

Our Savior Lutheran

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Order of Holy Communion

In Nomine Jesu



Preservice Music

Ring of the Bells

Prelude

The God of Abraham Praise

By J. Scott

Greetings & Announcements

Hymn of Invocation

The God of Abraham Praise

Text: Thomas Olivers; Tune: Hebrew – “Yigdal”; LSB #798 sts. 1-4, 8-9 © 2006 CPH



1 The God of A - br'ham praise, Who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 The God of A - br'ham praise, At whose su - preme com - mand
3 The God of A - br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
4 He by Him - self has sworn; I on His oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.
Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, To heav'n as - cend.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.
I shall be - hold His face; I shall His pow'r a - dore



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.
And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.
And sing the won - ders of His grace For - ev - er - more.

8 The God who reigns on high The great archangels sing,
And “Holy, holy, holy!” cry, “Almighty King!
Who was and is the same And evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Father, great I AM! We worship Thee!”

△ 9 The whole triumphant host Give thanks to God on high.
“Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!” They ever cry.
Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays:
All might and majesty are Thine And endless praise!

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(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

“Vindica Me, Deus”

(Intoned by Laetare, with Congregation on Gloria Patri) (Psalm 43:3–5; antiphon: vv. 1–2a)

Vindicate me, | O God,*

and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!*

For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.

Send out your light and your truth; let them | lead me;*

let them bring me to your holy hill and to your | dwelling!

Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my ex- | ceeding joy,*

and I will praise you with the lyre, O | God, my God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil with- | in me?*

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation | and my God.

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.

Vindicate me, | O God,*

and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!*

For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.

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, Watching Over Israel

Arranged by Greg Gilpin from the Oratorio "Elijah" by Felix Mendelssohn © 1997 Shawnee Press, Inc.

Jubilate Choir

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps.

Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee.

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps.

Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee. He slumbers not, sleeps not;

He, watching Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps.

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 22:1-14

[1] After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." [2] He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." [3] So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. [4] On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. [5] Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." [6] And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. [7] And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" [8] Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. [9] When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. [10] Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. [11] But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." [12] He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." [13] And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. [14] So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

The testing of Abraham upon Mount Moriah provides a dramatic preview of the sacrifice of the Son of God for the sins of the world. Abraham demonstrated his unconditional trust in God's love by his willingness to sacrifice his beloved son. In the same way, God has demonstrated the depth and power of His love for us in His willingness to offer up His beloved Son as the ransom price for our sins.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual

Psalm 143:9a, 10a; 18:48a, c

(Intoned by Laetare)

Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!*

Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!

[You] delivered me from my | enemies;*

you rescued me from the man of | violence.

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 9:11-15

[11] When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) [12] he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. [13] For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, [14] how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. [15] Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

Christ fulfills and perfects the ancient office of High Priest by offering Himself as the sufficient sacrifice for all sin. The priests of the Old Testament represented the people before God and God before the people. They were the mediators of the covenant. Jesus, true God and true man, completes that role having paid the price for sin by His death as He takes our place before the tribunal of divine justice.

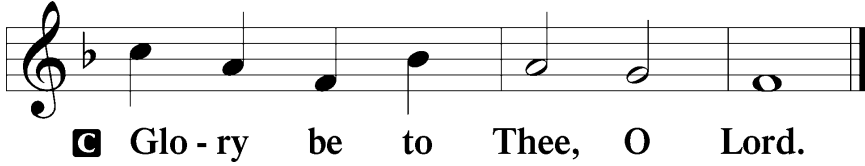
P This is the Word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

(Stand)

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



St. John 8:46-59

[46] “Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? [47] Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.” [48] The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” [49] Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. [50] Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. [51] Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” [52] The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ [53] Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” [54] Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ [55] But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. [56] Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” [57] So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” [58] Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” [59] So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

Faith in Christ is the decisive test of loyalty and obedience to God. No one can serve or obey God without that faith. There can be no neutrality here, no comfortable in between. Jesus is the one and only way of salvation. All who reject him have thereby rejected God and condemned themselves. Those who are God’s children will hear and heed His Word.

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

My Song Is Love Unknown

Text: Samuel Crossman; Tune: John N. Ireland – “Love Unknown”; LSB #430 © 2006 CPH



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
King. Then “Cru - ci - fy!” Is all their breath,
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!
And for His death They thirst and cry.
Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He To suff'ring goes That He His foes From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was His home But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend!

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(Stand for Text)

Sermon

Text: St. John 8:46–59

“Before Abraham Was”

(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

Ar Hyd Y Nos/Steal Away

arranged by Paul Steven Jones

Nathan Russ, Cello & August Baughman, French Horn

Catechism Hymn

To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

Text: Martin Luther; Tune: Wittenberg, 1524 – “Christ, Unser Herr”; LSB #406 st. 7 © 2006 CPH

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five lines of music, each with a measure number (3, 5, 7, 9) at the beginning. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with some phrasing slurs. The final line ends with a double bar line.

All that the mor-tal eye be-holds Is wat - er as we pour it.

Be - fore the eye of faith un-folds The pow'r of Je-sus' mer - it.

For here it sees the crim-son flood To all our ills bring heal - ing;

The won-ders of His pre-cious blood The love of God re-veal - ing,

As - sur - ing His own par - don.

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Catechism Lesson

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A lesson from 1 Peter 5:5 –

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Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

P How can water do such great things?

C *Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God, it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.*

(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)

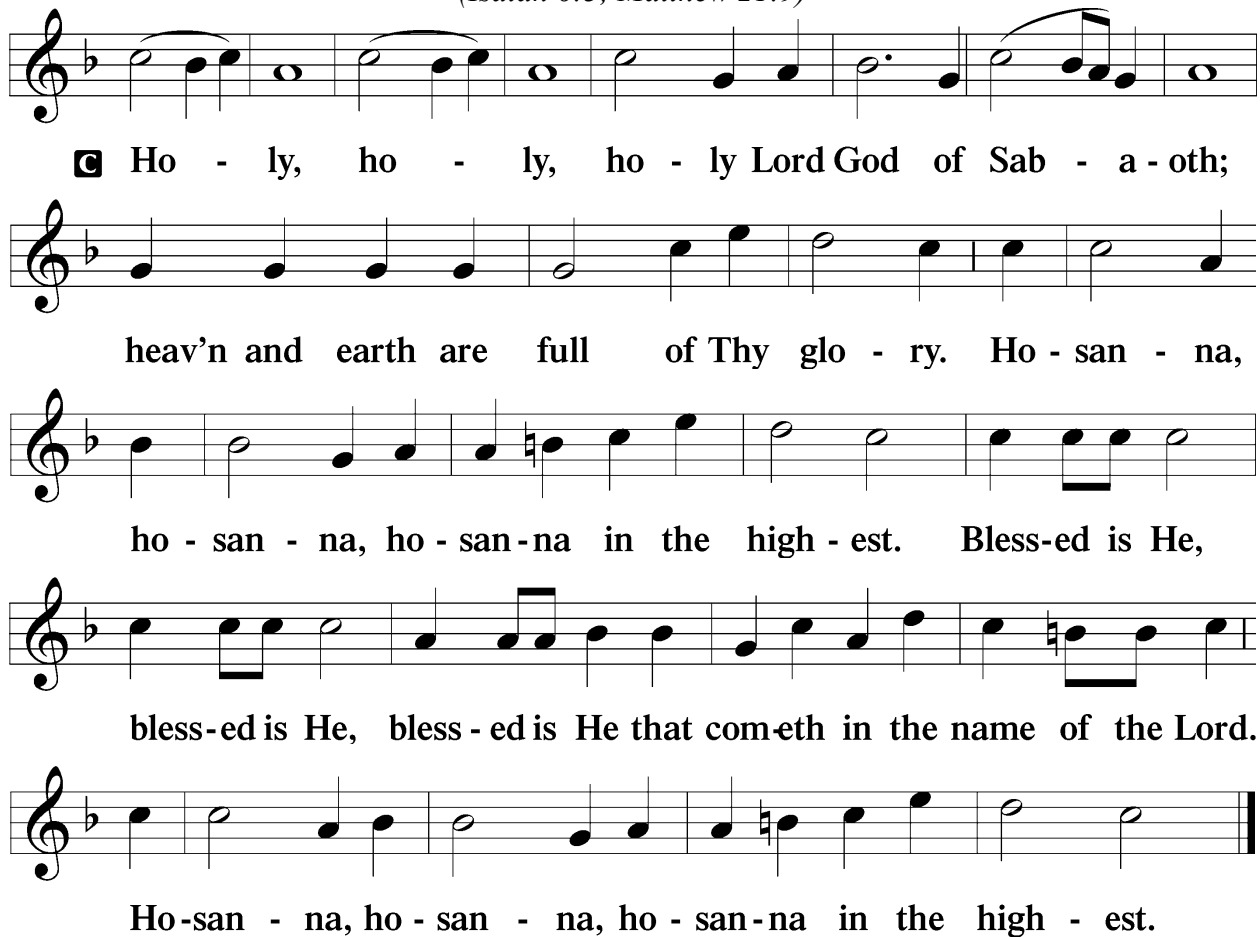


C It is meet and right so to do.

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.

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.

(Be Seated)


Distribution

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

Distribution Hymns

The Lamb

Text & Tune: Gerald P. Coleman – "Winter"; LSB #547 © 2006 CPH




1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His
own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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Ministry of Music

Remember Me

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Jubilate Choir

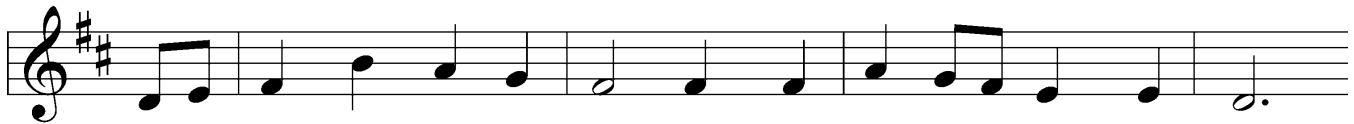
*Take this bread, take this wine, remember me.
Eat this bread, drink this wine, remember me.
This is my body, broken for you; this is the blood I shed.
Take them, eat them, and feed on me in your heart. Feed on me, and remember me.
Take this bread (Christ has died), take this wine (Christ is risen),
remember me (Christ will come again).
Eat this bread (take His body), drink this wine (take His blood), remember me.
Remember me. Remember me.*

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

Text: Horatius Bonar; Tune: setting: Felix Mendelssohn – “Munich”; LSB #606 © 2006 CPH



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.
He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.
His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;

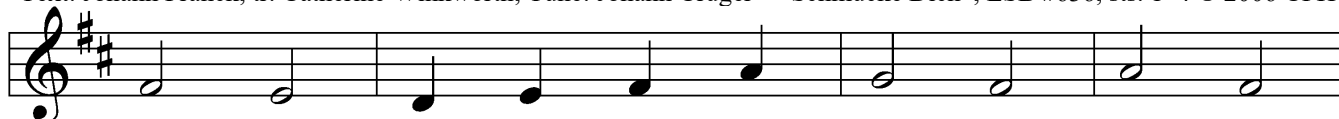


Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.
He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.
Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

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Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Text: Johann Franck, tr. Catherine Winkworth; Tune: Johann Crüger – “Schmücke Dich”; LSB #636, sts. 1–4 © 2006 CPH



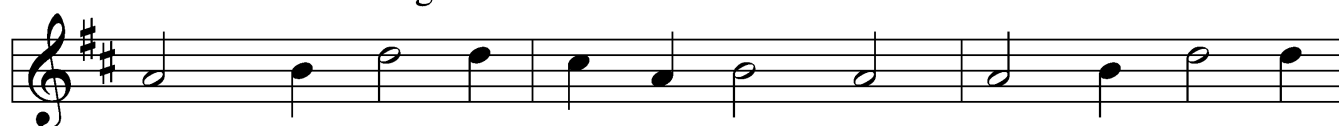
1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with
3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther
4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's
lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -
cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of
this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.
mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.
heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.
bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing
O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you
Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the
With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and
there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -
gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you
us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.
riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.
la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

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(Stand)

Nunc Dimittis - Song of Simeon

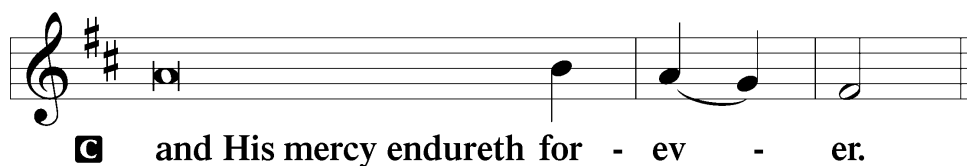
(Luke 2:29-32)



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.

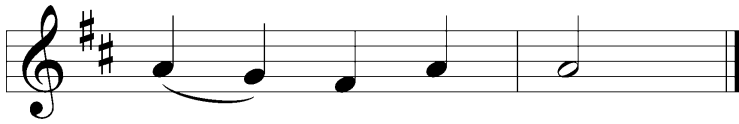
Salutation and Benedicamus

- 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.

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Closing Hymn

Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

Text: Steven P. Mueller; Tune: "Holy Manna"; LSB #540, sts. 1-4, 6 © 2006 CPH



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of
2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,
3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of
4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,
Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es
lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You
Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the
To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to
Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our
food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our
You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful
Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of



path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.
thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.
branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.
God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.

6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega, Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
Christ, the life and resurrection, Christ, the Church's glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration And unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit And to You eternally.

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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 V (Judica) – God’s gifts do not always make immediate human sense (John 8:48, 53, 57). What remains certain is that God is good and God gives. The Father who eternally gives Himself to the Son (John 8:42) and the Son who offers Himself to the Father in appreciative obedience (John 8:55) are the Holy Trinity who imparts this life-giving Spirit even where only death appears possible (Genesis 22:10). Trusting His Word and work releases from death’s threatening grip (John 8:51, Genesis 22:13). *Father, Son, and Spirit, guide us to trust Your Gospel that we may share in Your abundant life. 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 Maundy Thurs, 4/6 @ 7pm, and Easter 4/9 at 9:30 AM. “Let a man examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.” *1 Corinthians 11:28*

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

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Bible Class & Sunday School Options for all:

8:15 AM –

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

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

10:45 AM – Adults

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

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

Women's Bible Study: *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 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

5th Grade – C113

Kindergarten – B107

7th – 8th Grade – C105

3rd – 4th Grade – C116

3 & 4 yrs – B108

6th Grade – C103

1st – 2nd Grade – C115

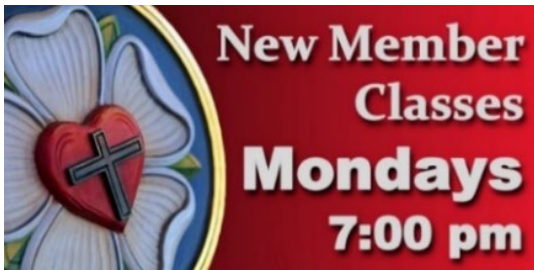
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The flowers are given to the glory of God by the Crabtree Family for God's blessings to the upcoming Confirmands; and by the Mushinski Family in loving memory of Virginia Mushinski's birthday today.

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

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



Life With God – New Member Classes: 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.

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 7PM. Go to: <https://osl.cc/the-word-on-the-web> to join the study. You need Zoom installed on your phone or computer with microphone and camera to participate.

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

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

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

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, 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.

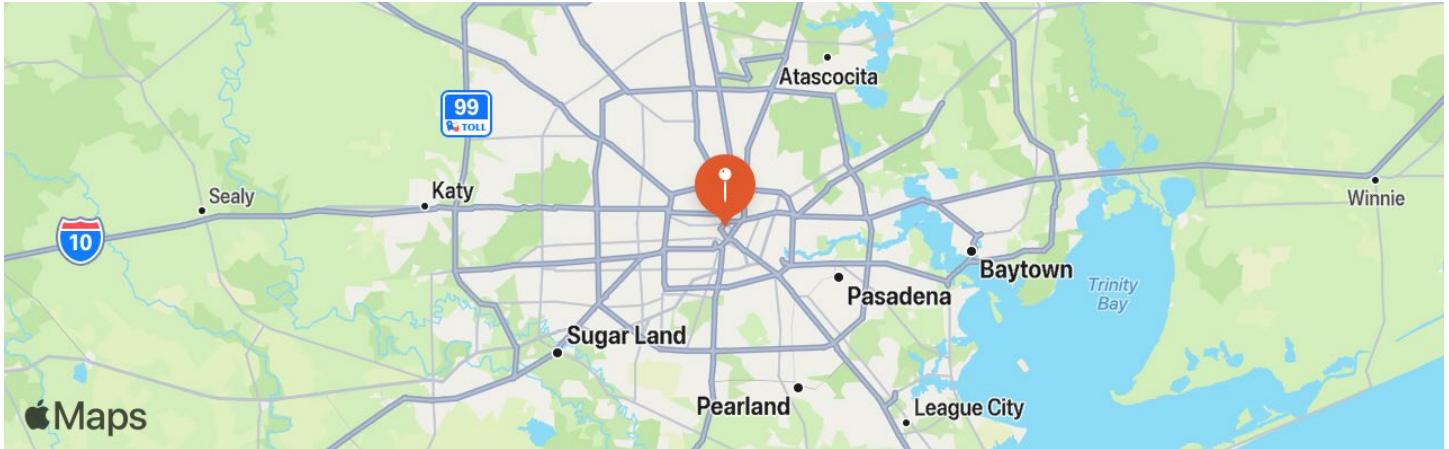
All ACH donations are 1% with no cents.

There is also a "GIVE" link at the top of our website: www.OSL.cc

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 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 339 people in attendance (last year 356), 285 viewers online. For Lent 4th Wednesday, we had 107 (last year 193), 220 viewers online.

Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week	\$ 20,245.00
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 12	\$ 362,052.31
Tithes & Offerings needed each week	\$ 41,132.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 12	\$ 493,584.00
General Fund Income to date	\$ 1,135,797.41
Special Contributions to date	\$ 133,256.13

“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 26, at 9:30 AM	Next Week, Palm Sunday, April 2, at 9:30 AM
ELDERS:	Chuck Hall/Scott Nitsch/Shawn Downie/Karl Baughman	Brad Whiting/Bradley Synnott/Glenn Frazier/Ken Thompson
USHERS:	Gobrogge Team	Lehr Team
SOUND:	Whiting	Witt
CARTS:	Pampell Team	Kriegel Team
ACOLYTES:	Emma Guevara / Summer Morrissey	Blake Farr / Lorenzo Gonzales / Giuliana Krieg / Kaden Resendez / Cade Witt
ALTAR GLD:	Lorie Moehlman Team	—
COMM. ASST:	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman	—
EVANGELISM:	Team 1 Lee	Team 2 Garry
GREETERS:	Team 5	Team 7
MUSIC:	Jubilate Choir / Nathan Russ & August Baughman	Jubilate Choir / Carillon Ringers
VIDEO:	Amélie Boerger / Chad Greenwood / Mitchell Stephens / Adam White / Wesley White	

	Lenten Wednesday, March 29, at 7:00 PM
ELDERS:	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman
USHERS:	Gobrogge Team
SOUND:	Whiting
CARTS:	Downie Team
EVANGELISM:	Team 1 Lee
ACOLYTES:	Abby Frazier / Lance Holman / Emma Witt
GREETERS:	Team 6
MUSIC:	Laudate Choir
VIDEO:	Amélie Boerger / Chad Greenwood / Mitchell Stephens / Adam White / Wesley White



WEDNESDAY Supper

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm, Bible Class Room

*This week, the **Elders** will be serving:*

Catfish Nuggets, Potato Salad, Green beans, Spring mix salad, & Lemon bars.

OSL at a Glance

Sunday, March 26, 2023

<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Confirmation Class	8:15am	Youth Room
Communion	9:30am	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45am	
Laudate-Choir Rm	12:00pm	Church Choir Room
LWML Spring Zone Rally-BC	1:30pm	Bible Class Room
Jr Youth Fusion-YR	4:30pm	Youth Room

Monday, March 27, 2023

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

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

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

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

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

Thursday, March 30, 2023

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

Friday, March 31, 2023

Confirmation Questioning	7:00pm	Church
Confirmation Reception-BC	8:00pm	Bible Class Room

Saturday, April 1, 2023

Men Alive-A101	8:30am	cafeteria
Confirmation Rehearsal & Pictures	10:00am	Church

Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023

Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Confirmation Class	8:15am	Youth Room
Palm Sunday Festival with Confirmation	9:30am	Church & online
Processional Drama	10:45am	Outside
Sr Youth Meeting	4:12pm	Youth Room



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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The Elders will be serving:

*Catfish Nuggets, Potato Salad, Green beans, Spring mix salad,
& Lemon bars,*

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm, in the Bible Class Room.





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). 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: _____



Holy Week: **Live Action Dramas** *following the Worship Services* **Palm Sunday, April 2 @ 9:30 am**



Maundy Thursday
April 6 @ 7:00 pm

Lord's Supper Drama @ 6:40pm
in Narthex, before the service
Gethsemane Drama @ 8:00 pm



Good Friday-Tenebrae

April 7 @ 7:00 pm

Crucifixion Drama @ 8:00 pm,
outside on the hill

Easter Sunday

April 9 @ 9:30 am

See the women find the empty tomb and then
encounter the Risen Christ.

He is RISEN! He is RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

Want to be part of the ACTION? Contact Channing Wood: 281-236-8105

