

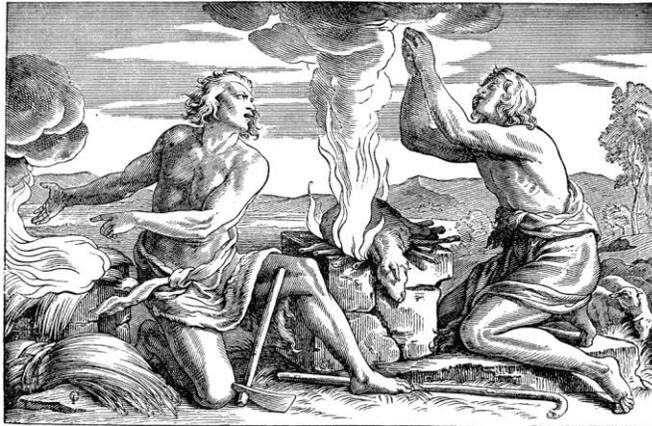
“Cain and Abel” by Alessandro Rosi

Our Savior Lutheran

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Holy Communion

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Prelude

BEFORE YOU, LORD, WE BOW

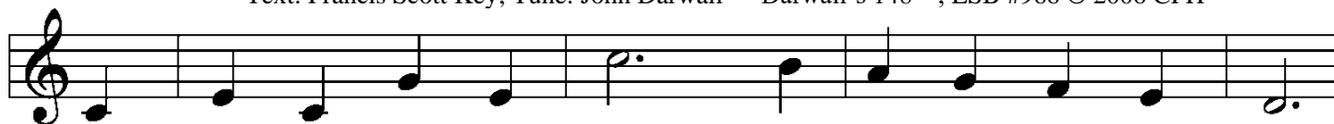
By C. Callahan

Greetings & Announcements

Hymn of Invocation

BEFORE YOU, LORD, WE BOW

Text: Francis Scott Key; Tune: John Darwall – “Darwall’s 148th”; LSB #966 © 2006 CPH



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove
2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,
3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;



And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks
From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor - ship Him a - lone. Cast down



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.
'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.

5 And when in pow'r He comes,
Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs
Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng,
With joy to sing
To heav'n's high King
Salvation's song!

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(Stand)

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

(Kneel)

Confession of Sins

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C *But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C *O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserve your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all of my sins and grant me the power of your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.*

Pronouncement of Forgiveness

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C *Amen.*

(Stand)

Introit

“CUM TIMEO, SPERAVI IN TE”

(Intoned by Laetare – Psalm 56:10–13; antiphon: Psalm 56:3)

When I | am afraid,*
I put my | trust in you.
In God, whose | word I praise,*
in the LORD, whose | word I praise,
in God I trust; I shall not | be afraid.*
What can man | do to me?
I must perform my vows to you, | O God;*
I will render thank offerings | to you.
For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from | falling,*
that I may walk before God in the | light of life.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
When I | am afraid,*
I put my | trust in you.

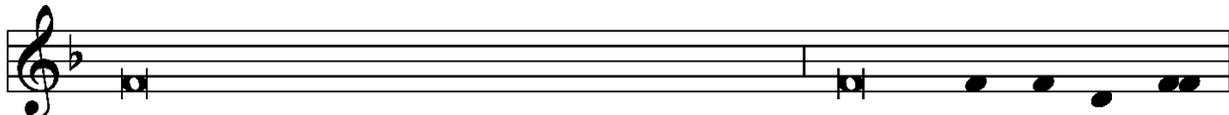
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



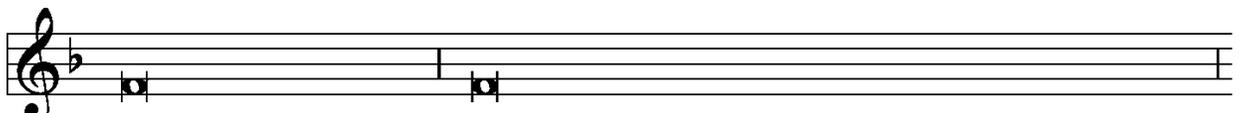
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



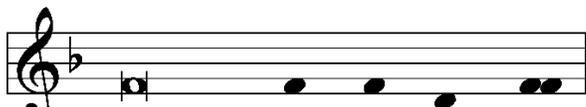
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



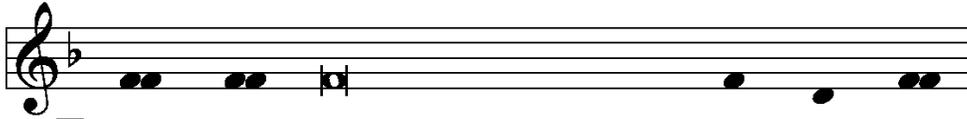
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - - men.

Hymn of Praise

(Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9)



C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

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lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Wor - thy is

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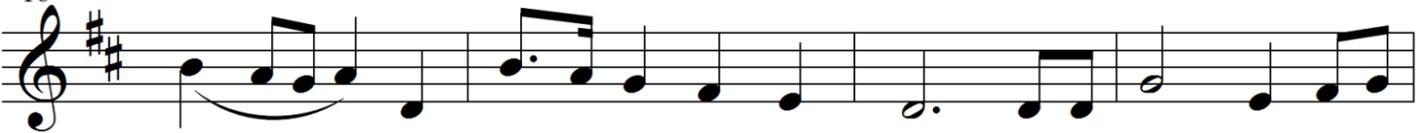
Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

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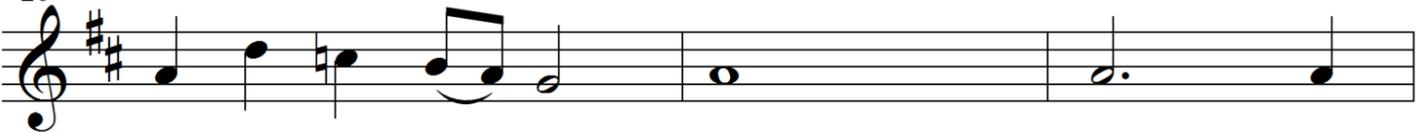
free to be peo - ple of God. This is the

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

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lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Pow - er,

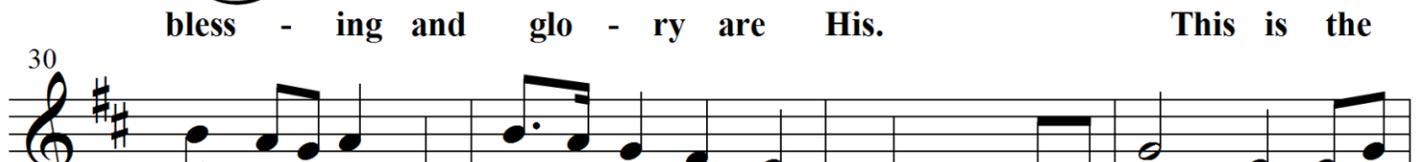
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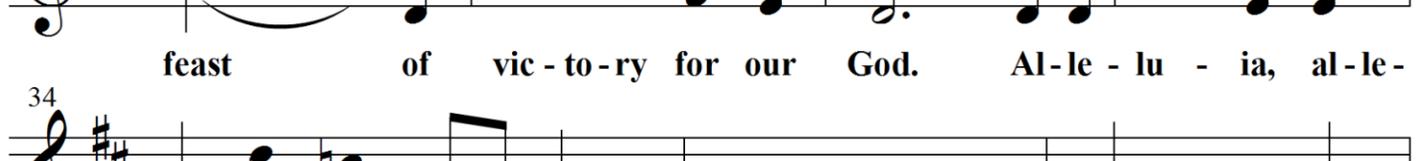


rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or -

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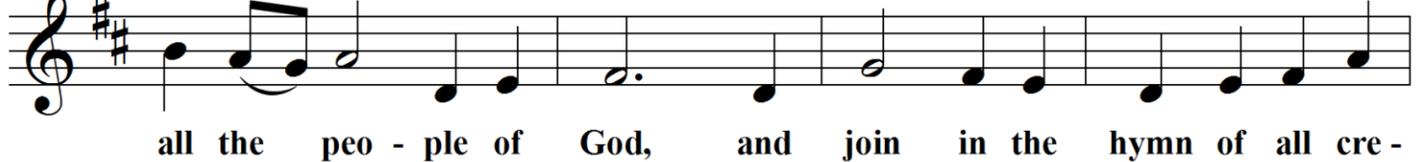
 bless - ing and glo - ry are His. This is the

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

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

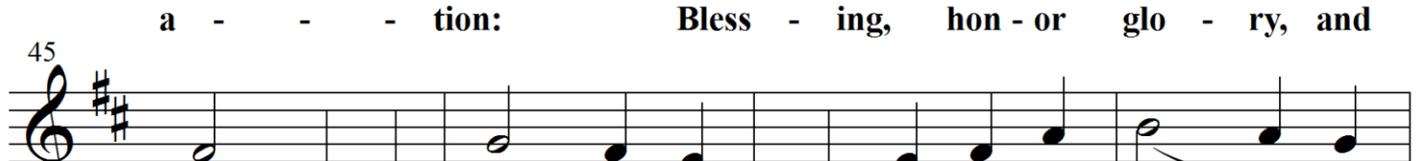
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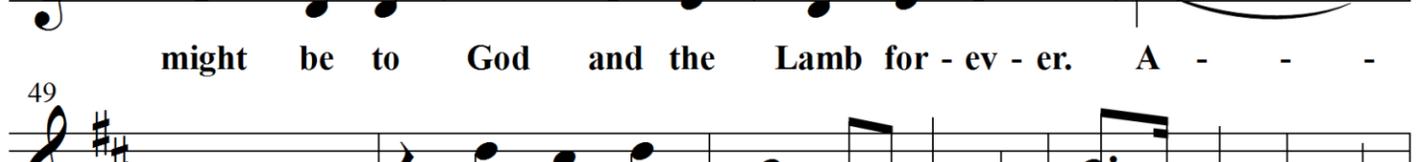
 all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre -

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

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

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

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

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For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His

61

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

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

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lu - ia, al - le lu - - - ia.

Collect of the Day

(2 Timothy 4:22)



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy; forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid; and give us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except by the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *Amen.*

(Be Seated)

Ministry of Music

OUR LORD REIGNS

by Stan Pethel

Jubilate Choir

*Our Lord reigns, let all the earth rejoice, let the islands of the sea be glad, come people, lift your voice!
Righteousness and judgment shall remain, the heavens declare his glory for our Lord reigns. (Repeat)
A fire goes before him burning unbelief, All idols fall before him, slain by heaven's heat. For you, O Lord, are
worthy; before you all shall bow and worship you forever as King of Glory now! (Repeat beginning)
Our Lord reigns!*

Old Testament Reading

GENESIS 4:1-15

[1] Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord." [2] And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. [3] In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, [4] and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, [5] but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. [6] The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? [7] If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it." [8] Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. [9] Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" [10] And the Lord said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. [11] And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. [12] When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." [13] Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. [14] Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." [15] Then the Lord said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

Who knows the extent and weight of a Divine curse, how far it reaches, how deep it pierces? Only in Christ are believers saved from it, and inherit the blessing. Cain was cursed from the earth. He found his punishment where he chose his portion, and set his heart. Abel, being dead, yet speaks. He tells the heinous guilt of murder, and warns us to stifle the first risings of wrath, and teaches us that persecution must be expected by the righteous. Also, that there is a future state, and an eternal recompense to be enjoyed, through faith in Christ and his atoning sacrifice. And he tells us the excellency of faith in the atoning sacrifice and blood of the Lamb of God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual

(Intoned by Laetare – Psalm 91:11; 103:1)

He will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.
Bless the Lord, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

Epistle Reading

2 TIMOTHY 4:6–8, 16–18

[6] For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. [7] I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. [8] Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. [16] At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! [17] But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. [18] The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

As the aged St. Paul reflects on his life and work in a lonely prison cell, he does not hide his disappointment at being left to stand alone. Nor does he hide his satisfaction over having had the privilege to serve his Lord. The fight he has fought has been a good one. He is certain that as he has been faithful to the Lord, the Lord will be more than faithful to him. That is the confidence of all who have ever experienced the Lord's standing by them and giving them strength.

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

(Stand)

Alleluia and Verse

(St. John 6:68)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

ST. LUKE 18:9-17

[9] [Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: [10] “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. [11] The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. [12] I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ [13] But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ [14] I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” [15] Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. [16] But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. [17] Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

The parable of the Pharisee and the Publican concisely illustrates the attitude of faithfulness that pleases the Lord. It is an attitude that begins with seeing oneself realistically and honestly, that does not pretend. What the Father desires is not perfection, nor even near-perfection. What he desires is the will to serve him well and the honesty to admit one cannot do it.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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

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

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

(Be Seated)

Sermon Hymn

AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?

Text: L. L. White; Tune: Alexander C. Ewing – "Ewing"; Te Deum #40 © 2016 OSL



1. "Am I my broth-er's keep-er?" the mur-der-er re-plied, While
2. The crav-en pol-i-ti-cian, caved in be-fore the mob, Which
3. E-va-sions and ex-cus-es, the mark of guil-ty fear; Since
4. Sin deals in death and ang-er, in an-guish and in pain; The
5. Sin drove men from the Gar-den, a-lone in life and death; Ban-
6. Christ Je-sus is our broth-er, as A-bel was to Cain. Christ



from the ground near E-den, did A-bel's life-blood cry, The
screamed to cru-ci-fy Him, lest Pi-late lose his job, No
Ad-am in the Gar-den, who hid when God came near; With
in-no-cent are pun-ished, as wealth and pow-er reign. The
ished from our Cre-a-tor, the Source of life's own breath. Sin
is His broth-er's keep-er, to bear our guilt and pain; To



Reap-er's fa-tal har-vest al-read-y had be-gun, Cain
wat-er in a bas-in, could cleanse his guil-ty stain, This
false-hood and de-fi-ance, men seek to hide their sin; But
blood of slaugh-tered vic-tims cries out a-cross the years; Sin's
doomed to i-so-la-tion, a crea-ture made for love; As
shed His blood like A-bel, to take His broth-er's blame; That



struck down his own bro-ther, now peace on earth was done.
judge cared not for jus-tice, but on-ly his own gain.
none es-cape God's judge-ment, or des-p'rate fear with-in.
leg-a-cy of tor-ment, of mourn-ing, grief, and tears.
Cain was cursed to ex-ile, from men and God a-bove.
we might all be broth-ers, to-geth-er in Christ's Name.

(Stand for Text)

Sermon

TEXT: GENESIS 4:1-15

“PERMANENT PARTNERS – SIN & DEATH”

(Stand)

Votum

Offertory

(Psalm 104:14-15; Isaiah 25:6; 1 Corinthians 5:7)

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Offering Prayer

(Be Seated)

Offering

Voluntary
HYMN TO JOY
Catechism Hymn

THESE ARE THE HOLY TEN COMMANDS

Text: Martin Luther; Tune: German, 13th cent. – “In Gottes Namen Fahren Wir”; LSB #581; vss. 11, 12 © 2006 CPH

11. You have this Law to see there - in
12. Our works can - not sal - va - tion gain;

2
That you have not been free from sin
They mer - it on - ly end - less pain.

3
But al - so, that you clear - ly see
For - give us, Lord! To Christ we flee,

4
How pure toward God life should be. Have mer - cy, Lord!
Who pleads for us end - less - ly. Have mer - cy, Lord!

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Catechism Lesson

- P** A lesson from Romans 13:2 –
- C** *Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.*
- P** What does God say about all these commandments?
- C** *He says: “I the Lord your God, am a jealous God, Punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.”*
- P** What does this mean?
- C** *God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear his wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what he commands.*

(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 al - so with you.

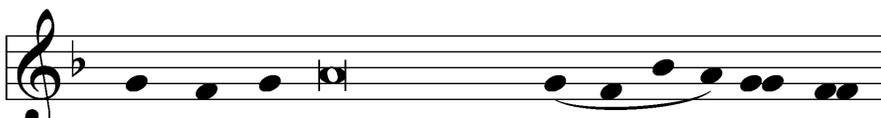


P Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(Psalm 136)



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

(Isaiah 6:3; St. Matthew 21:9)



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

(St. Matthew 6:9-13)

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

Words of Institution

(St. Matthew 26:26-28)

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

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

Pax Domini

(St. John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

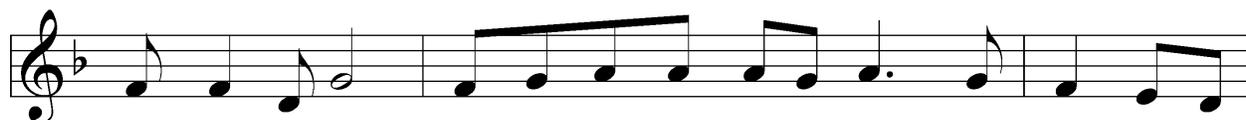
C *And also with you.*

Agnus Dei

(St. John 1:29)



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



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



sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Be Seated)

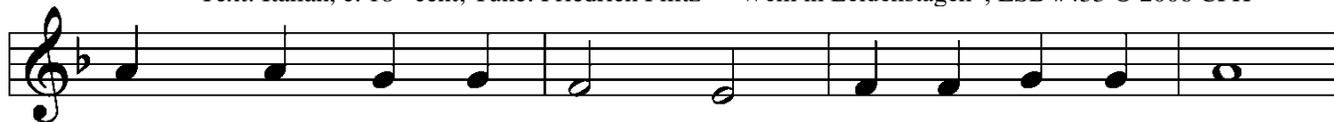
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Distribution Hymns

GLORY BE TO JESUS

Text: Italian, c. 18th cent; Tune: Friedrich Filitz – “Wem in Leidenstagen”; LSB #433 © 2006 CPH



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

- 5 Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!

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Ministry of Music

I WILL DWELL IN YOU

by Cynthia Gray
Jubilate Choir

*O Lord, I am not worthy that you should come to me. I am weak and in need, with no strength except in thee.
So I come before this altar with grave humility.
And when I eat this food, this holy food, I am touched and healed by thee.
Take and eat. Take and drink. Do this when you remember me.
For I am with you all the while, Put your hope in me. Trust in me. Come to me. Know my mercy has no bounds.
So, take and eat. Take and drink. I will dwell in you. (Repeat)
I will dwell in you. (Jesus loves me this I know.)*

THE SMOKE ROSE UP BEFORE GOD'S THRONE

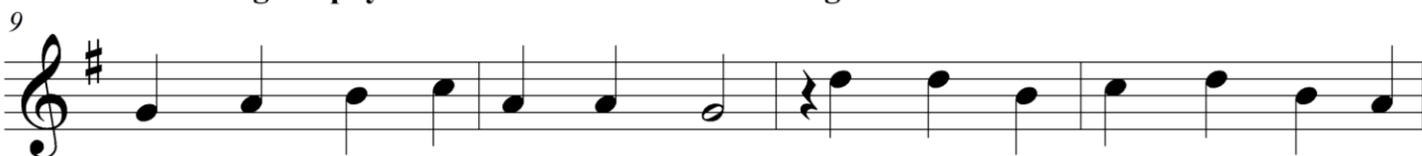
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1. The smoke rose up be - fore God's throne, An of - f'ring made by
2. From A - bel's al - tar in - cense sweet. As - cend - ed to the
3. The blood on an - cient al - tars shed Could not have crushed the
4. In Christ it is not death to die, He has pre - pared a
5. There - fore, let us re - joice this day, And un - to God glad



Christ a - lone. To still the righ - teous Jud - ge's wrath That
Mer - cy seat. By faith, for - give - ness had been won; E'en
Ser - pent's head. But on - ly Christ, the Lamb of God, Could
place on high: For each and all who are His own A
hom - age pay. Now let our songs as in - cense rise To



men might walk on heav - en's path. God of - fered up His on - ly
for him, fal - len A - dam's son. He trust - ed in God's prom - ise
smash the fa - tal ty - rant's rod. Up - on the cross our Sav - ior
man - sion near the gold - en throne, Where we shall dwell in heav - n'ly
join with throngs be - yond the skies; Where Je - sus reigns our Lord and



Son, The one great sac - ri - fice — was done.
sure. That God would yet pro - vide — sin's cure.
died, That we might all be glo - ri - fied.
light As faith has giv - en way — to sight.
King. E - ter - nal life His own — to bring.



MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE

Text: Ray Palmer; Tune: Lowell Mason – “Olivet”; LSB #702 © 2006 CPH



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
 My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
 Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
 love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
 trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

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(Stand)

Post-Communion Canticle

THANK THE LORD



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *Amen.*

Benediction

(Numbers 6:24-26)

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



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

Closing Hymn

JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

Text: Henry Van Dyke; Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven – “Hymn to Joy”; LSB #803 © 2006 CPH



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.
Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di - vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

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Postlude

HYMN TO JOY

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Soli Deo Gloria!

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: We shall dwell in your house forever, O God, and seek to live upright and blameless lives in Christ Jesus, our guide. You show us your mercy; Christ teaches us justice; we live by your Spirit, who enlightens our way. Blessed Trinity, you do not forsake us; we can walk with integrity because of your love. Hear our glad praises as we enter your sanctuary; you are worthy of all glory your children can bring. 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, November 13 @ 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 CLASSES & 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)

Bethel Bible Series: We are proud to be Christians following in the footsteps of Martin Luther's teachings of Scripture alone, grace alone, and faith alone through Christ alone. Our focus is based solely on the Bible. It alone is our rule and guide. The Bethel class is now studying the Old Testament which serves as a foundation for studying the New Testament. If you have never studied the Bible or would like to sharpen or improve your overall knowledge level then please consider joining the Bethel Class. (Herb Peterson, C102)

Women's Bible Study: As a Christian, you face the pressure and stressors of the world daily. You look for rest at every turn—rest from your job, family drama, personal struggles—but the only true rest can come from Christ. Michelle Diercks invites you to find His *Promised Rest* by studying eight different names and characteristics of God. This study will feature a new name or characteristic of God along with its pronunciation and a biblical fact about it. Learn how you can, and should, cling to God's names during times of anxiety and hardship. (Family Room, Church)

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

The Early Church: The history of the first four centuries of the early Church, exploring how God guided and sustained the first Christians, and what it means for us today. (Karl Baughman, Cafeteria)

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS AS LISTED – 10:45 AM –

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

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

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



The flowers are given to the glory of God by Bob & Pat Wottrich in honor of their 58th wedding anniversary on 10/24; and by David & Nancy Carter in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary on 10/11.

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

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



Young Adults—Mondays—7PM—OSL Youth Room: This group is young adults (both married and single). We meet on Monday evenings at 7PM in the 4:12 Lounge (the Youth Room). We’ll have snacks and refreshments as we gather to study and visit. Please tell your friends!

WEEKLY MEN’S BIBLE STUDY –All men are invited on Wednesday mornings in the Bible Class Room, at 6:30-7:30 a.m. Contact Channing Wood at channing@toddyblends.com.

PASTOR WHITE’S WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets from 10:00-12:00, and we are studying *Romans, Chief Part of the New Testament and the Very Purest Gospel*. Make Bible study a regular part of your schedule. Food and fellowship provided of course!

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS – Join us for the Word on the Web as we study Matthew’s Gospel on Thursdays at 6PM. Go to: <https://osl.cc/the-word-on-the-web> to join the study. You need Zoom installed on your phone or computer with microphone and camera to participate.

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

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



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



It is time to plant our fall garden with the Early Childhood scholars. We need volunteers to help with the preparing, planting, and maintenance of our garden. You can help with as little or as much as you want; there is a place for all volunteers. Please reach out to Lynette Cherington at: lcherington@oslschool.org, or call the school office at 713-290-8277 if you would like to help.



THE OUR SAVIOR SCHOOL YEARBOOK is accepting advertisements for the current school year. If you would like to buy space for an ad in this year's yearbook, contact Dirk Kemnitz at: dkemnitz@oslschool.org. Ad space starts at \$50.

CART CREW DRIVERS NEEDED! Please consider joining a Cart Crew Team! You must be 16 or older and have a valid driver's license. Please contact the church office to add your name to the list.

GREETERS NEEDED to serve the Lord with gladness! Get to know your fellow church family. Call Pastor Krieg for information: 713-290-9087, ext 209.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for audio-visual ministries: If you would like to learn from a "hands on" perspective, call 713-290-9087, leave your name, number, and we will contact you. No experience needed.

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

STAMPS – Cheerful Helpers are collecting stamps trimmed to ¼". Please put them in the mailbox in Pastor White's Bible Class Room. – Sandi Hall, Human Care Chairman.

Greeting Cards are available in the Bible Class Room. Each box is \$6 or \$7. Make checks payable to OSL, with Circle of Grace in the memo.

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JOBS – Toddy, Inc. Winery, Distillery, Brewery and Event Venue is currently hiring for the following positions: Daiquiri Store Attendants, Bartenders, Bar-Backs, Servers, Drivers, Salesmen and Cooks. Send resume to recruiter@toddyoaks.com, located at 20120 Franz Rd, Katy, TX 77449.

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MEASURE OF DEVOTION: Last Sunday, we had 389 people in attendance (last year 327), 385 viewers online.

Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week	\$ 23,304.16
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 42	\$ 1,389,719.29
Tithes & Offerings needed each week	\$ 39,769.23
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 42	\$ 1,670,307.66
General Fund Income to date	\$ 3,243,192.86
Special Contributions to date	\$ 621,945.10

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

Please use your assigned envelopes which are mailed to you, and have your number on them. That way we can be sure you are properly credited for ALL your contributions. Thank You!

Those To Serve:

	Today, October 23, at 9:30 AM	Next Sunday, October 30, at 9:30 AM ~ Reformation
ELDERS:	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie
USHERS:	Gobrogge Team	Lehr Team
SOUND:	Whiting	Witt
CARTS:	Adams Team	Pampell Team
ACOLYTES:	Summer Morrissey / Maja Stephens	Dane Crook / Jules Crook / Aiden Kleb / Janiah Thomas / Emma Witt
ALTAR GLD:	Amanda Crabtree Team	—
COMM. ASST:	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie	—
EVANGELISM:	Team 4 Karl	Team 5 Al
GREETERS:	Team 1	Team 2
MUSIC:	Jubilate	Arpeggio Brass / Jubilate
VIDEO:	Amélie Boerger / Chad Greenwood / Mitchell Stephens / Adam White / Wesley White	



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OSL at a Glance

Sunday, October 23, 2022

<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Bible Class	8:15 am	Bible Class Room
Confirmation Class	8:15 am	Youth Room
Communion	9:30 am	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45 am	
Baptism	12:00 pm	Church
Laudate	12:00 pm	Church Music Room
Jr Youth Fusion-A101	4:30 pm	Cafeteria A101
Coed Volleyball	6:00 pm	Gym



Monday, October 24, 2022

Young Adults-YR	7:00 pm	Youth Room
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Tuesday, October 25, 2022

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

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Men's Bible Study-BC	6:30 am	Bible Class Room
Bible Class-BC	10:00 am	Bible Class Room
Bulletin Deadline	12:00 pm	Church Office
F.A.S.T. Supper-A101	5:30 pm	Cafeteria A101
F.A.S.T. Classes	6:30 pm	

Thursday, October 27, 2022

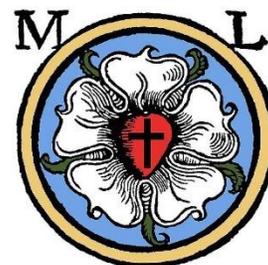
Prayer Request printing deadline	3:00 pm	Church office
Zoom Bible Study	6:00 pm	https://osl.cc/the-word-on-the-web
Carillon Ringers	6:15 pm	Choir Loft
Jubilate Choir	7:00 pm	Choir Loft

Saturday, October 29, 2022

Lutherfest Setup	9:00 am	Outside Pavilion Area
LWML Joy Day	9:00 am	Bible Class Room

Sunday, October 30, 2022 ~ Reformation Sunday

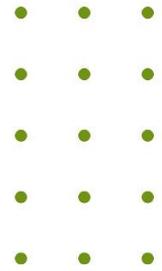
Bible Class	8:15 am	Bible Class Room
Confirmation Class	8:15 am	Youth Room
Festival Service	9:30 am	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45 am	
Reformation Lutherfest	12:00 pm	Gym & Pavilion Area



Wed, Oct 26 @ 6:30pm, in the Cafeteria, OSL Life Team



presents



DR. RON GELLIS

DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL SERVICES

Following his years working as a psychologist in a drug rehabilitation prison, Dr. Gellis accepted a commission into the United States Navy to be stationed at the Naval Drug Rehab Center (NDRC). While at the NDRC he also taught at the Naval Drug and Alcohol Counseling School (NDACS) and the Naval Hospital in San Diego.

Following the Vietnam War, he participated in helping to discover the relationship between trauma and substance abuse before PTSD was even a formal diagnosis. Upon leaving the Navy, Dr. Gellis organized, directed, and consulted with multiple rehabilitation treatment facilities demonstrating his life calling to treat and help those with Addiction, Trauma, and Co-Occurring Disorders.

Dr. Gellis currently serves as Chair of the Faith-Based Working Group for the Orange County Veterans and Military Families Collaborative (OCVMFC) vetting psychologists for Saddleback Church. He has a MA in Developmental Psychology, a MA in Educational Psychology, and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. He also has six years of Psychoanalytic Training, and is an Unbeatable Mind Coach. For fun, he has played Division I Soccer, has run 20 marathons and competed in at the CrossFit Games for three years as a Masters Athlete. For over 20 years he has also taught scuba diving, and been an award-winning underwater photographer. Dr. Gellis has a depth of expertise joined with the PTSD Foundation mission, adds a new level to the overall care we are able to provide.

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F.A.S.T. Fall

Fellowship And Study Together

Wednesdays, October 26 – November 9

Supper: 5:30pm in the School Cafeteria

(This week is Meatballs, Spaghetti, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, and Dessert)

Class: 6:30pm

Evening Prayer: 7:35pm

Classes:

Pastor Cholak -
The Book of Ephesians

Pastor Krieg -
Heresies in the Church

Bruce Blake -
Life Issues with Dr. Ron Gellis, Oct 26

Lynette Cherington -
Households of Faith

Amanda Halbert -
Teen LWML "Shine" Study

Sarah Baughman -
Emotions and the Gospel

***Would you like more
information?***

Please contact Pastor Cholak at
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SMALL GROUP STUDY

In LHM's *Households of Faith* video study, you'll learn how to apply spiritual disciplines, extend hospitality, and engage in spiritual conversations so you can transform your household into a more open and engaging place where God's love is shared, and people are encouraged to learn more about Jesus.

Reformation Fall Festival

Sunday, October 30

Worship Service • 9:30 am

Church Sanctuary with Choir, Bells & Brass

Sunday School • 10:45 am

Lutherfest • 12:00 – 3:00 pm

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We are asking the various church groups of our school and congregation to decorate a car, and provide treats for the kids! Individuals are welcome to submit a car & treats as well! Guidelines and Entry Form are here:

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Festive attire & appropriate costumes are welcome!



Bring your family and friends, young and old, and fun for all!

You can help with Trunk or Treat by donating bags of candy, snacks, or trinkets to the church office. Thanks!