

LOVE IS PATIENT,  
LOVE IS KIND.



*1 Corinthians 13:4*



*Our Savior Lutheran*

# *Quinquagesima*

*Order of Matins*

*In Nomine Jesu*



*Music for Meditation & Prayer*

*Ringling of the Bells*

*Prelude*

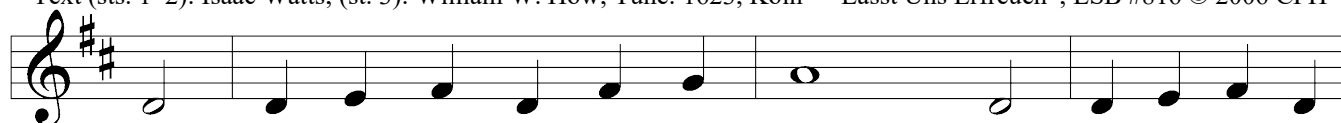
Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*Greetings & Announcements*

# Hymn of Invocation

## From All That Dwell Below the Skies

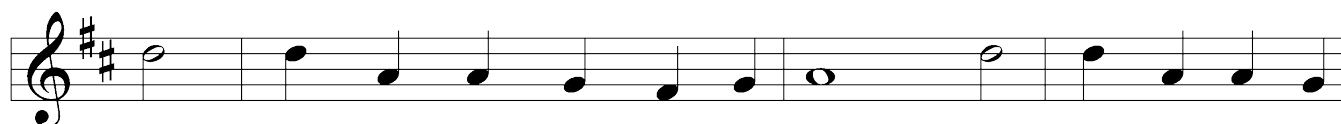
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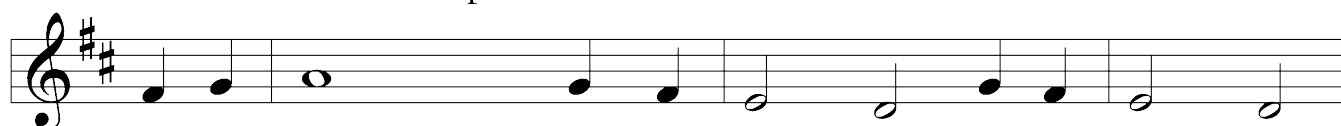
1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's  
2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -  
△ 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal



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



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



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



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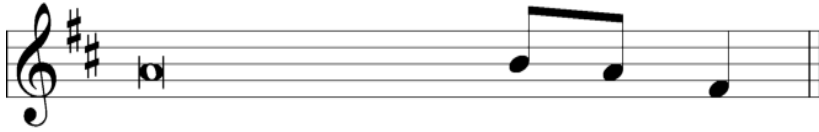
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## Versicles

**P** O Lord, open thou my lips,

(Psalm 51:15)



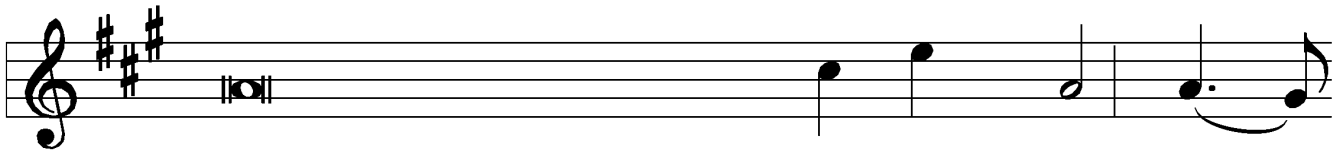
**C** And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

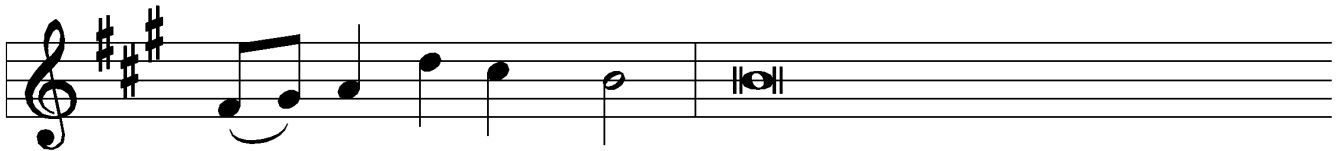
(Psalm 70:1)



**C** Make haste to help me, O Lord.



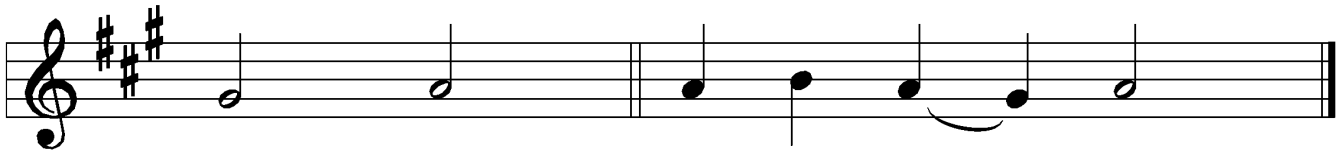
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and



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



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



A - men.

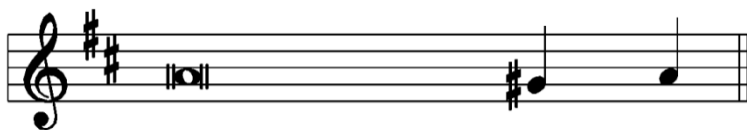
Al - le - lu - ia!



# Invitatory

**P** Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:

(Psalm 95:6)



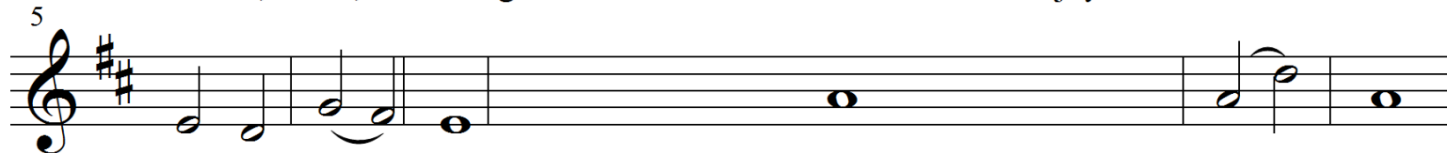
**C** For He is our Mak - er.

## *Venite Exultemus Domino*

Psalm 95:1-7



Oh, come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come before His presence with thanks - giv ing:



and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God:



and a great King a - bove all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth:



the strength of the hills is His al - so. The sea is His, and He made it:

32 and His hands formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and bow down:

39 let us kneel before the Lord, our Mak - er. For He is our God:

46 and we are people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

50 Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

57 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with-out end. A - men.



WE ARE THE  
OF HIS *people*  
*pasture,*  
AND THE *sheep*  
OF HIS *hand.*

PSALM 95:7

# *Psalmody*

## “Sit Petra Refugium Mihi”

*(Intoned by Pastor; with Congregation for the Gloria Patri; Psalm 31:1, 5, 9, 16; antiphon: vv. 2b–3)*

Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,\*  
a strong fortress to | save me!  
For you are my rock and my | fortress;\*  
and for your name’s sake you lead me and | guide me.  
In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;\*  
in your righteousness de- | liver me!  
Into your hand I commit my | spirit;\*  
you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.  
Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am | in distress;\*  
my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body | also.  
Make your face shine on your | servant;\*  
save me in your | steadfast love!  
**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.**  
Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,\*  
a strong fortress to | save me!  
For you are my rock and my | fortress;\*  
and for your name’s sake you lead me and | guide me.



(Be Seated)

# Hymn of the Day

## Son of God, Eternal Savior

Text: Somerset T. C. Lowry; Tune: 1710, Amsterdam – “In Babilone”; LSB #842 © 2006 CPH



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and  
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for  
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us  
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;  
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,  
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in  
Free-ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the  
Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of  
Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your  
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards  
toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered  
will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.  
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.  
thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

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# Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 35:3-7

[3] Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. [4] Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." [5] Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; [6] then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; [7] the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

*When the world, which lies in wickedness, shall be laid in ruins, and Israel, which persisted in infidelity, shall become a desolation, then the Gospel shall be preached and made to flourish. The weak shall be encouraged. Miracles shall be wrought both on the souls and on the bodies of men. The gospel church shall be brought at last to endless joy. Thus do we find more of Christ and heaven in this chapter than one would have expected in the Old Testament.*

**P** But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



**C** Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

## Ministry of Music

### Sing a New Song to the Lord

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Laudate Choir

*Join to rejoice, lift up your voice, sing a new song to the Lord!  
Harmonies fair, filling the air, sing a new song to the Lord!  
Let one and all answer the call: music and melody raise;  
God to adore forevermore with joyful anthems of praise!  
Come, chant with delight, canticles bright to God Almighty!  
Sing songs of good cheer, echoing clear, to God the Lord!  
Now instruments bring, trumpet and string, this day of days,  
the Lord God to adore forevermore with songs of praise!  
With thanks, O God, for blessings all, our heritage we now recall;  
With grateful hearts we pledge anew to sing your song our whole life through.  
In ev'ry land begin the song; To ev'ry land the strains belong;  
In cheerful sounds all voices raise, And fill the world with loudest praise.  
(repeated)  
God to adore forevermore with glad songs of praise!*

# Epistle Reading

## 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

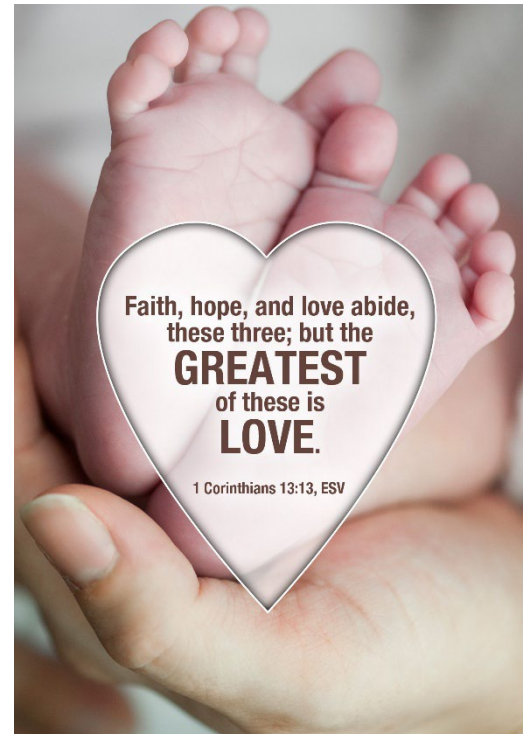
[1] If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. [2] And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. [3] If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. [4] Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant [5] or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; [6] it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. [7] Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. [8] Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. [9] For we know in part and we prophesy in part, [10] but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. [11] When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. [12] For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. [13] So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

**P** But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



**C** Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

*God is love, love that is undeserved and unearned. The Bible calls that love - "grace." God loves because it is His nature to love. God calls us as His people to live in that same self-sacrificing love, that is, to live graciously. Whatever we do should be motivated by love that gives while demanding nothing in return. By loving in that way we reflect and demonstrate God's love for us in Jesus Christ.*





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# Gospel Reading

St. Luke 18:31-43

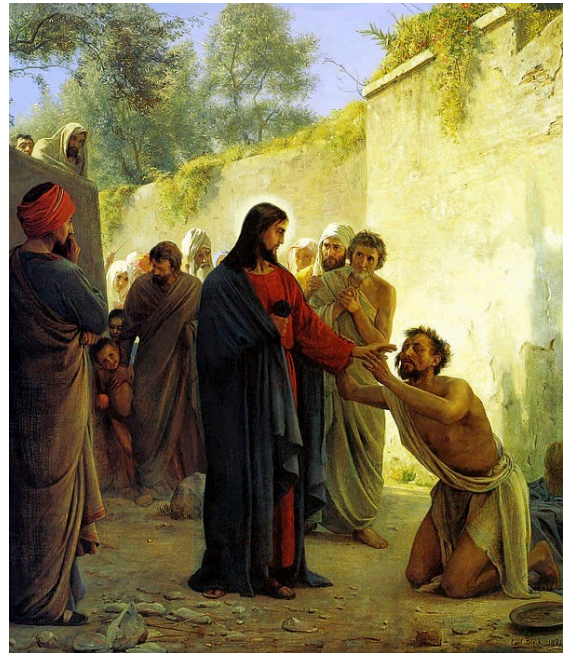
[31] Taking the twelve, [Jesus] said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. [32] For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. [33] And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.” [34] But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. [35] As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. [36] And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. [37] They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” [38] And he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” [39] And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” [40] And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, [41] “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me recover my sight.” [42] And Jesus said to him, “Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.” [43] And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

**P** But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



**C** Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

*The disciples were perplexed. They followed Jesus because they believed that He was the promised Messiah of Israel. They expected Him to reign as King, achieving, wealth, glory and power. Instead their Master was rejected and scorned by most of the important people in Israel. Now, Jesus warned them that humiliation, suffering and death on a cross would be the climax of His ministry. God's way is not the way of the world. Every believer must learn each day from the Savior whose kingdom was not of this world and whose throne was the cross.*

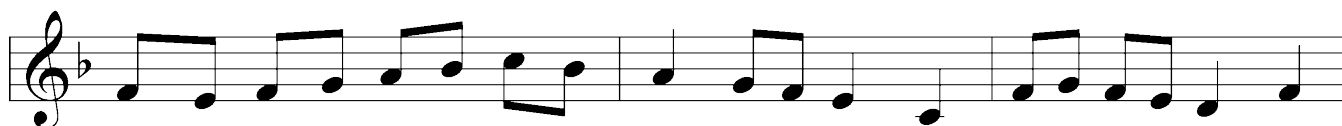


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# Baptism Hymn

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

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1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized  
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized  
3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized  
4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized  
5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life - long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:  
in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness  
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in  
E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



treas - ures man - y? I have one worth  
con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
font I've trav - eled, All your might has  
dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance  
waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -





more than an - y That brought me sal -  
did re - lease me In a dear for -  
come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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## *Sacrament of Holy Baptism for* Vivienne Caroline Wood

# *Sermon Hymn*

## Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

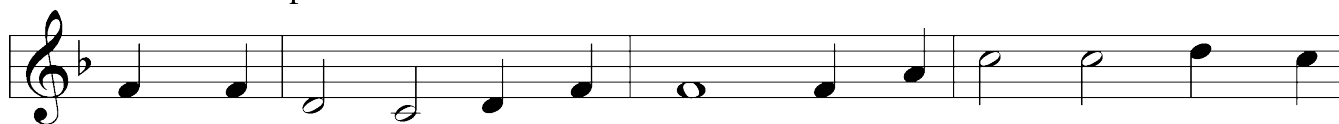
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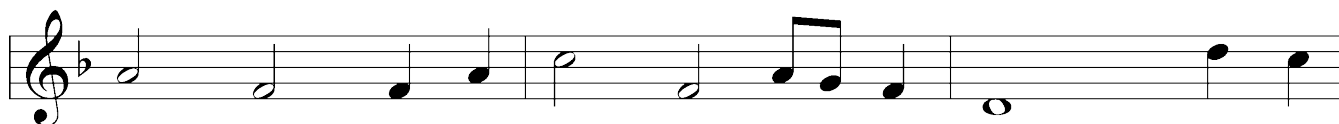
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
With the pierc - ing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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*(Stand for Text)*

## *Sermon*

Text: St. Luke 18:31–43

“Jesus, Son of David, Have Mercy on Me”

*(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 Only by Grace

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Laudate Choir

1. *It's only by grace that I believe and only through faith that I receive from God above a gift of his love, so that I can be saved by grace.*

*Only by grace pure and free, God's Son has died for me. Now heaven's my home to be, and it's only by grace!*

2. *It's only by grace I'm set apart and only through faith within my heart.  
I'll follow your ways and sing you my praise out of thanks for your gift of grace. (Refrain)*

3. *It's only by grace that I'm forgiv'n and only through faith will I see heav'n.  
It's where I will be for eternity 'cause I know I am saved by grace! (Refrain)*

4. *I deserved death, but Jesus took my place. Now I have eternal life, and it's only by grace! (Refrain)  
It's only by grace!*

# Catechism Hymn

## To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

Text: Martin Luther; Tune: 1524, Wittenberg – “Christ, Unser Herr”; LSB #406, st. 5 © 2006 CPH



5 To His dis - ci - ples spoke the Lord, “Go out to  
ev - ’ry na - tion, And bring to them the liv - ing Word  
And this My in - vi - ta - tion: Let ev - ’ry - one a -  
ban - don sin And come in true con - tri - tion  
To be bap - tized and there - by win Full par - don and  
re - mis - sion And heav’n - ly bliss in - her - it.”

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# Catechism Lesson

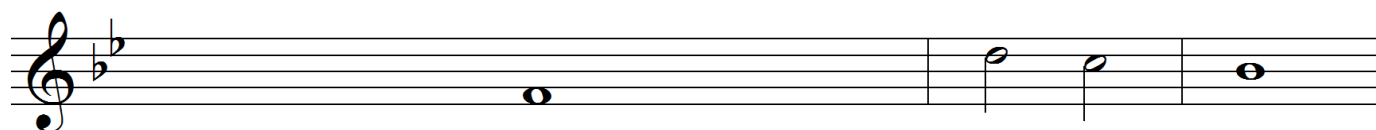
- P** How can water do such great things?
- C** *Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God’s word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God, it is a Baptism, 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.*
- P** A lesson from Galatians 3:26-27 –
- C** *“[F]or in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”*

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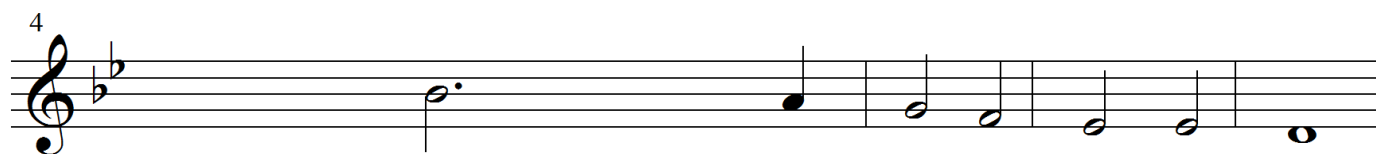
## Canticle: Te Deum Laudamus



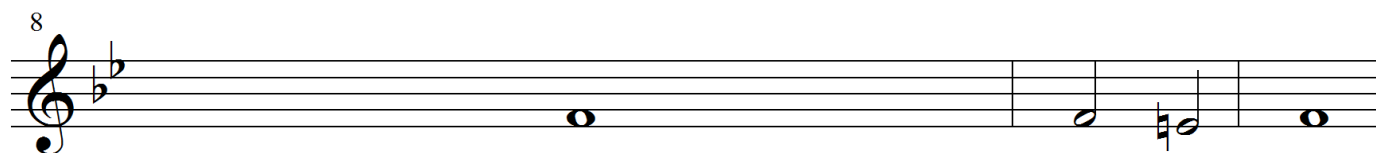
("We Praise Thee O Lord" is one of the most ancient and glorious hymns of the Church. Tradition indicates that it was composed by Ambrose of Milan on the occasion of the baptism of St. Augustine in A.D. 387. The "Te Deum" is an exalted song of praise and thanksgiving to God the Father and God the Son, based upon the outline of the Apostle's Creed. Martin Luther thought so highly of this great hymn that he suggested it be included among the basic creedal statements of Christendom. This morning we are blessed to add our voices to a grand chorus of saints and angels across the centuries in singing the praises of our wondrous God.)



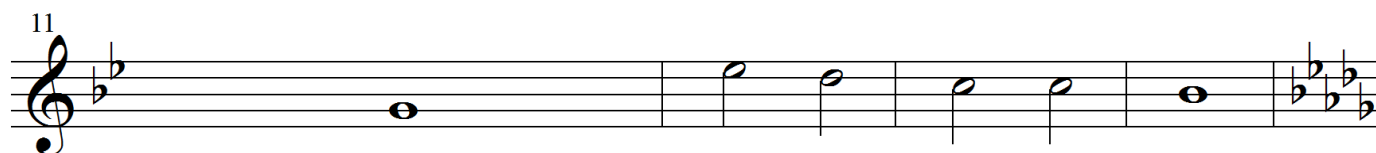
1. We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.  
3. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
5. The noble army of martyrs praise Thee;



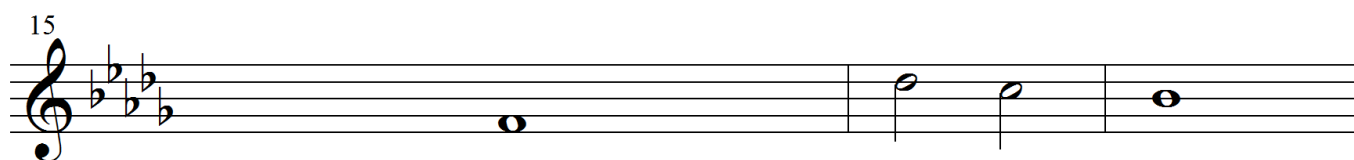
1. All the earth doth worship Thee, the Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.  
3. Heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Thy glo - ry.  
5. The holy Church throughout all the world doth ac - knowl-edge Thee:



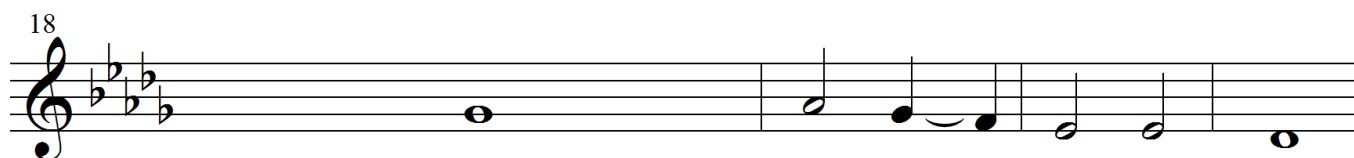
2. To Thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers there - in;  
4. The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee;  
6. The Father of an infinite majesty; Thine adorable true and on - ly Son,  
7. Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.



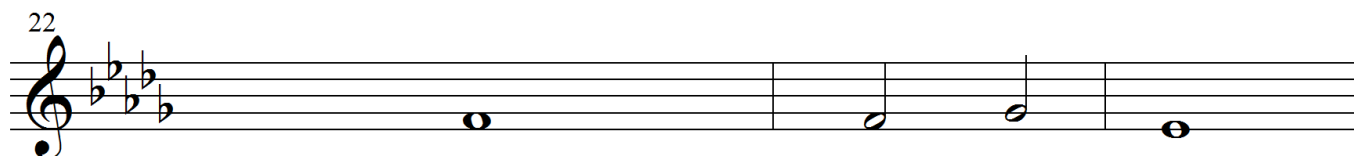
2. To Thee cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:  
4. The goodly fellowship of the proph - ets praise Thee;  
6. also the Holy Ghost, the Com - fort - er.  
7. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



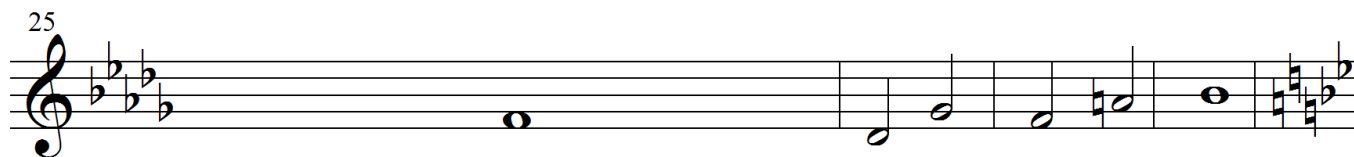
8. When Thou tookest upon Thee to de - liv - er - man,  
 10. Thou sittest at the right hand of God  
 12. We therefore pray Thee, help Thy ser - vants,



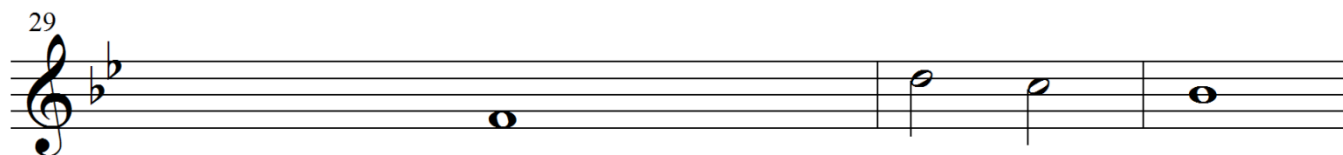
8. Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a vir - gin.  
 10. in the glory of the Fa - ther.  
 12. whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy pre - cious blood.



9. When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,  
 11. We believe that Thou shalt come  
 13. Make them to be numbered with Thy saints



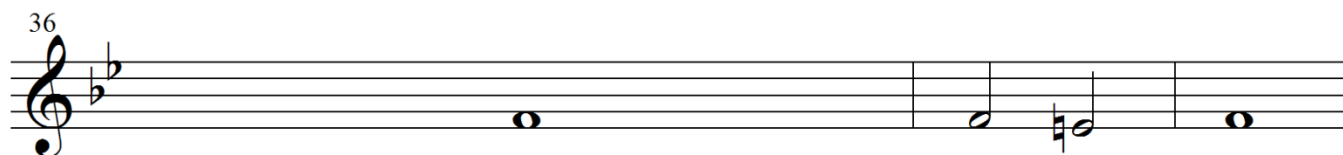
9. Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
 11. to be our Judge.  
 13. in glory ev - er - last - ing.



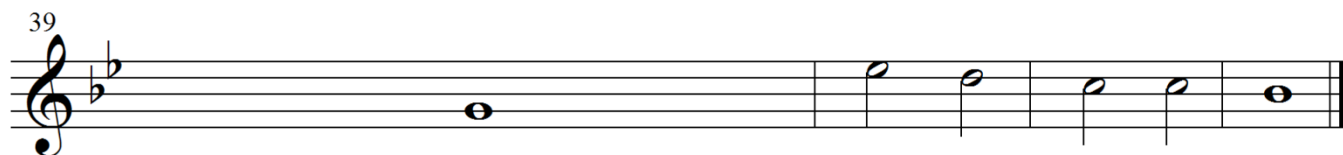
14. O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine her - i - tage.  
 16. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



14. Govern them and lift them up for - ev - - er.  
 16. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mer - cy up - on us.



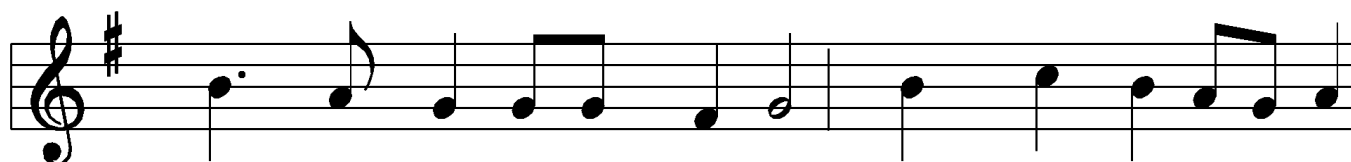
15. Day by day we magni - fy Thee.  
 17. O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee.



15. And we worship Thy name ever, world with - out end.  
 17. O Lord, in Thee have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

## *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.

# *The Lord's Prayer*

(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*

## *Salutation*

(2 Timothy 4:22)

**P** The Lord be with you.



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

## *Intercessory Prayer*

### *Benedicamus*

(Psalm 103:1)

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

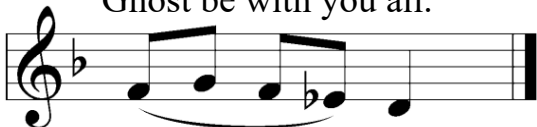


**C** Thanks be to God.

### *Benediction*

(2 Corinthians 13:14)

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.



**C** A - men.



# Closing Hymn

## Alleluia, Song of Sweetness

Text: Latin, 11<sup>th</sup> cent.; Arrangement: Donald Busarow; Tune: "Picardy"; © 1991 CPH

*Choral Introduction: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*



*All:* 1. Al - le - lu - ia, song of sweet - ness, Voice of joy that  
*Choir:* 2. Al - le - lu - ia thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -  
*Choir:* 3. Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while  
*All:* 4. There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the  
lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful  
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia our trans -  
Trin - i - ty. At the last to keep Thine



an - them Ev - er dear to choirs on high; In the house of God a -  
moth - er, All thy chil - dren sing with thee; But by Bab - y - lon's sad  
gres - sions make us for a - while fore - go; For the sol - emn time is  
Eas - ter In our home be - yond the sky, There to Thee for - ev - er



bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.  
com - ing, When our tears for sin must flow.  
sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

*Choral Conclusion: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

## Postlude

### Alleluia!

By J. S. Bach

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# Welcome!

**Volume LXXIX**

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**Number 7**

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

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

**LIFE THOUGHTS/PRAYER: Quinquagesima** – “[T]he Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance” (1 Samuel 16:7). Age, shape, and ability do not establish or inhibit human worth. “[T]he Lord looks on the heart” and sees the life and spirit hidden within. Every human pulse beats with the Creator’s own love – patient (1 Corinthians 13:4), enduring (1 Corinthians 13:7), making perfect (1 Corinthians 13:10) what was wrecked (Luke 18:42). *Dear Jesus, give us Your love that looks past appearances. 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 **Ash Wednesday, February 18 @ 7:00 pm, and Sunday, February 22 @ 9:30 am.** “Let a man examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.” *1 Corinthians 11:28*

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

## Get the OSL App...

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



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## ***Bible Class & Sunday School Options for all:***

### **8:15 AM** –

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

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

### **10:45 AM** – Adults

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**High School – 4:12 Youth Room**  
**7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – C105**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Grade – C103**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade – C113**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – C116**  
**1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – C115**

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

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Deanie Stephens in celebration of Maja's birthday on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

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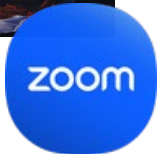


**Flower Chart** is available to sponsor the church flowers for your special occasions! Each flower arrangement is \$60. You will find the flower clipboard on the hutch in the narthex. Remember to write a "W" if you want the flowers, or "S" to send them to the sick. Thank you!

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

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

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



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

**PASTOR WHITE'S WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** will **NOT meet this Ash Wednesday**. Class resumes Feb 25, from 10:00-12:00 with a break in the middle. We are studying *Romans, Chief Part of the New Testament and the Very Purest Gospel*. Food and fellowship provided of course!

**ZOOM BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS** – Join us for the Word on the Web as we study 1 Corinthians, on Thursdays at 6PM. Go to: <https://osl.cc/the-word-on-the-web> to join the study. You need Zoom installed on your phone or computer with microphone and camera to participate.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



### ***Our Savior Lutheran at Prayer:***

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**Goju-Ryu Traditional Karate:** Private & small group lessons – Contact Nathan Work, Instructor of 23 years @ 281-222-9284 or nathanwork0@gmail.com.



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

**MEASURE OF DEVOTION:** Last week Sunday, we had 387 people in attendance (last year 391); online we had 768 viewers.

### Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week .....	\$ 33,775.00
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 6.....	\$ 209,912.44
Tithes & Offerings needed each week .....	\$ 43,385.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 6 .....	\$ 260,310.00
Special Contributions to date .....	\$ 91,994.30

*“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:

	<b>Today, Sunday, February 15, at 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Next Week, Sunday, February 22, at 9:30 AM</b>
<b>ELDERS:</b>	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman
<b>USHERS:</b>	Downie Team	Gobrogge Team
<b>SOUND:</b>	T. Wilbanks	Whiting
<b>CARTS:</b>	Pampell Team	Kriegel Team
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Paige Lawder / Camryn Winfree	Julie Azzi / Clementine Bender
<b>ALTAR GLD:</b>	—	Amanda Crabtree Team 5
<b>COMM. ASST:</b>	—	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman / Brian Nitsch
<b>EVANGELISM:</b>	Team 3 Kriegel	Team 3 Kriegel
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Team 1: Carter/Malsons	Team 3: Cherington / Guevara
<b>MUSIC:</b>	Laudate Women's Choir / Jubilate Choir	Jubilate Choir
<b>VIDEO:</b>	Adam White / Wesley White	Adam White / Wesley White

### Those to Serve for Ash Wednesday

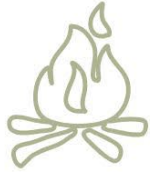
	<b>Ash Wednesday, February 18, at 7:00 PM</b>
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<b>USHERS:</b>	Downie Team
<b>SOUND:</b>	T. Wilbanks
<b>CARTS:</b>	Downie Team
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Jordyn Petree / Andrea Pugh / Austin Pugh
<b>ALTAR GLD:</b>	Clarissa Worthing Team 6
<b>COMM. ASST:</b>	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman / Brian Nitsch
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<b>GREETERS:</b>	Team 2: Renevier
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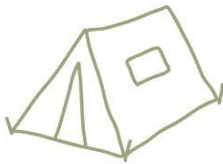
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# OSL camp night



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



## **FREE RV OR TENT CAMPING!**

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

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



## *OSL at a Glance*

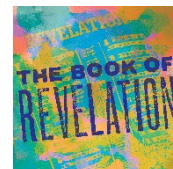
### **Sunday, February 15, 2026 ~ Newsletter Deadline**

<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Confirmation Class-YR	8:15am	Youth Room
<b>Matins</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Church &amp; online</b>
Sunday School	10:45am	
Cantate-Choir Rm	12:00pm	Church Choir Room
Fellowship Potluck - BC	12:00pm	Bible Class Room
Life Team Meeting-YR	12:00pm	Youth Room



### **Monday, February 16, 2026**

Revelation - Monday Night Bible Study	6:30pm	Bible Class Room
Elders Meeting	7:00pm	

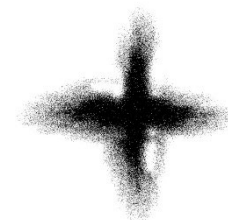


### **Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

LWML Night Circle-FR	7:00pm	Family Room
Voter's Meeting - BC	7:00pm	Bible Class Room

### **Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

Men's Bible Study-BC	6:30am	Bible Class Room
<b>Ash Wednesday Chapel - Sanctuary</b>	<b>8:15am</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
Bulletin Deadline	12:00pm	Church Office
Lenten Supper - BC	5:30pm	Bible Classroom
<b>Ash Wednesday Service-Communion</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Church &amp; online</b>



### **Thursday, February 19, 2026**

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

### **Friday, February 20, 2026**

Spotlight on Life Setup	4:00pm	Cafeteria/Gym
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### **Saturday, February 21, 2026**

<b>Spotlight on LIFE: The Battle Still Rages</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Cafeteria &amp; Gym</b>
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### **Sunday, February 22, 2026**

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



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## ***We're Growing...Teachers Needed!***

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

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

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

Lynette Cherington – [lcherington@oslschool.org](mailto:lcherington@oslschool.org)

Jeanene Lunsford – [jlunsford@oslschool.org](mailto:jlunsford@oslschool.org)

***We greatly appreciate recommendations from our congregation members!***



**OUR SAVIOR**  
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## **Do you love to look at God's creation at night?**

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

**OSL Astronomy Club**  
WhatsApp group



with power strips for crockpots. The ovens will be available to keep some things warm, and the school has said that we can use their warmers, too! The board will provide drinks and dinnerware. Contact **Bill Prestwood**: 806-626-5244, [bprestwood@osl.cc](mailto:bprestwood@osl.cc)

## **TODAY is 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY Potluck F.E.A.S.T.**

Join us in the Bible Class Room after Sunday School on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month for **F.E.A.S.T.** (Fellowship, Eating, And Sharing Together). Gather together, share a meal, and deepen the relationships that make our congregation so special! Whether you are a new member looking to meet people or a long-time attendee hoping to reconnect, this event is for everyone. It's a casual, welcoming environment where conversation flows as freely as the coffee. There will be carts set up in the Family Room that morning



OSL MEN ALIVE

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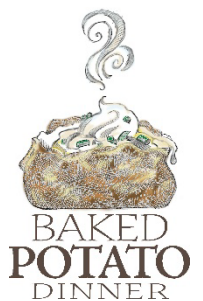
# *Ash Wednesday*

**Lenten Season Begins**

**February 18, at 7:00 PM**  
**with Ashes & Holy Communion**

**Lenten Meals:** We thank all our groups who volunteered to serve for our Wednesday Lenten meals, which are served in the **Bible Class Room, from 5:30-6:30 pm**. Chef Diana DeForest will prepare the meals, so our volunteers will be doing the setup, serving, and cleanup. Join us each week as a wonderful way for fellowship with your church family!

***Feb 18 - Altar Guild: Loaded up Baked Potatoes***



***Those to Serve for Ash Wednesday, February 18, at 7:00 PM***

**ELDERS:** Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman  
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**GREETERS:** Team 2: Renevier  
**MUSIC:** Jubilate Choir / Carillon Ringers  
**VIDEO:** Adam White / Wesley White



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**Rev Laurence White**, Our Savior Lutheran, Houston

**The Sanctity of Life:** *The recognition of the sanctity of every human life, from the instant of conception forward, is an essential component of the Christian Faith. It is further a necessary conclusion of the genuine identity of the true God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. The social implications of the rejection of the inherent sanctity of every human life are profound throughout a culture. Christians who indulge in such perversion or are permissive of a right to abortion for others have severely underestimated the negative implications here involved both for faith and human society.*



**Rev Robert Paul**, Memorial, Houston

**Preparing for the Battle: Ecclesia Vigilans** — *The Church has a role in equipping families to be wise and shrewd in the defense of their neighbors. Culture and society continues to undermine the value of life in the womb and out of the womb. There is a need for the church to be ever watchful as she awaits the consummation of the age. Fathers, mothers, teachers and pastors have a responsibility as the “watching church” to be well-educated on the scriptural and ecclesial perspective on life. This session will be directed towards equipping and forming Christians to be watchful as the battle rages.*



**Rev Michael Salemink**, Concordia Seminary, Ft Wayne

**The Least of These: Examining Embryo Experimentation** — *Explore biotechnologies like in vitro fertilization, mitochondrial replacement therapy (three-parent embryos), germline genetic editing, stem cell research, human cloning, artificial wombs, vaccine production, in vitro gametogenesis, etc.*



**Rev Dr Aric Fenske**, Director of Lutherans For Life

**You Are the Light of the World: Why the Church Cannot Remain Silent on Life Issues** — *Most studies reveal that many of the women who’ve had abortions claim to have a connection to the Christian Church. Members of our own congregations disagree on the ethics of Abortion and Assisted Suicide. We cannot simply assume that our brothers and sisters will automatically hold a high view of life just because they attend Church regularly. The Church, as the light of the world, must boldly proclaim the Gospel of life that all might see the light of Christ.*



**Mrs Carol Tobias**, President of National Right to Life

**Christians Are Citizens of Two Kingdoms** — *The kingdom of God and the kingdom of the world. While we strive daily to be good citizens of the kingdom of God, we must also focus sufficiently and correctly on how we can guide the direction of this earthly kingdom. We are blessed to live in an amazing country. We have a voice in how we are governed and who governs us. Being “heavenly-minded”, do we risk ignoring our responsibility as citizens of this secular kingdom? Let’s look at how we can use our voices to influence those who make decisions and who determine the laws under which we live.*



**Eva Nitsch & Caroline Klein**, Young Adult Representatives  
*Pro-Life Aggies is dedicated to promoting respect for and the preservation of all innocent life from fertilization to natural death. As a secular, non-partisan organization, we work to build a culture of life at Texas A&M University through supportive services for pregnant and parenting students, activism, volunteer work, and education.*



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Take up the shield of faith,  
with which you can extinguish  
all the flaming darts of the evil one.  
Ephesians 6:16



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