



**Our Savior
Lutheran Church**

First Sunday in Lent

Invocabit

Order of Holy Communion

In Nomine Jesu



Music for Meditation & Prayer

Ringíng of the Bells

Prelude

Ein Feste Burg

Greetíngs & Announcements

(Stand)

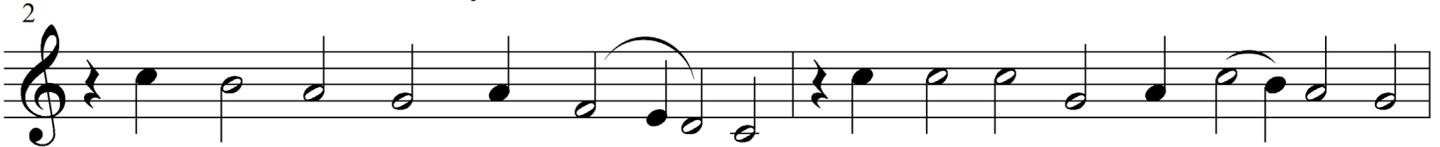
Hymn of Invocation

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Text & Tune: Martin Luther – “Ein Feste Burg”; TLH #262 © 1941 CPH



1. A might - y For - tress is our God,
2. With might of ours can naught be done,
3. Tho' dev - ils all the world should fill,
4. The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y Shield and Weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed; But for us fights the Val - iant One,
All ea - ger to de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no ill,
Nor an - y thanks have for it; He's by our side up - on the plain



That hath us now o'er - tak - en. The old e - vil Foe
Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed. Ask ye, Who is this?
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's prince may still
With His good gifts and Spir - it. And take they our life,



Now means dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
Je - sus Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
Scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none,
Goods, fame, child, and wife, Let these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his e - qual.
And there's none oth - er God; He holds the field for - ev - er.
He's judged; the deed is done; One lit - tle word can fell him.
They yet have noth - ing won; The King - dom ours re - main - eth.

(Stand)

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.



C A - men

(Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

(Kneel)

Confession of Sins

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father; beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

(Hebrews 10:22)

P Our help is in the Name of the Lord,



C Who made heav'n and earth.

(Psalm 124:8)

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,



C And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

(Psalm 32:5)

C *O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserve Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.*

Absolution

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 unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C A - men.

(John 20:19-23)

(Stand)

Introit

“Invocabit”

*(Intoned by Laetare, with Congregation on Gloria Patri)
(Psalm 91:1–2, 9–10, 13; antiphon: vv. 15a, c, 16)*

When he calls to me, I will | answer him;*
I will rescue him and | honor him.
With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
and show him my sal- | vation.
He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.
I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my | fortress,*
my God, in | whom I trust.”
Because you have made the Lord your | dwelling place—*
the Most High, who is my | refuge—
no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*
no plague come | near your tent.
You will tread on the lion and the | adder;*
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.
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.
When he calls to me, I will | answer him;*
I will rescue him and | honor him.
With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
and show him my sal- | vation.

Kyrie

(Mark 10:47)



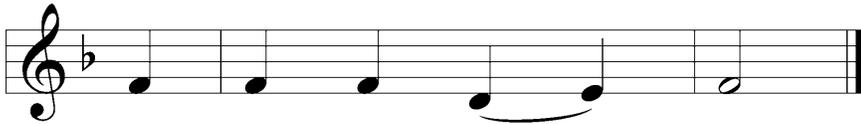
C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

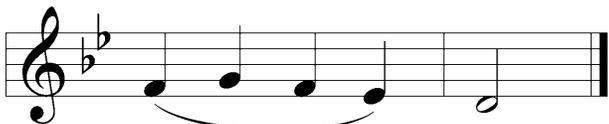
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

(Be Seated)

Ministry of Music

God's Love Is Good!

Based on Psalm 34:4, 8 & 10; Words & Music by Lloyd Larson © 2003, GlorySound

Jubilate Choir

Taste and see that the Lord is good, good in all His ways!

Walk in the Light and you'll share Christ's love. Know that the Lord is good, God's love is good! (Repeat)

I sought the Lord and He answered me, released me from my fears.

Come, seek the Lord, He will set you free, console you and dry your tears.

Taste and see that the Lord is good, good in all His ways!

Walk in the Light and you'll share Christ's love. Know that the Lord is good, God's love is good!

I trust the Lord; He will ne'er depart. His ways are just and true.

Come, trust the Lord now with all your heart; He'll comfort and care for you.

Taste and see that the Lord is good, good in all His ways!

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Old Testament Reading

Genesis 3:1-21

[1] Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" [2] And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, [3] but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" [4] But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. [5] For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." [6] So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. [7] Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. [8] And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. [9] But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" [10] And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." [11] He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" [12] The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." [13] Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Satan's deadly lies insinuated their way into the bliss of Eden with the subtle hiss of suspicion and pride. Our ancient Enemy is the "Father of the Lie," always posing as man's advocate and friend. He offers death in the guise of life and slavery disguised as freedom. Rather than clinging to the Word of God, Adam and Eve chose to evaluate the Serpent's falsehood using their own cleverness. Their folly brought the blight of sin and death down upon themselves and all of their descendants.

[14] The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. [15] I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

[16] To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”

[17] And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; [18] thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. [19] By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” [20] The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

[21] And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual

(Intoned by Laetare; Psalm 91:11–12)

He will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.
On their hands they will | bear you up,*
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 4:14–16

[14] Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. [15] For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. [16] Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The love of God is alive with power and possibility. Secure in that love we have the ability to cope with and overcome all of the trials and temptations of life. God’s grace transforms us in His image and enables us to endure the problems and pain which are the consequences of sin.

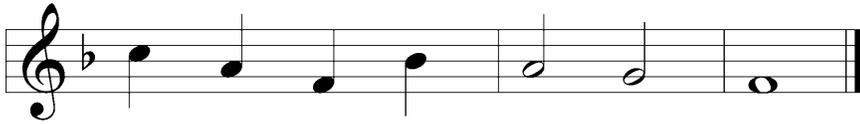
P This is the Word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

(Stand)

Holy Gospel

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

St. Matthew 4:1-11

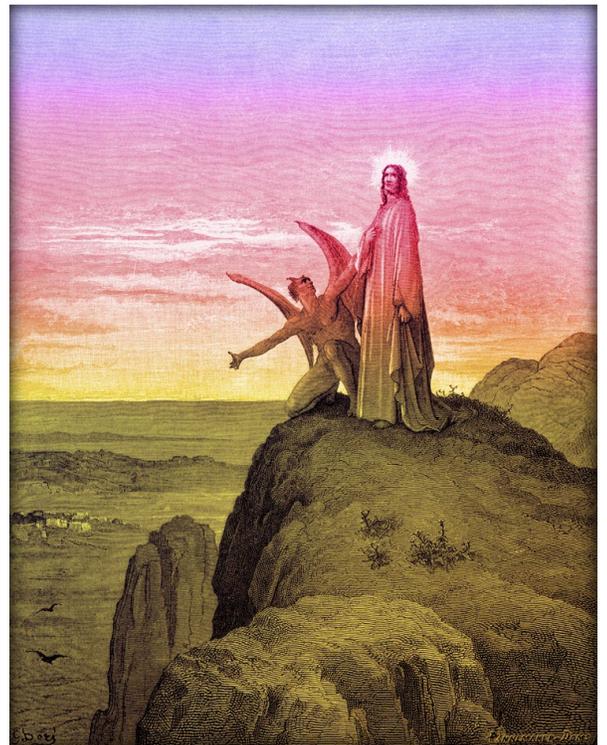
[1] Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. [2] And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. [3] And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." [4] But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

[5] Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple [6] and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."

[7] Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" [8] Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. [9] And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." [10] Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."

[11] Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Christ, the second Adam, succeeded where Adam our father had failed. Jesus saw the lies of Satan for the deadly deceptions that they were. He wielded the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God to defeat the ancient foe. His victory becomes ours by grace through faith.



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, 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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

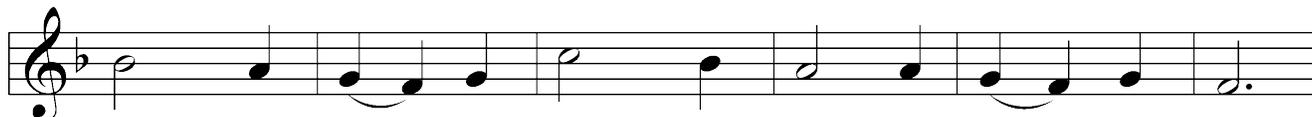
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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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(Stand for Text)

Sermon

Text: Galatians 4:14-16 – “The Great High Priest, Like You in Every Respect”

Dr. Aric Fenske, Lutherans For Life Executive Director

(Stand)

Votum

Offertory

(Psalm 51:10-12)

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

Give Me Jesus

Cantate Mixed Ensemble

Catechism Hymn & Lesson

To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

Text: Martin Luther; Tune: 1524, Wittenberg, ed. Johann Walter – “Christ, Unser Herr”; LSB #406, sts. 6–7 © 2006 CPH

6 But woe to those who cast a - side This grace so
7 All that the mor - tal eye be - holds Is wa - ter

free - ly giv - en; They shall in sin and shame a - bide
as we pour it. Be - fore the eye of faith un - folds

And to de - spair be driv - en. For born in sin, their
The pow'r of Je - sus' mer - it. For here it sees the

works must fail, Their striv - ing saves them nev - er;
crim - son flood To all our ills bring heal - ing;

Their pi - ous acts do not a - vail, And they are lost
The won - ders of His pre - cious blood The love of God

for - ev - er, E - ter - nal death their por - tion.
re - veal - ing, As - sur - ing His own par - don.

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- P** What does such baptizing with water indicate?
- C** *It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.*
- P** Where is this written?
- C** *St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*
- P** A Lesson from 2 Corinthians 5:17 –
- C** *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”*

(Stand)

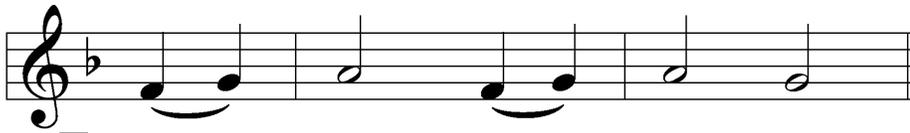
Intercessory Prayer

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.

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

(Psalm 136)



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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; Matthew 21:9)



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.

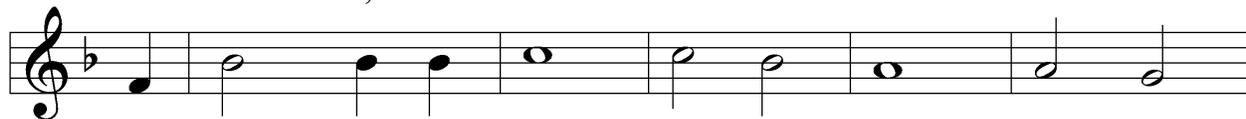


Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

P 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;



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Words of Institution

(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

(John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

(John 1:29)

Musical notation for Agnus Dei, consisting of five staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

(Be Seated)

Distribution & Hymns

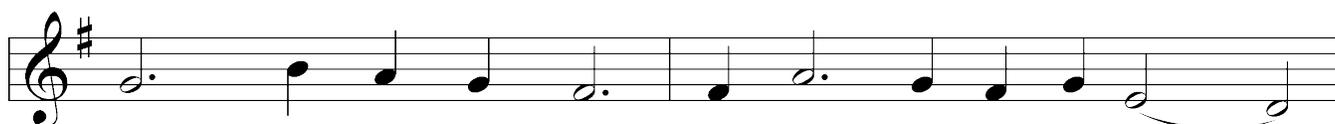
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O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

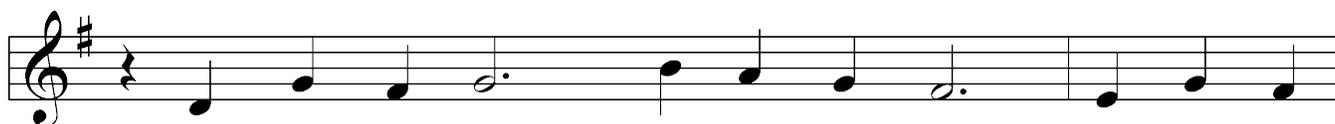
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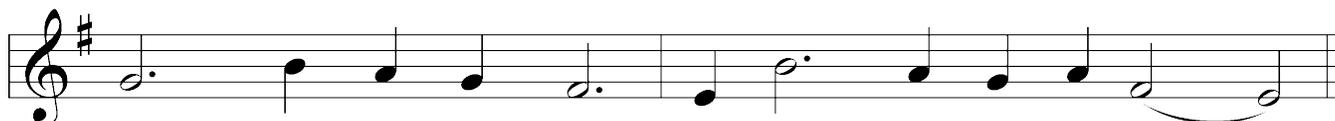
1 O lit - tle flock, fear not the foe Who mad - ly
2 Be of good cheer; your cause be - longs To Him who
3 As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor
4 A - men, Lord Je - sus, grant our prayer; Great Cap - tain,



seeks your o - ver - throw; Dread not his rage and pow'r.
can a - venge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.
hell's sa - tan - ic crew A - gainst us shall pre - vail.
now Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once a - gain!



And though your cour - age some-times faints, His seem - ing
Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes, His Gid - eon
Their might? A joke, a mere fa - cade! God is with
So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise A might - y



tri - umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.
shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.
us and we with God— Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.
cho - rus to Thy praise For - ev - er - more. A - men.

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Ministry of Music

Come, Receive God's Blessing

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Jubilate Choir

*Let the love of God surround us here within this place. Feel the Spirit all around us; know the wonder of grace.
Come and gather at the table where hearts are joined as one. Come receive God's blessing of love.*

*Let the hope that God provides us, help renew each day. Know the Lord will walk beside us, ev'ry step of the
way. Come and share the meal before us and let it make us whole. Come receive God's blessing of hope.*

*(Refrain) As we take this bread, let our hungry souls be fed by the promise of God's holy Word.
Come and take this cup as God's covenant of love, poured out for the sins of the world.*

*May the peace of God be with us as we now depart. Let the Spirit live within us, filling all of our hearts. Go and
serve the Lord with gladness, and follow where He leads. Go and share God's blessing of peace. (Refrain)*

Go share the love; go share the hope. Go share God's blessing of peace.

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Text: Martin Luther; Tune: 1543, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug – "Erhalt Uns, Herr"; LSB #655 © 2006 CPH



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

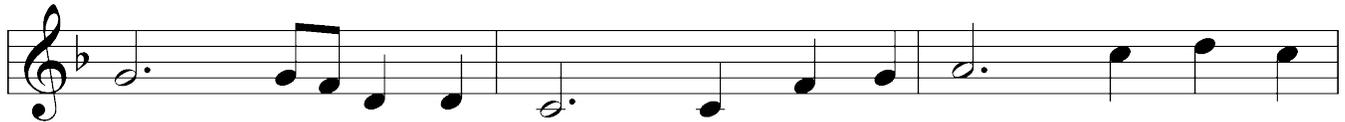
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The Tree of Life

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1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry good In E - den's
2 The still - ness of that sa - cred grove Was bro - ken,
3 What mer - cy God showed to our race, A plan of
4 Now from that tree of Je - sus' shame Flows life e -



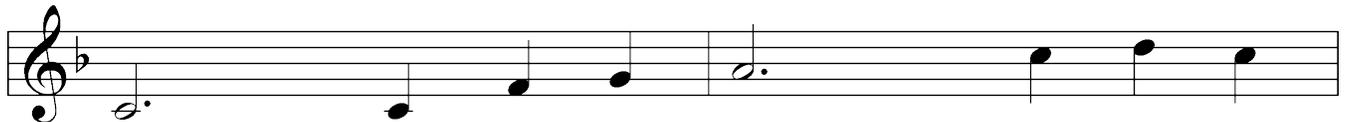
ho - ly or - chard stood, And of its fruit so pure and
as the ser - pent strove With tempt - ing voice Eve to be -
res - cue by His grace: In send - ing One from wom - an's
ter - nal in His name; For all who trust and will be -



sweet God let the man and wom - an eat. Yet in this
guile And Ad - am too by sin de - file. O day of
seed, The One to fill our great - est need— For on a
lieve, Sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re - ceive. And of this



gar - den al - so grew An - oth - er tree, of which they
sad - ness when the breath Of fear and dark - ness, doubt and
tree up - lift - ed high His on - ly Son for sin would
fruit so pure and sweet The Lord in - vites the world to



knew; Its love - ly limbs with fruit a -
death, Its aw - ful poi - son first dis -
die, Would drink the cup of scorn and
eat, To find with - in this cross of



dorned A - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.
played With - in the world so new - ly made.
dread To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!
wood The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

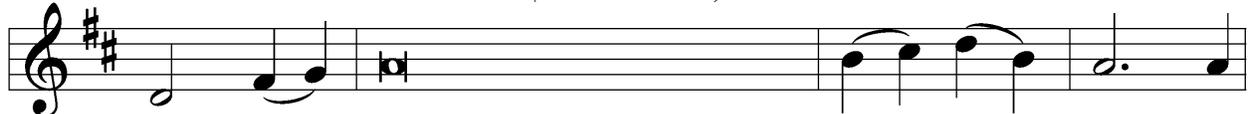
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(Stand)

Nunc Dimittis

Song of Simeon

(Luke 2:29-32)



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



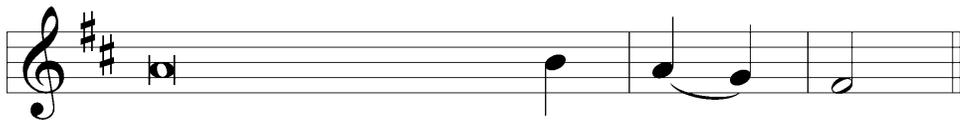
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



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

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray. 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 A - men.

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

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

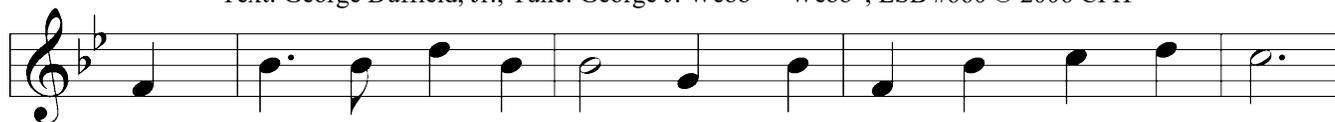


C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

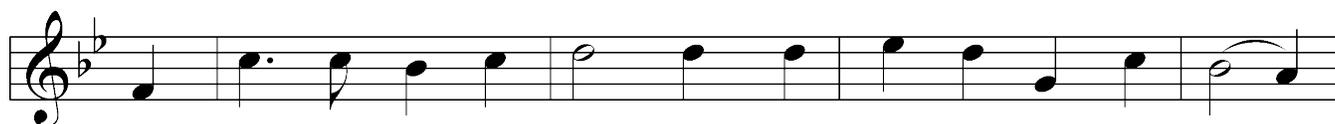
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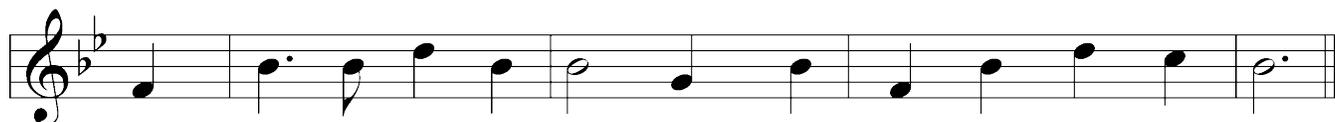
1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

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Postlude

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

By J. Behnke

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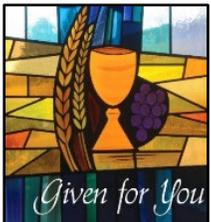
Enter reverently, meditate quietly, worship sincerely, serve Christ faithfully.

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: Lent I (Invocavit) – Satan’s temptations of Jesus reveal his main tactic—make that which is bad look good. These days he spends much time making death look good; abortion is good and the way out of a difficult situation; assisted suicide is good and the way to relieve suffering. But death is not good! It is the curse of sin! It is our enemy. But just as Jesus defeated Satan, so He has defeated death. We can trust and live in His victory. *Dear Jesus, may Your Word be ever on our hearts and lips that we might resist the snare of the devil. 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, March 8 @ 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 Non-OSL School Students 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 (Pastor White - Bible Class Room)

10:45 AM – Adults

Dr. Aric Fenske, Lutherans For Life Executive Director, will speak in the Bible Class Room this morning!

Next week resumes: How Should We Worship God? What Kinds of Music? Contemporary Or Traditional? Where Does the Liturgy Come From? Bring Your Questions & Comments... (Pastor White - Bible Class Room)

Enduring Faith: This adult class looks at the lessons the children are learning, with an adult perspective. New members and parents of Sunday School children are encouraged to come. All are welcome. (Bill Prestwood, C102)

Lutheran Confessions: Our Lutheran Confessions were developed out of a genuine concern with false teachings obscuring the glory and merit of our Savior. These unconditional affirmations are as understandable and poignant today as when they were written. Learn their history and development, as well as their relevance in the daily life of a Christian. Through discussion, you will see how others are asking the same questions and how Scripture offers solid, reliable answers. (James Kriegel, C101)

Women's Bible Study – *Altogether Beautiful: A Study of the Song of Songs*, by Heidi Goehmann (published by Concordia Publishing House). Walking through this study, you will learn how beautiful God sees you, but more important, you'll learn to ground your identity in the one who makes you beautiful—Jesus Christ. (Sarah Baughman, Family Room, Church)

Applying Scripture to Current Events: This class for young adults will focus on today's headlines and current events and discuss these topics in light of scripture and how the verses covered each week apply to everyday life. (Adam White, C106)

The Church Militant: God's Work in History: Picking up from the history of the early Church, we continue the history of how God preserved His Word within the medieval Church and brought about the Reformation in the 16th century. Combining history and theology, we will explore the connections of the Church past and present. (Karl Baughman, Cafeteria)

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS AS LISTED – 10:45 AM

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

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

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

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by the Altar Guild.



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

Each flower arrangement is \$60. You will find the flower clipboard on the hutch in the narthex. Remember to write a “W” if you want the flowers, or “S” to send them to the sick. Thank you!

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION: Remember to log in to your **Breeze** account, and make sure all your contact information is correct – phone numbers, address, email accounts, etc. You can even **add your own PHOTO**. Call the church office if you need help: 713-290-9087.

Young Adults Bible Study—Mondays—6PM—OSL Youth Room: This group is young adults (both married and single). *We are studying the Gospel of Mark*. We'll have snacks and refreshments as we gather to study and visit. Please tell your friends!

REVELATION Bible Study: Mondays, 7:00pm - 8:30pm in the Bible Class Room with Pastor White. Everyone is welcome! There will be light snacks beginning at 6:30pm, with the study starting at 7pm. Join us for God's Word and great Christian fellowship. **ZOOM option:** Go to <https://osl.cc/mondaynight-biblestudy>. For the best experience, *please download the Zoom app* on your phone or computer. Contact Bill Prestwood with any questions: bprestwood@osl.cc or 806-626-5244.



WEEKLY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – All men are invited on **Wednesday** mornings in the Bible Class Room, at 6:30-7:30am, or join by **ZOOM** through <https://osl.cc/menalive>. Contact Channing Wood at channing@toddyblends.com.

PASTOR WHITE'S WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS is from 10:00-12:00 with a break in the middle. We are studying *Romans, Chief Part of the New Testament and the Very Purest Gospel*. Food and fellowship provided of course!

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS – Join us for the Word on the Web as we study 1 Corinthians, 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.

SHUT-IN MEMBER VISITS – *Do you know of someone that is not able to make it to church and wants a visit?* Please contact Pastor Cholak: 713-290-9087 or scholak@osl.cc.

CART CREW DRIVERS NEEDED! Please consider joining a Cart Crew Team! You must be 16 or older and have a valid driver's license. Please contact the church office 713-290-9087, or Andy Adams aadams@adamsins.com, to add your name to the list.

OSL
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March 28th, 2026

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GREETERS NEEDED to serve the Lord with gladness! Get to know your fellow church family. Call Garry Stuhr for information: 281-704-7129.

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

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

Men Alive Donuts & Coffee: Donuts are provided between church service and Sunday school and are a gift to all our congregation. We are grateful for Free Will offerings as they help the church by offsetting cost. Christ did not exclude the children from his Grace! Scan this QR Code or Search: menalive@osl.cc



The Stitches Fellowship Group will meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month, January – March, and will meet every week starting in April.

Calling for Cross-stitchers! If you are interested in helping make the Chrismon ornaments for our Sunday School children, we are looking for stitchers! The patterns are simple and we will provide you with the materials. If interested, please contact Sarah in the church office.

Baby Blanket Ministry: We give out baby blankets weekly to the Blue Bus. Thanks to all those who contribute! Call Ethelene to learn more: 713-542-7534.

Also, HCFL needs part-time Bus drivers! Call Christine: 713-395-1330.



Our Savior Lutheran at Prayer:

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Thank you for supporting and praying for **Pastor Wokoma** and his mission while he is in Houston along with any on-going support that you give. The purchases made with the collected gift cards will be shipped to the seminary in Africa for the 12 students and their families, **AS WELL AS** help Pastor Wokoma while he is visiting in Houston. He truly thanks you for the many blessings!

We're Growing...Teachers Needed!

Our Savior Lutheran School is seeking certified teacher candidates for the 2026–27 school year who are passionate about sharing Christ and excited to teach in a classical school environment. We are currently looking to fill the following positions:

- **Two Early Childhood teachers**
- **Two Logic School teachers**

Candidates should be LCMS members in good standing and interested in becoming part of our congregation. Those who are interested or would like to recommend a candidate are encouraged to contact:

Lynette Cherington – lcherington@oslschool.org

Jeanene Lunsford – jlunsford@oslschool.org



OUR SAVIOR
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We greatly appreciate recommendations from our congregation members!

Do you love to look at God's creation at night?

Are you interested in learning how to use a telescope and see planets, stars, and constellations? The Astronomy Club meets once a month (*usually during the new moon*) to look up at the stars and see God's handiwork. We have a **WhatsApp group - OSL Astronomy Club**. In this social media group, we will discuss times and dates for future events, communicate weather cancellations, plan trips to the George Observatory, and more! Join us with the QR code. Contact Bill Prestwood for further information.



OSL Astronomy Club
WhatsApp group



Texas Lutheran Men's Conference – April 17-19, 2026

Join us for the 2026 Texas Lutheran Men's Conference on "The Vocations of Man." Hear Pastors Steven Cholak, Brian Kachelmeier, and Bryan Wolfmueller speak about man as father, husband, and neighbor. Fathers are encouraged to bring their high school-age sons. The weekend includes worship, fellowship, and optional activities like disc golf, golf, and shooting in La Grange, Texas!
Information and registration: <https://www.stpaulaustin.org/retreat2026/>



*It is our pleasure to invite you to attend the Gala as our guest. A table of 12 has been tentatively reserved for **Our Savior Lutheran Church**. Our reservation deadline is Friday, April 10th.*

WHAT: 40 Days for Life National Gala featuring Glenn Beck

WHEN: Saturday, April 25, 5:30 p.m. cocktails, 7:00 p.m. dinner

WHERE: Houston Marriott Marquis (1777 Walker St)

RSVP: Register NOW at 40daysforlife.com/gala



MEASURE OF DEVOTION: Last week Sunday, we had 354 people in attendance (last year 368); online we had 786 viewers.

Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week	\$ 33,426.70
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 7	\$ 243,339.14
Tithes & Offerings needed each week	\$ 43,385.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 7	\$ 303,695.00
Special Contributions to date	\$ 94,794.04

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.” Malachi 3:10

Those To Serve:

	Today, Sunday, February 22, at 9:30 AM	Next Week, Sunday, March 1, at 9:30 AM
ELDERS:	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
USHERS:	Gobrogge Team	Symcox Team
SOUND:	Whiting	Witt
CARTS:	Kriegel Team	Work Team
ACOLYTES:	Julie Azzi / Clementine Bender	Anna Daniel / Sydney Leamon
ALTAR GLD:	Amanda Crabtree Team 5	—
COMM. ASST:	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman / Brian Nitsch	—
EVANGELISM:	Team 3 Kriegel	Team 5 Malson
GREETERS:	Team 3: Cherington / Guevara	TEAM 5: Friedrich / Kriegel
MUSIC:	Jubilate Choir / Cantate	Exultae Brass / Laudate Women’s Choir
VIDEO:	Adam White / Wesley White	Adam White / Wesley White

Those to Serve for Lent Wednesday

	Lent Wednesday, February 25, at 7:00 PM
ELDERS:	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman
USHERS:	Gobrogge Team
SOUND:	Whiting
CARTS:	Gavin Team
ACOLYTES:	Katrin Daniel / Harlow Schatte / Wesley White
EVANGELISM:	Team 2 Stuhr
GREETERS:	Team 4: Copeland / Downie
MUSIC:	Laudate Women’s Choir
VIDEO:	Adam White / Wesley White



**Lenten Meal in Bible Class Room,
February 25, 5:30–6:30pm
School Staff will serve:
Beef or Veggie Lasagna**

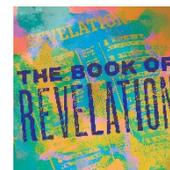
OSL at a Glance

Sunday, February 22, 2026

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

Monday, February 23, 2026

Young Adults Bible Study-YR	6:00pm	Youth Room
Revelation - Monday Night Bible Study	6:30pm	Bible Class Room



Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Parochial Ed-BC	7:00pm	Bible Class Room
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Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Men's Bible Study-BC	6:30am	Bible Class Room
Chapel - Sanctuary	8:15am	Sanctuary
Bible Class-BC	10:00am	Bible Class Room
Bulletin Deadline	12:00pm	Church Office
Lenten Supper - BC	5:30pm	Bible Class Room
Lenten Service	7:00pm	Church & online



Thursday, February 26, 2026

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

Friday, February 27, 2026

Overnight Campout	5:00pm	Church Property
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Saturday, February 28, 2026

Overnight Campout	12:00am	Church Property
GEMS YOUth in Mission-LWML -YR	10:00am	Youth Room



Sunday, March 1, 2026

Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Confirmation Class-YR	8:15am	Youth Room
Matins - Baptism Minois	9:30am	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45am	
Evangelism Meeting - EO	12:00pm	Evangelism Office
Exultae Brass-Choir Rm	12:00pm	Choir Room
Senior Youth (the 4:12)-YR	12:00pm	Youth Room

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Please plan to join us for the annual quiz night of fellowship and fun! Teams of 6 compete against each other in 10 rounds for the winning trophy. The event costs \$20/person to enter. The youth are also looking for individuals to sponsor a round for \$500. We are looking for at least TEN sponsors for the night. All proceeds go to help fund the high school summer trip. If you have questions, please reach out to Pastor Cholak. To register your team, visit: www.osl.cc/quiz-night. *May the best team win!*

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— **Save the Date!** —

Houston Coalition for Life
2026 Benefit Dinner & Auction

Friday, April 10, 2026

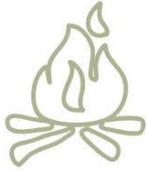
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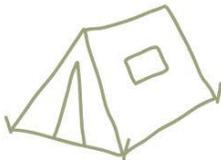
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OSL camp night



- games with friends (BYO)
- have fun with friends and meet new ones
- roast hotdogs & make s'mores
- bring food to share



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Bring your camping gear and spend the night under the stars on the beautiful OSL property! RV/trailer and/or tent spots are available, and restrooms and showers are accessible. Bring some outdoor games to play throughout the evening. Dinner will be provided and breakfast will be furnished by the school PTL.

You **MUST** be registered to join in, so please scan the QR code, email jlowery@osl.cc, or call the church office 713-290-9087 for help or questions.