



**Therefore  
be imitators  
of God,  
as beloved  
children ...**

**Ephesians 5:1, NRSV**

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*Our Savior Lutheran*

# *Third Sunday in Lent*

*Order of Holy Communion*

*In Nomine Jesu*



*Preservice Music*

*Ring of the Bells*

*Prelude*

*Invention 1*

By J. S. Bach

*Greetings & Announcements*

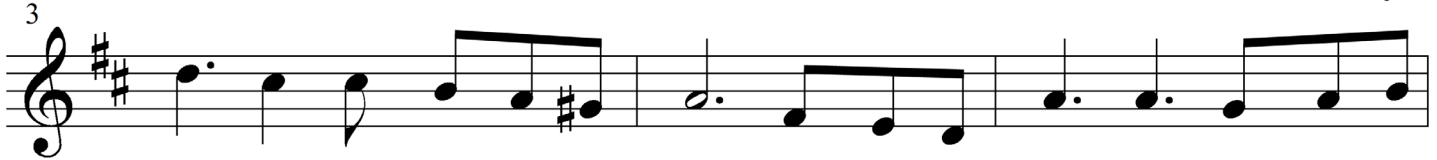
# Hymn of Invocation

## Blessed Assurance

Text & Tune: Fanny J. Crosby



1. Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! Oh, what a  
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per-fect de - light, vi - sions of  
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my



fore-taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of  
rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a -  
Sa - vior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -



God, born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood. This is my  
bove e - choes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
bove, filled with His good - ness, lost in His love.



sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sa - vior all the day long: this is my



sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sa - vior all the day long.

(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 Ghost.



**C** A - men.

(John 20:19-23)

(Stand)

## Introit


### “Oculi Mea Semper ad Dominum”

(Intoned by Laetare, with Congregation on Gloria Patri) (Psalm 25:1–2, 17–18, 20; antiphon: vv. 15–16)

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,\*  
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.  
Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,\*  
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.  
To you, | O LORD,\*  
I lift | up my soul.  
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;\*  
let not my enemies exult | over me.  
The troubles of my heart | are enlarged;\*  
bring me out of my dis- | tresses.  
Consider my affliction and my | trouble,\*  
and forgive | all my sins.  
Oh guard my soul, and de- | liver me!\*  
Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge in you.  
**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.**  
My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,\*  
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.  
Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,\*  
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

# Kyrie

(Mark 10:47)

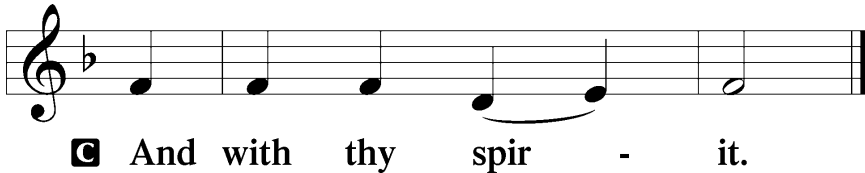


**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

(2 Timothy 4:22)

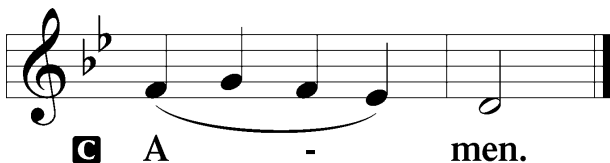
**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

## He Leadeth Me

Based on HE LEADETH ME by William B. Bradbury & the J. S. Bach Chorale Prelude on “Wachet Auf”; Setting by Janelle A. Clark  
Jubilate Choir

1. *He leadeth me, O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught,  
What e'er I do, where-e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.*
2. *Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, Nor ever murmur nor repine;  
Content whatever lot I see, Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.  
He leadeth me, He leadeth me! By His own hand He leadeth me.  
His faithful follower I would be. For by His hand He leadeth me.*
3. *And when my task on earth is done. When by Thy grace the vict'ry's won.  
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee since God through Jordan leadeth me.  
He leadeth me, He leadeth me! By His own hand He leadeth me.  
His faithful follower I would be. For by His hand He leadeth me.*

## Old Testament Lesson

### Exodus 8:16-24

[16] Then the LORD said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.’” [17] And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. [18] The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. [19] Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said. [20] Then the LORD said to Moses, “Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Let my people go, that they may serve me. [21] Or else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. [22] But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. [23] Thus I will put a division between my people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen.”’” [24] And the LORD did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants’ houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies.

*The plagues of Egypt became necessary because of the arrogant, stubborn opposition of Pharaoh to the Word of God. Again and again Moses demonstrated that the God of Israel was real and that the idols of Egypt were illusions invented by men. Sin causes us to reject the truth even when it is plain to see. Like Egypt's obstinate monarch we refuse to humble ourselves before the Lord. Modern idols of greed, power and pleasure are also helpless illusions that cannot bring real contentment. Let us turn to God today, acknowledging His power and trusting in His love.*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** *Thanks be to God.*

## *Gradual*

Psalm 9:19, 3

*(Intoned by Laetare)*

Arise, O Lord! Let not | man prevail;\*  
let the nations be judged be- | fore you!  
When my enemies | turn back,\*  
they stumble and perish before your | presence.

## *Epistle Reading*

Ephesians 5:1-9

[1] Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. [2] And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. [3] But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. [4] Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. [5] For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. [6] Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. [7] Therefore do not associate with them; [8] for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light [9] (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

*As God's dear children, try to be like Him." Christianity is a way of life based upon the truth and love of God. Those who "talk the talk" must also "walk the walk" or our pious sounding words are revealed to be empty hypocrisy. The love of Christ necessarily transforms who we are and how we live so that men may see the reality of God's holiness and compassion in the lives of His people. "As God's dear children, try to be like Him."*

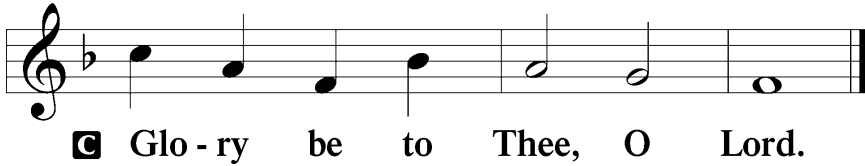
**P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** *Thanks be to God.*



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## Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

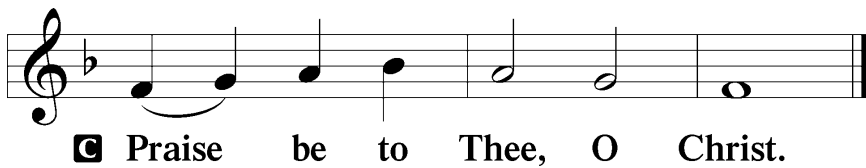


### St. Luke 11:14-28

[14] Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. [15] But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” [16] while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. [17] But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. [18] And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. [19] And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. [20] But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. [21] When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; [22] but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. [23] Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. [24] “When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ [25] And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. [26] Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.” [27] As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” [28] But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

*The miracles of Christ revealed His power as the Son of God. But the Lord reminded Israel that faith in their Savior was the greatest miracle of all. That faith is created and sustained by God’s Word. Accordingly, those who want to live and grow in their faith must be in constant, consistent contact with the means of grace, the Gospel in Word and sacrament. Jesus promises that thru this unfailing source of strength we will be empowered to believe and put our beliefs into practice in our daily life.*

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



## *Nicene Creed*

*I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
Begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made,  
Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made;  
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary  
And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried;  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures;  
And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead;  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.*

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

*(Be Seated)*

## Sermon Hymn

### Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness

Text: William Watkins Reid, Sr.; Tune: Alfred M. Smith – “Sursum Corda”; LSB #788 © 2006 CPH



1 For - give us, Lord, for shal - low thank - ful - ness,  
2 Teach us to thank You, Lord, for love and grace,  
3 For - give us, Lord, for self - ish thanks and praise,  
4 Teach us, O Lord, true thank - ful - ness di - vine,



For dull con - tent with warmth and shel - tered care,  
For life and vi - sion, for a pur - pose clear,  
For words that speak at var - i - ance with deeds;  
That gives as Christ gave, nev - er count - ing cost,



For songs of praise for food and har - vest press,  
For Christ Your Son, and for each hu - man face  
For - give our thanks for walk - ing pleas - ant ways  
That knows no bar - ri - er of “yours” and “mine,”



While of Your rich - er gifts we're un - a - ware:  
That shows Your mes - sage ev - er new and near.  
Un - mind - ful of a bro - ken broth - er's needs:  
As - sured that on - ly what's with - held is lost.

- 5 Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast,  
For joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul,  
For walls and wars that hide Your mercies vast  
And blur our vision of the Kingdom goal:
- 6 Open our eyes to see Your love's intent,  
To know with minds and hearts its depth and height;  
May thankfulness be days in service spent,  
Reflection of Christ's life and love and light.

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(Stand for Text)

## Sermon

Text: Psalm 136:1-9

"His Love Endures"

(Stand)

## Votum

## Offertory

(Psalm 51:10-12)



**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## Offering Prayer

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## Offering

# Voluntary

## Sursum Corda

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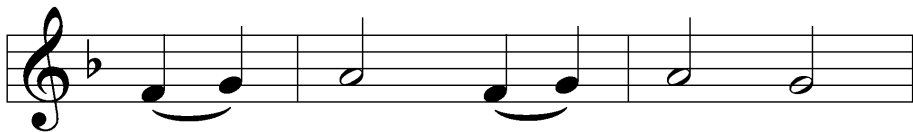
### Intercessory Prayer

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** *hear our 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)

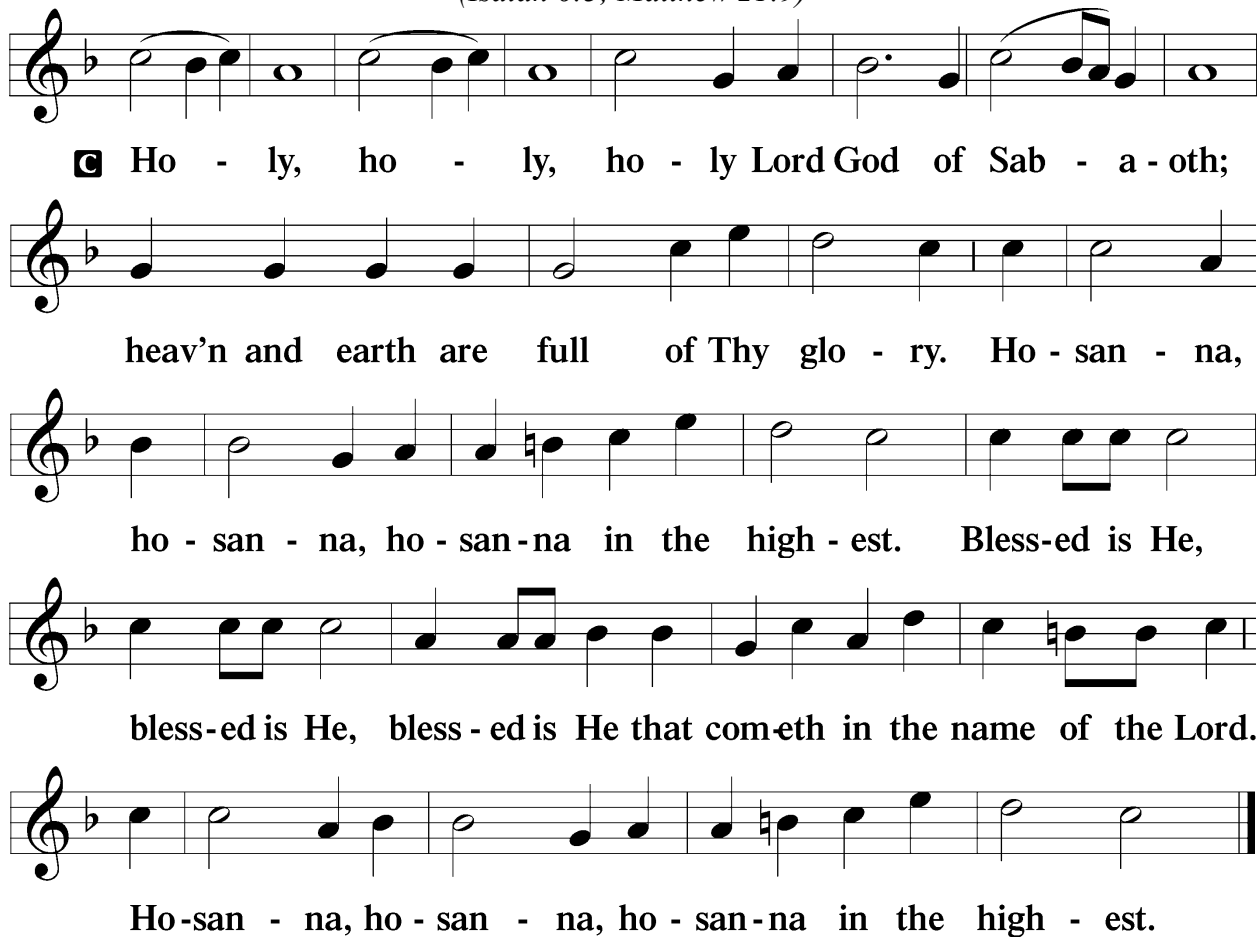


**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**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.

## 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)

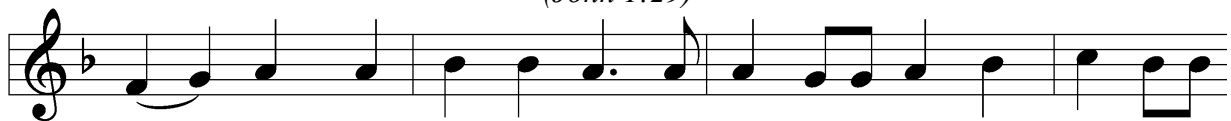
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

(John 1:29)



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)

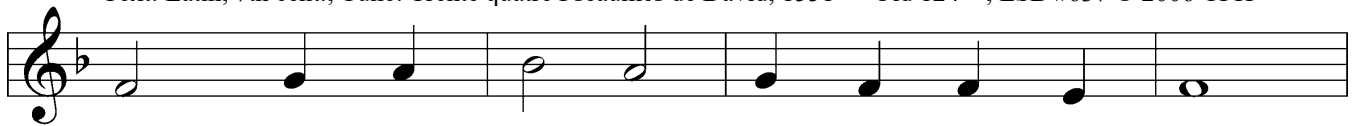
## Distribution

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## Distribution Hymns

### Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

Text: Latin, 7th cent.; Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551 – "Old 124<sup>th</sup>"; LSB #637 © 2006 CPH



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;  
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;  
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,  
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,  
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.  
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.



# Ministry of Music

## Ask and it Shall Be Given

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### Jubilate Choir

*Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:*

*Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:*

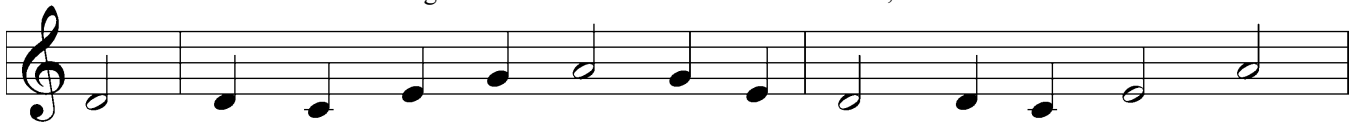
*For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.*

*Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:*

*Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you,  
and it shall be opened unto you. Amen.*

## What Wondrous Love Is This

Tune: setting: Donald A. Busarow – “Wondrous Love”; LSB #543 © 2006 CPH



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That  
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my  
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my  
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will  
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

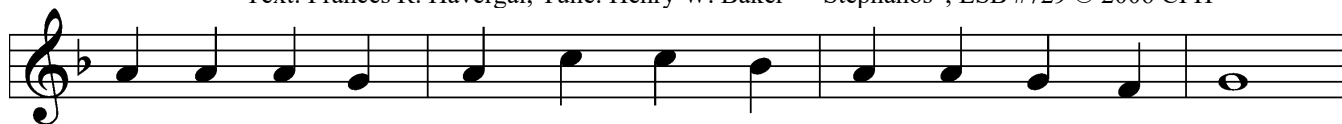


soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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# I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

Text: Frances R. Havergal; Tune: Henry W. Baker – “Stephanos”; LSB #729 © 2006 CPH



- 1 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, Trust - ing on - ly Thee;  
2 I am trust-ing Thee for par - don; At Thy feet I bow,  
3 I am trust-ing Thee for cleans - ing In the crim - son flood;  
4 I am trust-ing Thee to guide me; Thou a - lone shalt lead,



Trust - ing Thee for full sal - va - tion, Great and free.  
For Thy grace and ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.  
Trust - ing Thee to make me ho - ly By Thy blood.  
Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.

- 5 I am trusting Thee for power;  
Thine can never fail.  
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me  
Must prevail.
- 6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall.  
I am trusting Thee forever  
And for all.

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# *Nunc Dimittis*

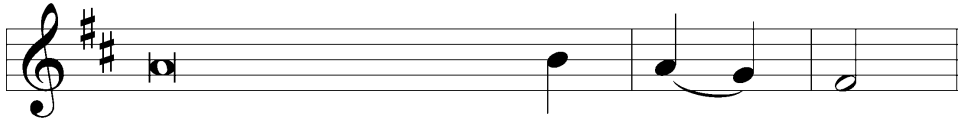
## Song of Simeon

(Luke 2:29-32)

**C** 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.

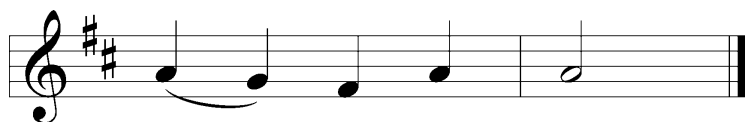
## Salutation and Benedicamus

**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.



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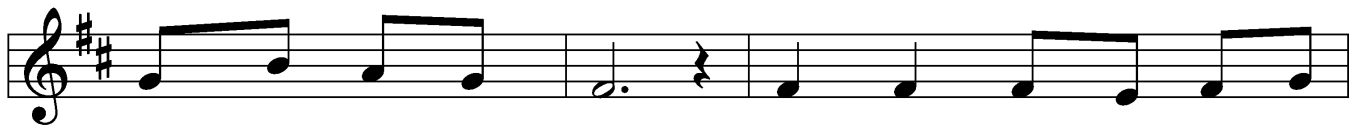
# Closing Hymn

## Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Tune: William B. Bradbury – “Bradbury”; LSB #711 © 2006 CPH



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we  
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the  
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and  
4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures  
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -  
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -  
let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.  
fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.  
lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



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# Welcome!

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

It is our heartfelt prayer that all who worships here this day may encounter the love of our Savior. According to His promise, He is here today reaching out to us in love through Word and Sacrament. If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you have found it here so that we may rejoice in serving the Lord together. If we can be of service to you or your family in any way please do not hesitate to ask.

**LIFE THOUGHTS/PRAYER:** Lent III (Oculi) – Children of light (Ephesians 5:8) need not hold back a word (Jeremiah 26:2), even when it becomes politically dangerous or elicits cultural hostility (Jeremiah 26:8). Indeed, we find great blessing (Luke 11:28) in lovingly shining the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ into the haunts of darkness and death. *Light of the World, let us walk and speak Your image as beloved children. 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 26, at 9:30 AM. “Let a man examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.” *1 Corinthians 11:28*

The Word of God teaches that the bread and wine of the Sacrament are the true Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. This precious gift of God’s grace is to be received in a sense of reverent awe after careful self-examination. The Bible defines that self-examination as a personal recognition of the real presence of Christ’s Body and Blood in the Sacrament, and a repentant acknowledgment of my own sinfulness recognizing my absolute dependence upon Christ as the only source of forgiveness for my sin. Scripture further instructs that our participation in Christ’s Body and Blood together is the most profound and powerful way for Christians to acknowledge their unity in the faith. That is to say, when we share in the Body and Blood of Jesus at this altar, we are thereby indicating our common commitment to all of the doctrines of God’s Word as they are taught in this congregation. Because of these Biblical convictions, we respectfully request that visitors, who wish to join us in receiving the Body and Blood of Christ and thereby identify with our confession of Bible truth, speak with one of our pastors before attending the Lord’s Supper.

## Get the OSL App...



**SERMON VIDEOS** are on our app or website at [www.OSL.cc](http://www.OSL.cc) (click MEDIA at the top). CDs of sermons are available for \$2 each. You may also request past sermons and special services.

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## Bible Class & Sunday School Options for all:

### **8:15 AM** –

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

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

### **10:45 AM** – Adults

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

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

**Women's Bible Study:** *Forgiveness: Received from God, Extended to Others*, by Donna (Pyle) Snow – Forgiveness is always personal. It's incredibly difficult to do. But it's never optional. Through this study, you will learn of the rich, life-altering teachings God's Word offers about forgiveness. Your heart will soften as you learn of Jesus' forgiveness for you. And, most important, you'll be encouraged to extend that same forgiveness to others. (Family Rm, 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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

7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – C105

6<sup>th</sup> Grade – C103

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – C113

3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – C116

1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – C115

Kindergarten – B107

3 & 4 yrs – B108

18 mos. – 3 yrs – B111





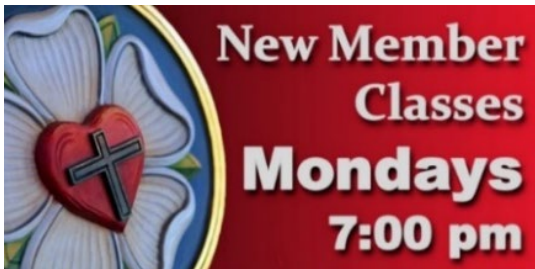
The flowers are given to the glory of God by Lyle & Karen Schmidt in loving memory of Kristen Schmidt; and by Deanie Stephens in honor of Bill's birthday.

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The Flower Chart is available to sponsor the church flowers for your special occasions! Each flower arrangement is \$45. You will find the flower clipboard on the hutch in the narthex. Remember to write a “W” if you want the flowers, or “S” to send them to the sick. Thank you!

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**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.



**Life With God – New Member Classes:** 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 is on Mondays, 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](mailto: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.

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

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

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

**Eyeglasses Needed!** LWML is collecting used eyeglasses to take to National Convention in June! MOST Ministries distributes eyeglasses to people in need overseas (as the laws in the US prevent secondhand distribution of prescription eyewear). Simply place your unneeded eyeglasses in the LWML collection basket near the information table in the Narthex. Thanks!

**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](mailto:aadams@adamsins.com), to add your name to the list.

**GREETERS NEEDED to serve the Lord with gladness!** Get to know your fellow church family. Call 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.

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



Don't Forget To Tithe!

*Use the OSL app, free in the App Store. No monthly fee -No set up fee -No hidden fees;*

*Lowest processing rates that continue to drop as your giving increases.*

*All credit and debit cards (including AMEX) are processed at 2.3% + .30 cents per transaction.*

*All ACH donations are 1% with no cents.*

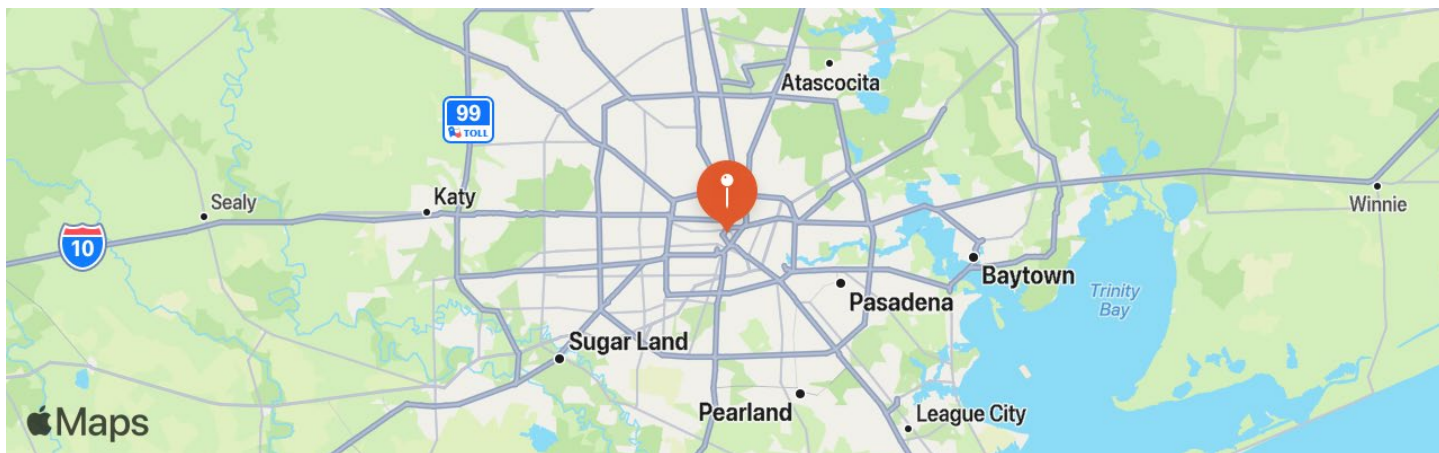
*There is also a "GIVE" link at the top of our website: [www.OSL.cc](http://www.OSL.cc)*

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# *A Note from Your Boards of Evangelism & Assimilation:*

## ***Evangelism:***

The membership map in the Narthex will remain staffed for the month of March. If you have not recorded your address, PLEASE do so! It is very helpful for the Board to know where our members live.



## ***Assimilation:***

We have a good number of folks attending the New Member Instruction Class. In an effort to quickly get them involved in the life of the church, we have developed a Sponsorship Program where current active members volunteer to sponsor them. This would mean; our current members will contact the new members, answer questions they might have, encourage their participation in activities at OSL, and generally be a friend to them. A training session will explain what we are attempting to do. We want to have this program in place by the end of March. If interested in serving, please email Robert O'Neill, our head of Assimilation, at [oneill\\_robert@yahoo.com](mailto:oneill_robert@yahoo.com) to answer any questions or to sign up.

*Thank you,*

***Garry Stuhr – Chairman of the Board of Evangelism***



**MEASURE OF DEVOTION:** Last Sunday, we had 448 people in attendance (last year 330), 289 viewers online. For Lent 2nd Wednesday, we had 121 (last year 161), 192 viewers online.

### Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week .....	\$ 34,258.15
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 10 .....	\$ 308,090.75
Tithes & Offerings needed each week .....	\$ 41,132.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 10 .....	\$ 411,320.00
General Fund Income to date .....	\$ 945,842.65
Special Contributions to date .....	\$ 124,491.63

*“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, March 12, at 9:30 AM	Next Sunday, March 19, at 9:30 AM
<b>ELDERS:</b>	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman
<b>USHERS:</b>	Halbert Team	Downie Team
<b>SOUND:</b>	Greenwood	Blake
<b>CARTS:</b>	Kriegel Team	Stephens Team
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Evan Wood / Tyler Wood	Sophie Bennett / Maja Stephens
<b>ALTAR GLD:</b>	Jeanene Lunsford Team	—
<b>COMM. ASST:</b>	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman	—
<b>EVANGELISM:</b>	Team 4 Karl	Team 5 Al
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Team 1	Team 3
<b>MUSIC:</b>	Jubilate Choir	Laudate Choir / Cantate
<b>VIDEO:</b>	Amélie Boerger / Chad Greenwood / Mitchell Stephens / Adam White / Wesley White	

	Lenten Wednesday, March 15, at 7:00 PM
<b>ELDERS:</b>	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman
<b>USHERS:</b>	Halbert Team
<b>SOUND:</b>	Greenwood
<b>CARTS:</b>	Gavin Team
<b>EVANGELISM:</b>	Team 4 Karl
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Aiden Kleb / Abigail White / Toni Willis
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Team 2
<b>MUSIC:</b>	Laudate Choir
<b>VIDEO:</b>	Amélie Boerger / Chad Greenwood / Mitchell Stephens / Adam White / Wesley White



## WEDNESDAY Supper

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm, Bible Class Room

*This week, the **Holy Smokers & Men Alive** will be serving:  
Chili, Jambalaya, Salad, & dessert.*

# OSL at a Glance

## Sunday, March 12, 2023

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

## Monday, March 13, 2023

Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML	9:00am	LWML
New Member Class-BC	7:00pm	Bible Class Room
Young Adults-YR	7:00pm	Youth Room

## Tuesday, March 14, 2023

<i>Braille</i>	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>Concordia LCMS</i>
<i>UH Campus Ministry</i>	<i>6:00pm</i>	<i>University of Houston Student Center South</i>
Trustees-BC	6:30pm	Bible Class Room
Parish Ed mtg-YR	7:00pm	Youth Room

## Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Newsletter Deadline		
Men's Bible Study-BC	6:30am	Bible Class Room
Bible Class-BC	10:00am	Bible Class Room
Bulletin Deadline	12:00pm	Church Office
Lenten Meal-BC	5:30pm	Bible Class Room
<b>Lenten Service</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Church &amp; online</b>

## Thursday, March 16, 2023

Prayer Request printing deadline	3:00pm	Church office
Evangelism Meeting - BC	6:00pm	Bible Class Room
Carillon Ringers	6:15pm	Choir Loft
Jubilate Choir	7:00pm	Choir Loft
Lutheran Confessions Bible Study-BC	7:00pm	Bible Class Room
Zoom Bible Study	7:00pm	<a href="https://osl.cc/the-word-on-the-web">https://osl.cc/the-word-on-the-web</a>

## Friday, March 17, 2023

St. Patrick's Day

## Sunday, March 19, 2023

Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Confirmation Class	8:15am	Youth Room
<b>Matins-Baptism</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Church &amp; online</b>
Sunday School	10:45am	
Exultae Brass	12:00pm	
Life Team Meeting-BC	12:00pm	Bible Class Room
Sr Youth Meeting	4:12pm	Youth Room



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**6TH ANNUAL QUIZ**  
**NIGHT**

*Friday,*  
**MAR 24**

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Doors open at: 06:00pm  
Game starts at: 06:30pm

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## *Order Easter Flowers*

Help celebrate the joy of our risen Christ with flowers in memory of, or in celebration of loved ones, or a special occasion. Your dedication will be printed in the Easter service bulletin. Fill out this form and turn it in to the church office (by mail, offering plate, or email: [sbaughman@osl.cc](mailto:sbaughman@osl.cc)). Each lily or mum is \$20.00. Checks are to be made out to OSL.

Flowers may be picked up after the Easter Service, or from the church office Tuesday–Friday, April 11-14. Dedication deadline for the bulletin is Palm Sunday, April 2.

Yes, I would like \_\_\_\_\_ plant(s) @ \$20.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication: \_\_\_\_\_

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# *Come worship with us this Lententide.*

as we consider our Lord's sacrifice, and as  
we confess that Jesus "has redeemed me,  
a lost and condemned person."

## **Lenten Wednesdays**

**March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 @ 7:00 pm**

A light meal is served in our downstairs

Bible Class Room from

5:30-6:30 pm (freewill offering)

## **Holy Week:**

**Palm Sunday:** April 2 @ 9:30 am

**Maundy Thursday:** April 6 @ 7:00 pm

**Good Friday Tenebrae:** April 7 @ 7:00 pm

## **Easter Sunday: April 9**

**Breakfast @ 8:00 am**

**Worship @ 9:30 am**

Kids Egg Hunt after service

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