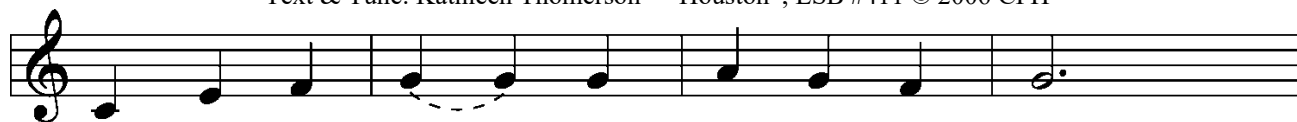
*And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life,
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
Who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission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

(Be Seated)

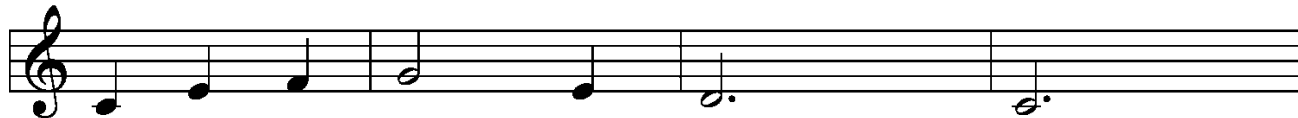
Sermon Hymn

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

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



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



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



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

Refrain



In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



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



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

(Stand for Text)

Sermon

TEXT: ST. MATTHEW 8:1-13

“A SOLDIER’S FAITH”

(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

(Be Seated)

Offering

Voluntary

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

Carillon Ringers & Nathan Russ, cello

Catechism Hymn

OUR FATHER, WHO FROM HEAVEN ABOVE

Text & Tune: Martin Luther – “Vater Unser”; LSB #766 st. 4 © 2006 CPH



4 Your gra-cious will on earth be done As it is done be -
fore Your throne, That pa-tient - ly we may o - bey
Through-out our lives all that You say. Curb flesh and
blood and ev - 'ry ill That sets it - self a - gainst Your will.

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Catechism Lesson

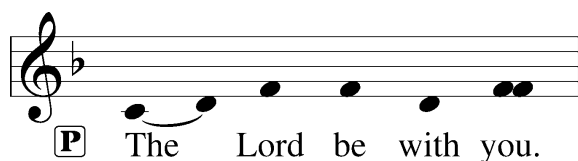
- P** A lesson from 1 Peter 3:5-6 –
- C** *[Holy women] were submissive to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.*
- P** What is the Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer?
- C** *Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*
- P** What does this mean?
- C** *The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.*
- P** How is God's will done?
- C** *God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.*

(Stand)

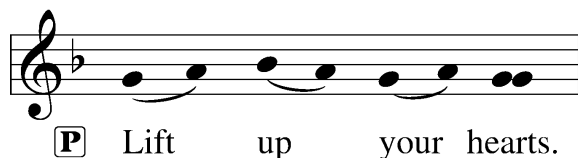
Intercessory Prayer

Preface

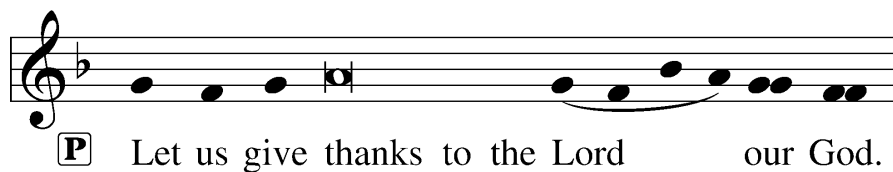
Worship Note: The sound of the Zimbelstern announces the invitation that brings the realms of heaven and voices here on earth to sing the great hymn of praise to our Lord. As the Pastor reads “therefore with angels and archangels....” the bells peal in festive celebration.



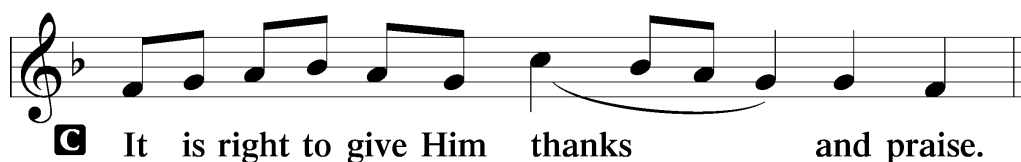
(2 Timothy 4:22)



(Colossians 3:1)



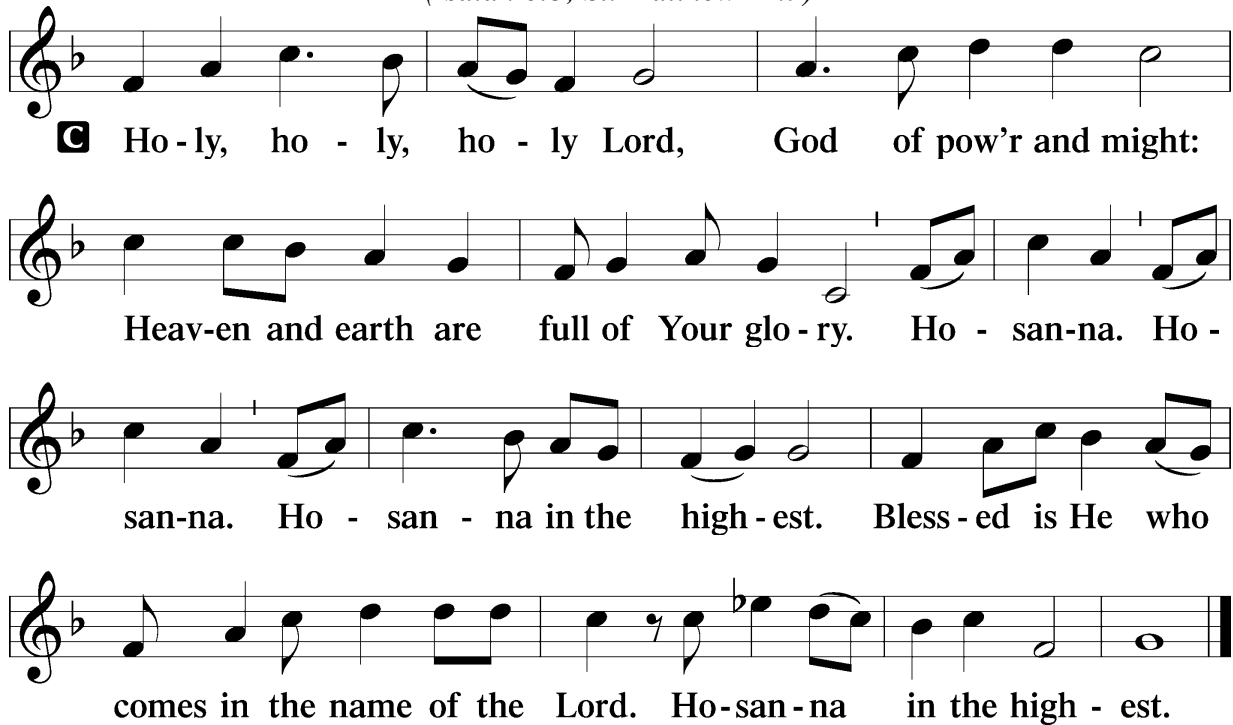
(Psalm 136)



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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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.

Lord's Prayer

(St. Matthew 6:9-13)

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

Words of Institution

(St. Matthew 26:26-28)

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

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

Pax Domini

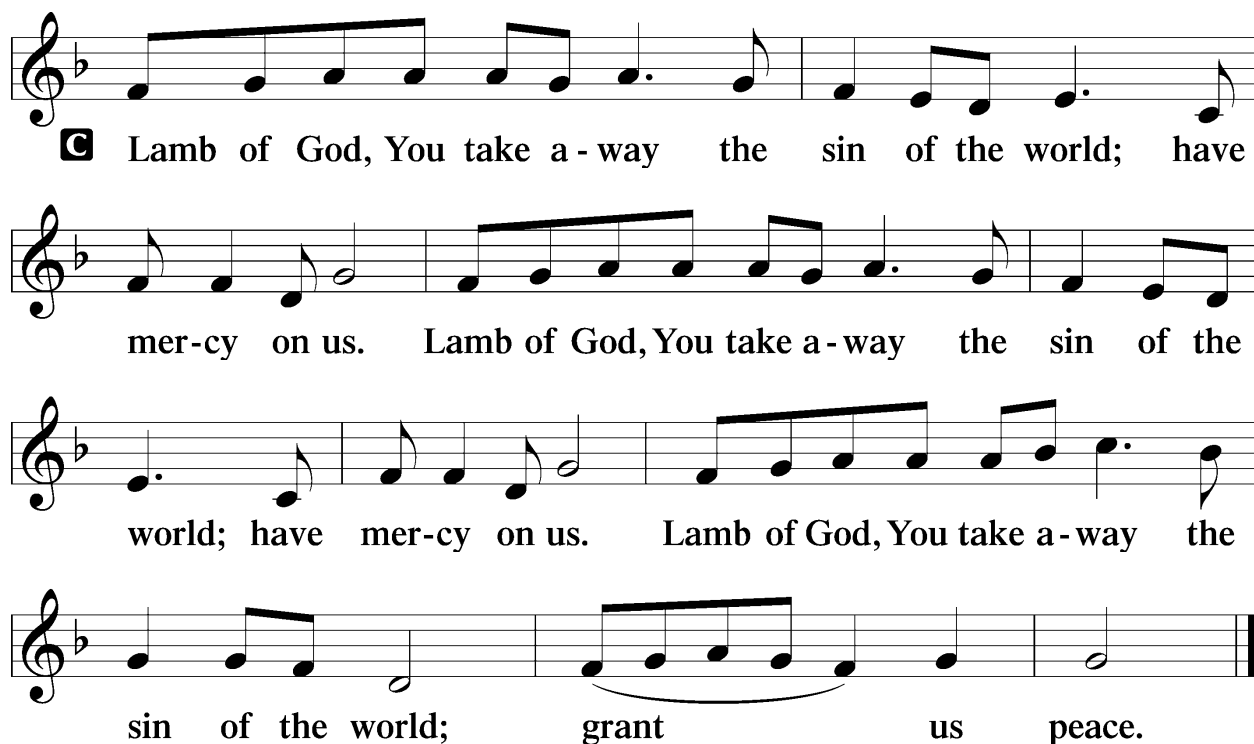
(St. John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C *And also with you.*

Agnus Dei

(St. John 1:29)



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

(Be Seated)

Distribution

(This congregation observes the Biblical practice of “Closed Communion,” outlined in the Communion Policy Statement in the announcements of the bulletin. If you have not communed with us previously and have not had the opportunity to speak with our Pastor about communion attendance, we respectfully request that you refrain from participating in the Sacrament this morning. Thank you for your kindness.)

Distribution Hymns

PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS

Text: Rusty Edwards; Tune: "Beach Spring"; LSB #849 © 2006 CPH



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered
at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious
Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and
Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us
storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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Ministry of Music

COME FOLLOW ME

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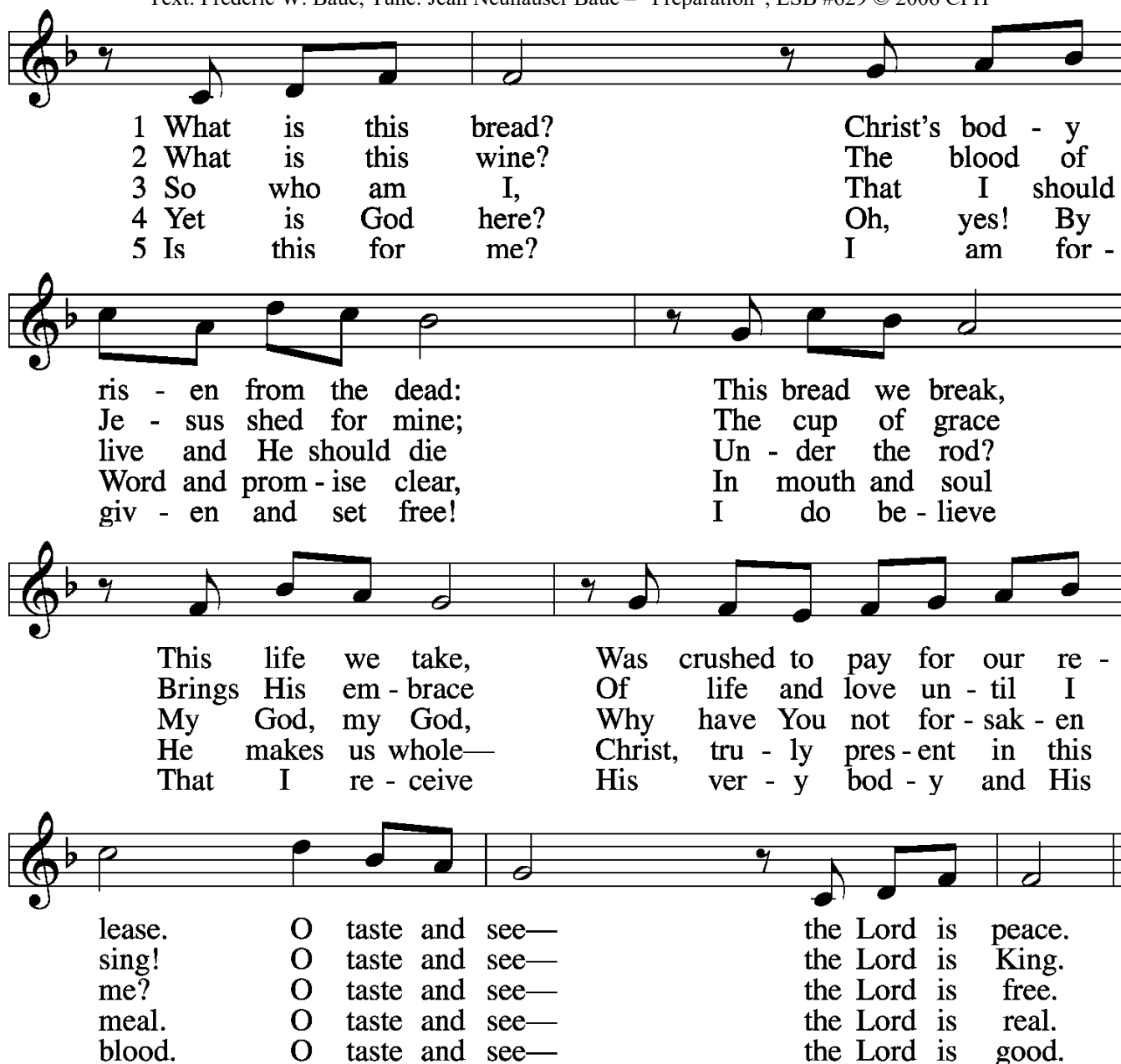
Jubilate Choir

*The kingdom of heaven is near. As you have received, so, then must you give.
Be not afraid with the Lord at your side, for Jesus died so we may live.
He said, "Come follow me. Come follow me. Come by yourselves to a quiet place.
Come follow me. Come follow me." That someday we may see His face.*

*Those who are weary, take rest. Look to Him for comfort and He will soothe your soul.
 For He is gentle and humble in heart, and Jesus died to make us whole.
 He said, "Come follow me. Come follow me. Come by yourselves to a quiet place.
 Come follow me. Come follow me." That someday we may see His face.
 "Come follow me. Come follow me." That someday we may see His face.*

WHAT IS THIS BREAD

Text: Frederic W. Baue; Tune: Jean Neuhauser Baue – "Preparation"; LSB #629 © 2006 CPH



1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y
 2 What is this wine? The blood of
 3 So who am I, That I should
 4 Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By
 5 Is this for me? I am for -

ris - en from the dead: This bread we break,
 Je - sus shed for mine; The cup of grace
 live and He should die Un - der the rod?
 Word and prom - ise clear, In mouth and soul
 giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve

This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our re -
 Brings His em - brace Of life and love un - til I
 My God, my God, Why have You not for - sak - en
 He makes us whole— Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
 That I re - ceive His ver - y bod - y and His

lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.
 sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.
 me? O taste and see— the Lord is free.
 meal. O taste and see— the Lord is real.
 blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

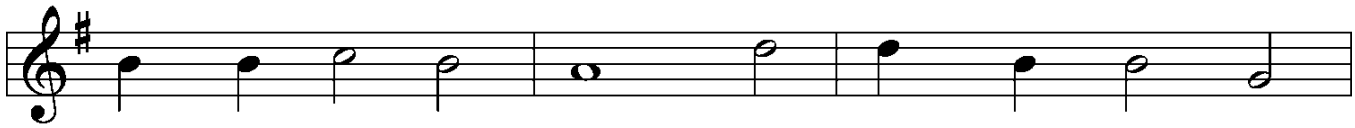
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OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

Text: Charles Wesley; Tune: Carl G. Gläser – “Azmon”; LSB #528 © 2006 CPH



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -
3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He
5 Look un - to Him, ye na - tions; own Your



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the
God, ye fall - en race. Look and be saved through



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.
sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.
faith a - lone, Be jus - ti - fied by grace.

6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made
For ev'ry soul of man.

7 To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n.

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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.

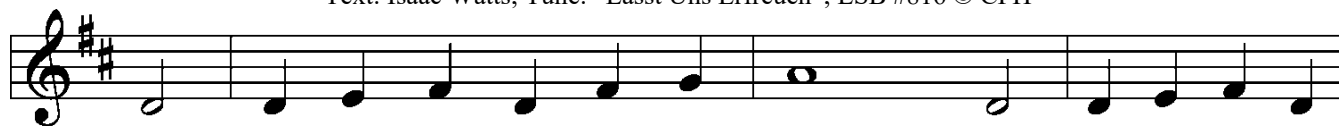


C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES

Text: Isaac Watts; Tune: "Lasst Uns Erfreuen"; LSB #816 © CPH



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -
3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal



praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -



ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Postlude

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

By J. Scott

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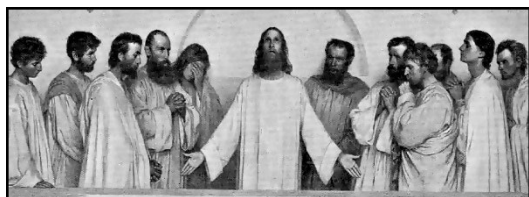
Enter reverently, meditate quietly, worship sincerely, serve Christ faithfully.

It is our heartfelt prayer that all who worship 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: Epiphany III; The Gospel (Romans 1:16) brought struggle to St. Paul, but God's grace also gave him unconditional worth and purpose. He could not help but rejoice to proclaim and perform it. Sometimes declaring the sanctity of human life sets us at odds with popular opinion and even our own loved ones. Yet we need not be ashamed. Indeed, we may be most excited to speak and share it, for Jesus makes us and every neighbor a precious treasure from fertilization to forever. *Prayer: Heavenly Father, fill us to overflowing with the courage and compassion of Your creating, redeeming, and calling. 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, February 12, 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 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)

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 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 – B107

3 & 4 yrs – B108

18 mos. – 3 yrs – B111



The flowers are given to the glory of God by the Mushinski Family in celebration of Meghan's birthday on the 26th, and the homegoing of Ray Hobratsch to our Lord.

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 **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.



Life With God – New Member Classes

Start THIS MONDAY: Our adult information class covers the most important teachings of the Bible as they are believed, taught and confessed in this Lutheran Congregation. The class is designed for anyone considering membership in Our Savior Lutheran Church and for members of the congregation who would like a great review of basic Bible doctrine. It should be particularly interesting for both

member and non-member school parents to familiarize yourself with what your kids are learning in class every day. **Class will begin on Monday, January 23 from 7:00-8:30pm. Babysitting and refreshments are provided.**

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.**



All Altar Guild Members And Ladies Wanting To Join:

*There will be an altar guild meeting on **Monday, January 30th at 6:30 pm** at the home of Amy Adams. All current altar guild members and ladies wanting to join altar guild are welcome. **Please email Amy Adams to RSVP or for any questions- aaadams@mac.com***

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 aaadams@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 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.

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entertainment included)

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MEASURE OF DEVOTION: Last Sunday, we had 372 people in attendance (last year 331), 361 viewers online.

Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week	\$ 27,987.89
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 3	\$ 90,947.31
Tithes & Offerings needed each week	\$ 39,769.23
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 3	\$ 119,307.69
General Fund Income to date	\$ 202,471.94
Special Contributions to date	\$ 79,400.50

“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

Tithing Envelopes should be delivered by January 27.

If you don't receive them by then, please email: jhester@osl.cc.

Please write your envelope # on your check if you know it. Thank you for your patience!

Those To Serve:

Today, January 22, at 9:30 AM

ELDERS: Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White
USHERS: Halbert Team
SOUND: Witt
CARTS: Gerard Team
ACOLYTES: Lily Luna / Maja Stephens
ALTAR GLD: Barbara Mushinski Team
COMM. ASST: Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White
EVANGELISM: Team 2 Garry
GREETERS: Team 1
MUSIC: Jubilate Choir / Carillon Ringers with Nathan Russ
VIDEO: Amélie Boerger / Chad Greenwood / Mitchell Stephens / Adam White / Wesley White

Next Sunday, January 29, at 9:30 AM

Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White
 Downie Team
 Wilbanks
 Adams Team
 Lucas Downie / Giuliana Krieg
 —
 —
 Team 3 James
 Team 2
 Laudate Choir



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

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

OSL at a Glance

Sunday, January 22, 2023

<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Confirmation Class	8:15am	Youth Room
Communion	9:30am	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45am	
Laudate	12:00pm	Church Music Room
Jr Youth Fusion-A101	4:30pm	Cafeteria A101

Monday, January 23, 2023

New Member Class-BC	7:00pm	Bible Class Room
Young Adults-YR	7:00pm	Youth Room



Tuesday, January 24, 2023

<i>UH Campus Ministry</i>	<i>6:15pm</i>	<i>University of Houston Student Center South</i>
Parochial Ed-A102E	7:00pm	

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Men's Bible Study-BC	6:30am	Bible Class Room
Bible Class-BC	10:00am	Bible Class Room
Bulletin Deadline	12:00pm	Church Office

Thursday, January 26, 2023

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, January 27, 2023

<i>Eagle Evening</i>	<i>6:30pm</i>	<i>Bell Tower, 34th St.</i>
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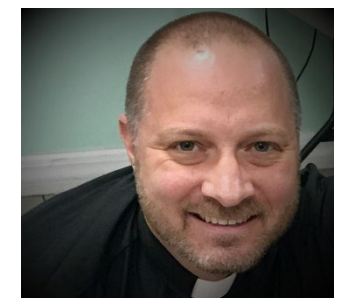
Saturday, January 28, 2023

Texas Rally for Life	8:00am	OSL Cafeteria to <i>Austin, TX-Capitol</i>
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Sunday, January 29, 2023

Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Confirmation Class	8:15am	Youth Room
Matins- Life Sunday	9:30am	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45am	
Lutherans For Life Presentation-A101	12:00pm	Cafeteria
With Pastor Salemink & luncheon		



Pro-Life Action Weekend! As abortion giants seek new means of evil, we continue to fight for God's Gift of LIFE and be a voice for the voiceless:



MARCH WITH US AT THE TEXAS RALLY FOR LIFE!

Saturday, January 28, 2023

*We're taking a BUS to Austin from OSL @ 8:00AM,
eat lunch in Austin; Rally at the Capitol from 1:00-4:00PM,
and return to OSL by 7pm.*

Please RSVP with QR code, or call 713-290-9087.



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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