



“He told them,  
‘You also  
go and  
*work*  
in my  
*vineyard*,  
and I will pay you  
whatever is right.”

MATTHEW 20:4, NIV

*Our Savior Lutheran*

# *Septuagesima*

*Order of Matins*

*In Nomine Jesu*



*Music for Meditation and Prayer*

*Ringling of the Bells*

*Prelude*

Es Ist Das Heil

By P. Soulek

*Greetings and Announcements*

# Hymn of Invocation

## Salvation unto Us Has Come

Text: Paul Speratus; Tune: 1524, Wittenberg – “Es Ist Das Heil”; LSB #555 sts. 1–4, 10 © 2006 CPH



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and  
2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could  
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had  
4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -  
△ 10 All bless - ing, hon - or, thanks, and praise To Fa - ther, Son, and



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They  
ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For  
giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And  
ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our  
Spir - it, The God who saved us by His grace; All



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus  
man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those  
by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a  
guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's  
glo - ry to His mer - it. O tri - une God in



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the  
pure de - sires The spir - it of the  
mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred  
poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our  
heav'n a - bove, You have re - vealed Your



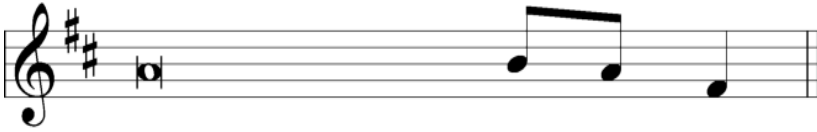
world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.  
Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.  
sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.  
guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.  
sav - ing love; Your bless - ed name we hal - low.

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(Stand)  
*Versicles*

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

(Psalm 51:15)



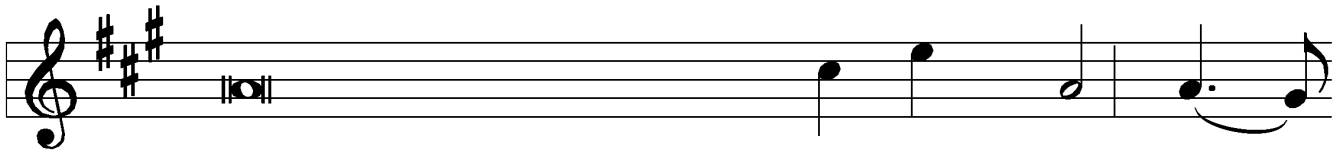
**C** And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

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

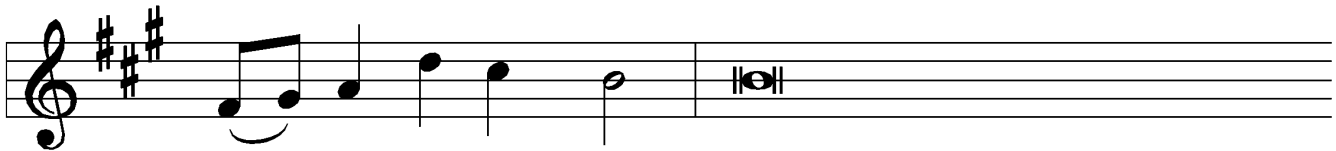
(Psalm 70:1)



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



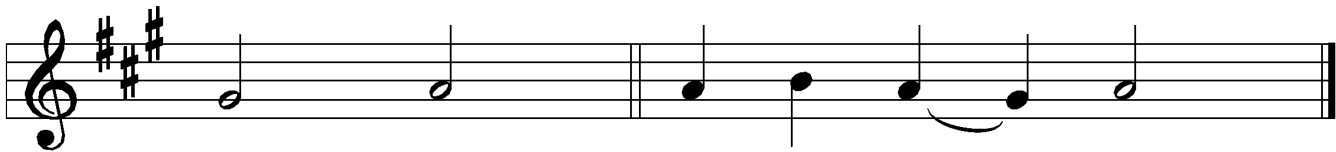
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and



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



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



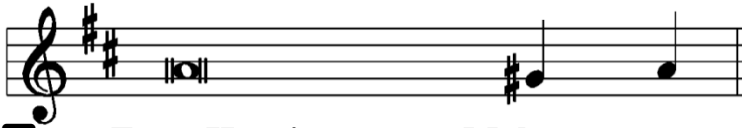
A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia!

# Invitatory

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

(Psalm 95:6)



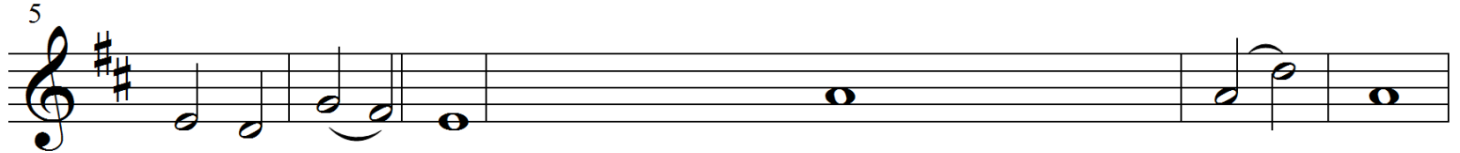
**C** For He is our Mak - er.

## Venite Exultemus Domino

Psalm 95:1-7



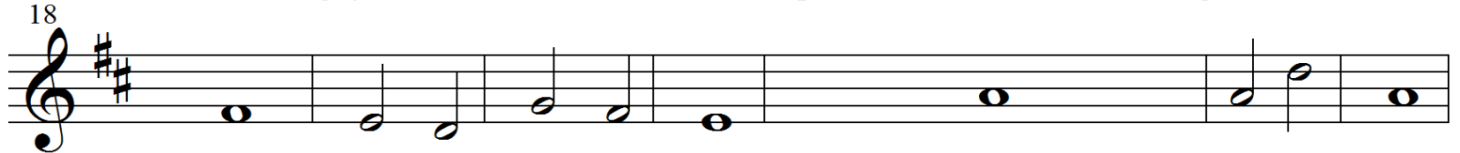
Oh, come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of



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

### “Funes inferi circumdederunt me”

*(Intoned by Pastor with Congregation on Gloria Patri; Psalm 18:1–2a, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: vv. 5–6a)*

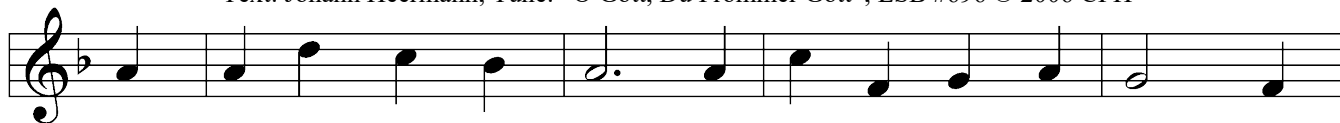
The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;\*  
the snares of death con- | fronted me.  
In my distress I called up- | on the Lord.\*  
From his temple he | heard my voice.  
I love you, O | Lord, my strength.\*  
The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my de- | liverer.  
For you save a humble | people,\*  
but the haughty eyes | you bring down.  
[You have] equipped | me with strength\*  
and made my way | blameless.  
For this I will praise you, O Lord, among the | nations,\*  
and sing | to your name.  
**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.**  
The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;\*  
the snares of death con- | fronted me.  
In my distress I called up- | on the Lord.\*  
From his temple he | heard my voice.

*(Be Seated)*

# Office Hymn

## O God, My Faithful God

Text: Johann Heermann; Tune: "O Gott, Du Frommer Gott"; LSB #696 © 2006 CPH



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,  
2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing  
3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;  
4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing;  
What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;  
Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;  
And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in  
That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless  
But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,  
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.  
The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.  
Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.  
And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

- 5 Let me depart this life Confiding in my Savior;  
By grace receive my soul That it may live forever;  
And let my body have A quiet resting place  
Within a Christian grave; And let it sleep in peace.
- 6 And on that final day When all the dead are waking,  
Stretch out Your mighty hand, My deathly slumber breaking.  
Then let me hear Your voice, Redeem this earthly frame,  
And bid me to rejoice With those who love Your name.

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# Old Testament Reading

## Exodus 17:1-7

[1] All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. [2] Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" [3] But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" [4] So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." [5] And the Lord said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. [6] Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink."

And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. [7] And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

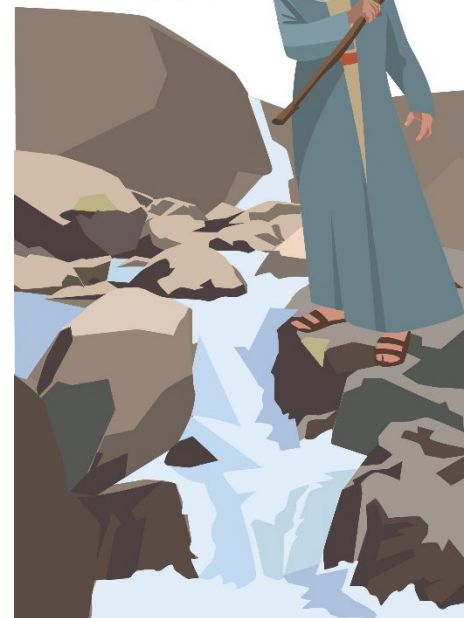
*The sad pattern of grumbling and complaining evidenced here was consistent throughout Israel's wilderness wandering - and the balance of Old Testament history. No matter how much God gave them, no matter how many miraculous blessings were showered upon them, they were never satisfied. This tragic obsession with me and my needs is one of the foundational characteristics of sin. Sin blinds us to what God has done and always turns us inward upon ourselves and our insatiable desire for more.*

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



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

God Provides  
Water From  
the Rock



# Ministry of Music

## I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Text: Kathleen Thomerson; LSB #411 sts. 1, 3 © 2006 CPH

### OSL Kindergarten

*I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.  
In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

*I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus.  
In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

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## Epistle Reading

### 1 Corinthians 9:24–10:5

[24] Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. [25] Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. [26] So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. [27] But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified. [10:1] I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, [2] and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, [3] and all ate the same spiritual food, [4] and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. [5] Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

*God's deliverance of His people at the Red Sea and His faithful provision for their needs thru the manna and the water from the rock in the wilderness all foreshadowed the ultimate deliverance of God's people through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Despite the ingratitude of the Children of Israel, God saved them by grace. So we too, are saved by grace despite our consistent failure to recognize and celebrate His undeserved love.*

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



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

# Ministry of Music

## Cantate Domino

OSL Choir

*Oh, sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marv'lous things!*

*His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him. Cantate Domino.*

*Canticum novum quoniam mirabilia fecit salvavit sibi. Dexter a eius et brachium sanctum eius.*

*Oh, sing unto the Lord a new song for He has done marv'lous things!*

*His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.*

(Stand)

## Gospel Reading

### St. Matthew 20:1–16

[1] “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. [2] After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. [3] And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, [4] and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ [5] So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. [6] And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ [7] They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ [8] And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ [9] And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. [10] Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. [11] And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, [12] saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ [13] But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? [14] Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. [15] Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ [16] So the last will be first, and the first last.”

***Our Lord's parable of the laborers in the vineyard teaches the fundamental lesson that the love of God cannot be earned or deserved. God's love is always the spontaneous, gracious demonstration of the love which is the essence of God's nature. Those who indulge in self-righteous comparisons of themselves with others whom they perceive to be less worthy delude themselves and diminish the wonder of God's undeserved love.***

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



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

(Be Seated; Children may gather in front of the altar at this time)

## Children's Hymn

### I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

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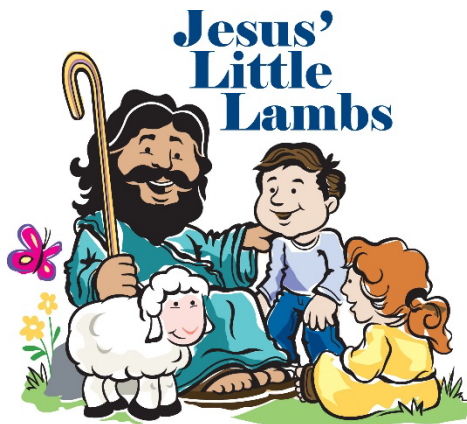
Choir: 1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at  
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my  
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the

heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,

Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me

day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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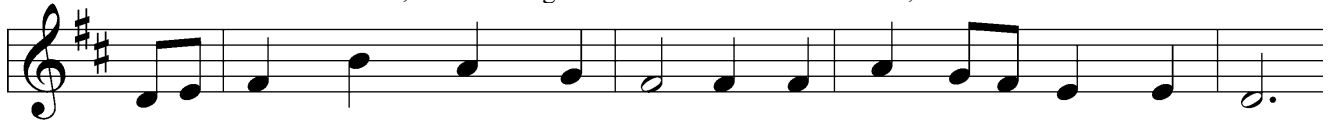


## Children's Sermon

# Sermon Hymn

## O Word of God Incarnate

Text: William W. How; Tune: setting: Felix Mendelssohn – “Munich”; LSB #523 © 2006 CPH



1 O Word of God in - car-nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
2 The Church from You, dear Mas-ter, Re-ceived the gift di - vine;  
3 O make Your Church, dear Sav-ior, A lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang-ing, O Light of our dark sky:  
And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.  
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light as of old!



We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,  
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,  
O teach Your wan-d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace



A lan - tern to our foot-steps, Shines on from age to age.  
Mid mists and rocks and quick-sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.  
Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

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(Stand for Text)

## Sermon

Text: Exodus 17:1–7

“Is God With Us?”

(Stand)

## Votum

## Offertory

(Psalm 51:10-12)



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

## Offering Prayer

(Be Seated)

## Offering Voluntary

### Sing to the Lord a New Song

Based on Psalm 95:6-7 & 96:1-2; Music: Joseph Haydn; Arranged by Hal H. Hopson © 2003 Choristers Guild

OSL 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

*Sing to the Lord a new song; all the earth rejoice and sing. Tell forth God's glory, tell it forth from day to day.*

*Sing to the Lord a new song; all the earth rejoice and sing.*

*We are God's people, the sheep of God's own pasture.*

*Come and kneel before the Lord our God; bow down in awe, the Lord is in this holy place.*

*Sing to the Lord a new song; all the earth rejoice and sing. Tell forth God's glory, tell it forth from day to day.*

*Sing to the Lord a new song; all the earth rejoice and sing.*

*We are God's people, the sheep of God's own pasture. Be joyful, sing a new song.*

*All earth rejoice, all earth rejoice and sing. Sing praise for ever, sing praise for evermore.*

# Catechism Hymn and Lesson

## To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

Text: Martin Luther; Tune: Wittenberg, ed. Johann Walter; LSB #406, sts. 1-2 © 2006 CPH

1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His  
2 O hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God Him -  
Fa - ther's plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word  
self has spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell  
Was giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash - ing  
And so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with His  
now shall be A cleans - ing from trans - gres - sion  
Word en - dows Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing.  
And by His blood and ag - o - ny Re - lease from death's  
God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows Our kin - ship while  
op - pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.  
be - stow - ing The Bap - tism of His bless - ing.

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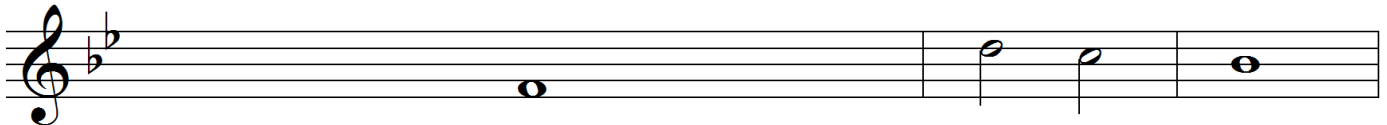
- P** What is Baptism?
- C** *Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.*
- P** Which is that word of God?
- C** *Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."*
- P** A lesson from St. John 3:5-6
- C** *Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."*



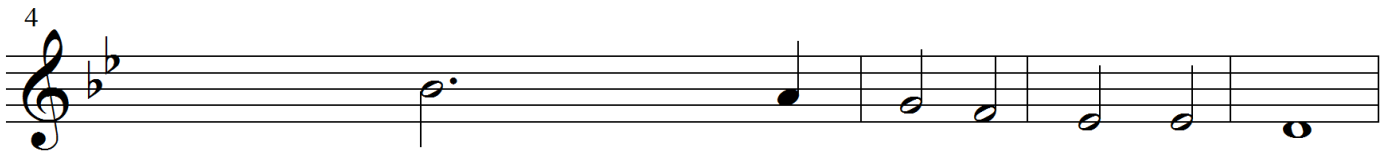
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# Canticle - Te Deum Laudamus

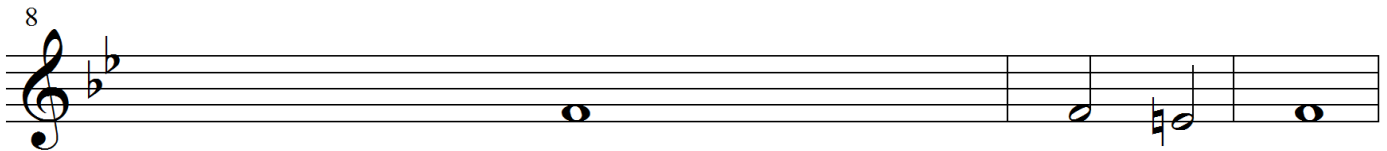
("We Praise Thee O Lord" is one of the most ancient and glorious hymns of the Church. Tradition indicates that it was composed by Ambrose of Milan on the occasion of the baptism of St. Augustine in A.D. 387. The "Te Deum" is an exalted song of praise and thanksgiving to God the Father and God the Son, 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.)



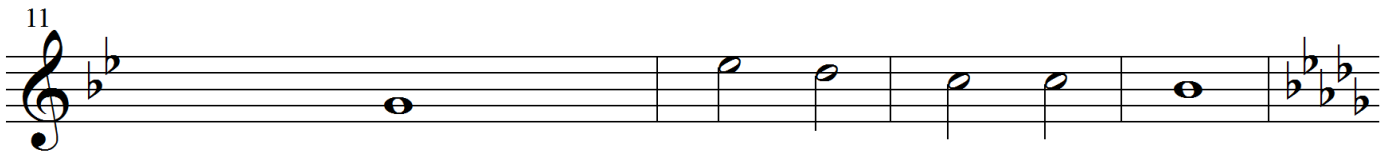
1. We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.  
3. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
5. The noble army of martyrs praise Thee;



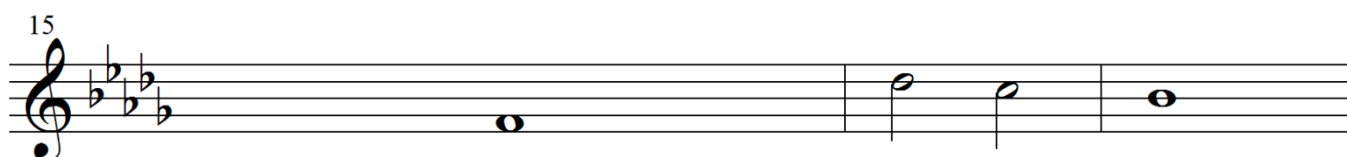
1. All the earth doth worship Thee, the Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.  
3. Heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Thy glo - ry.  
5. The holy Church throughout all the world doth ac - knowl-edge Thee:



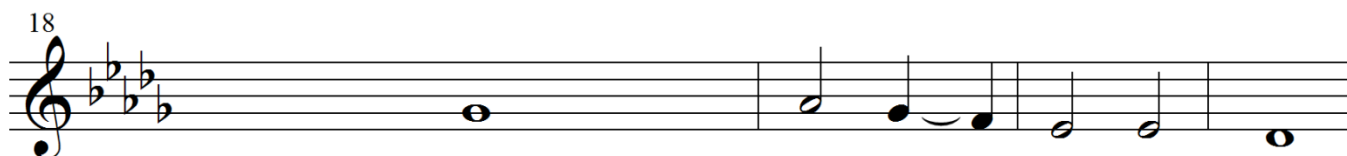
2. To Thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers there - in;  
4. The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee;  
6. The Father of an infinite majesty; Thine adorable true and on - ly Son,  
7. Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.



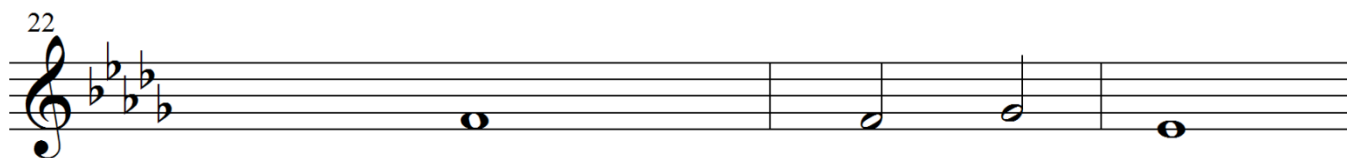
2. To Thee cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:  
4. The goodly fellowship of the proph - ets praise Thee;  
6. also the Holy Ghost, the Com - fort - er.  
7. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



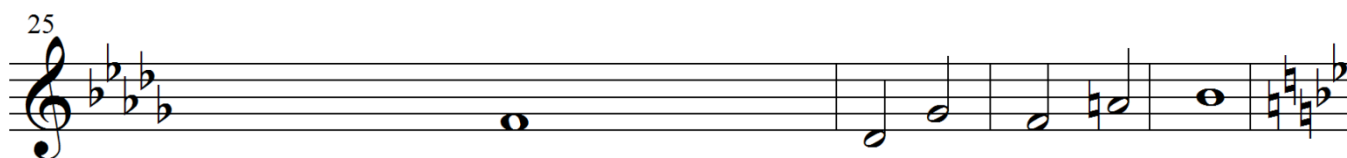
8. When Thou tookest upon Thee to de - liv - er - man,  
 10. Thou sittest at the right hand of God  
 12. We therefore pray Thee, help Thy ser - vants,



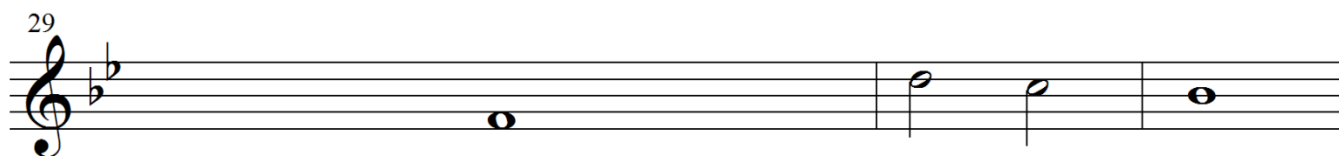
8. Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a vir - gin.  
 10. in the glory of the Fa - ther.  
 12. whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy pre - cious blood.



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



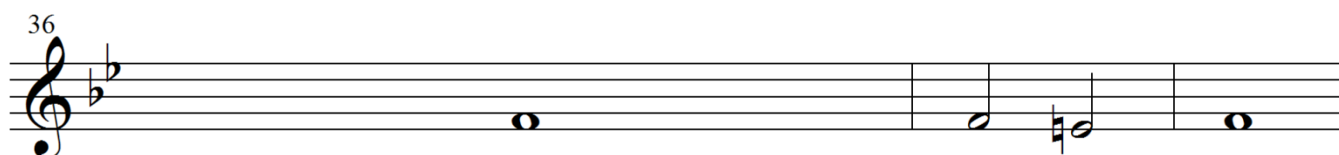
9. Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
 11. to be our Judge.  
 13. in glory ev - er - last - ing.



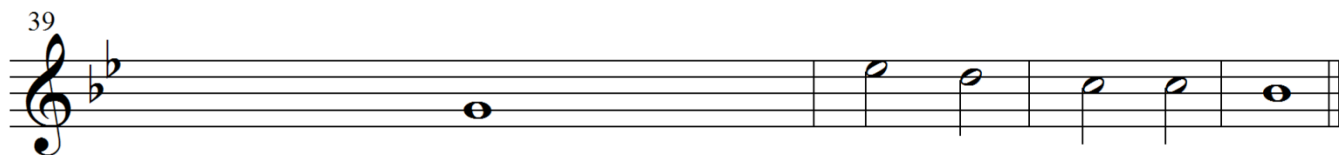
14. O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine her - i - tage.  
16. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



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



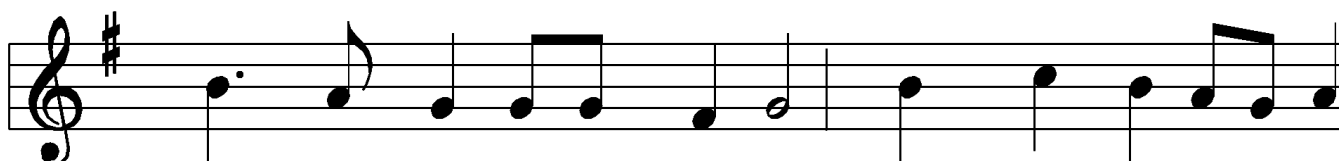
15. Day by day we magni - fy Thee.  
17. O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee.



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 Spirit be with you all.



**C** A - men.

# Closing Hymn

## Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

Text: Johann Mentzer; Tune: Johann Balthasar König – “O Dass Ich Tausend Zungen Hätte” (König); LSB #811 © 2006 CPH



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es To praise my  
2 O all you pow'rs that He im - plant - ed, A - rise, keep  
3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der That dance for  
4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, That throng the  
5 Cre - a - tor, hum - bly I im - plore You To lis - ten



God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -  
si - lence now no more; Put forth the strength that God has  
joy in sum - mer air, You mead - ow grass - es, bright and  
earth, the sea, the sky, Come, share with me my heart's de -  
to my earth - ly song Un - til that day when I a -



joic - es, Would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs To all, wher -  
grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore. O soul and  
slen - der, You flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, You live to  
vo - tion, Help me to sing God's prais - es high. My ut - most  
dore You, To - geth - er with the an - gel throng And learn with



ev - er I might be, What great things God has done for me.  
bod - y, join to raise With heart - felt joy our Mak - er's praise.  
show God's praise a - lone. Join me to make His glo - ry known.  
pow'rs can nev - er quite De - clare the won - ders of His might.  
choirs of heav'n to sing E - ter - nal an - thems to my King.

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# Postlude

## O Dass Ich Tausend Zungen Hätte

By J. Scott

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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 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: Septuagesima** – God our Father can draw water from rock (Exodus 17:6), reward the unworthy (Matthew 20:9), and make the last first (Matthew 20:16). Surely, He will overhaul our hopeless circumstances and lost causes, even when human pains and mistakes have brought them about (1 Corinthians 10:1-5). Indeed, we not only witness it but participate in it as well (Exodus 17:5). *Keeper of our souls, work faith in us and those we serve to await great transformation at Your hand. 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, February 8 @ 9:30 am.**  
“Let a man examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.”  
*1 Corinthians 11:28*

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



## 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** –

**7<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Ethel & Ahmed Hikal in celebration of their 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and by the Crabtree Family for God's good gifts!

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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.

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**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 (resumes this week, Feb 2): 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.



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

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

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

**OSL**  
**5K FUN RUN**  
March 28th, 2026



ALL FUNDS RAISED BENEFIT THE OSL  
4:12 HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP  
SUMMER FELLOWSHIP TRIPS



**REGISTER TODAY**  
\*By March 1, 2026,  
with payment for a  
guaranteed t-shirt!

**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:***

Subscribe to this short daily devotion and prayer that is published daily during the school year. Devotions are delivered directly to your email inbox, usually in the morning. Use QR code or go to our website: [www.osl.cc/oslatprayer](http://www.osl.cc/oslatprayer)



**F.A.S.T. Classes** are on Wednesdays, through **February 11**. Meals will be in the Church Bible Class Room at 5:30pm with multiple classes in the church building downstairs at 6:30pm, and closing with Evening Prayer. Childcare available. Join us for Fellowship And Study Together!

Choose from these Classes:

**Pastor Cholak:** *Walking through the Pentateuch*

**Bill Prestwood:** *Numerical Patterns in the Bible*

**Stephanie Cholak:** *Mommy & Me: Raising Little Lutherans*

*This week's meal for Feb 4 is BBQ Beef Brisket.*



**MEASURE OF DEVOTION:** Last week Sunday, we had 105 people in attendance for the winter freeze (last year 427); online we had 1,541 viewers.

### Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week .....	\$ 23,046.00
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 4.....	\$ 117,433.42
Tithes & Offerings needed each week .....	\$ 43,385.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 4 .....	\$ 173,540.00
Special Contributions to date .....	\$ 65,424.10

*“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*

### Those To Serve:

	Today, Sunday, February 1, at 9:30 AM	Next Week, Sunday, February 8, at 9:30 AM
<b>ELDERS:</b>	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman
<b>USHERS:</b>	Symcox Team	Halbert Team
<b>SOUND:</b>	J. Wilbanks	Greenwood
<b>CARTS:</b>	Work Team	Adams Team
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	George Baughman / Eli Morris	Katie Ripple / Megan Ripple
<b>ALTAR GLD:</b>	—	Crystal Copeland Team 3
<b>COMM. ASST:</b>	—	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman / Brian Nitsch
<b>EVANGELISM:</b>	Team 3: Kriegel	Team 1 Nino
<b>GREETERS:</b>	TEAM 9: Kemnitz / Kunkel	Team 10: Schmidt / Stuhr
<b>MUSIC:</b>	OSL Choir / Kindergarten / 3rd Grade	Laudate Women's Choir
<b>VIDEO:</b>	Adam White / Wesley White	Adam White / Wesley White

## 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 our Interim Principals: **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  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**





## OSL at a Glance

### Sunday, February 1, 2026

<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	
Evangelism Meeting - EO	12:00pm	Evangelism Office
Exultae Brass-Choir Rm	12:00pm	Choir Room

### Monday, February 2, 2026

PTL Board Meeting - YR	8:00am	Youth Room
Young Adults Bible Study-YR	6:00pm	Youth Room
LWML Potter's Vessel-FR	6:30pm	Family Room
Monday Night Bible Class	6:30pm	Bible Class Room

### Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Stitches Fellowship Group - FR	6:30pm	Family Room
Church Council-BC	7:00pm	Bible Class Room

### Wednesday, February 4, 2026

Men's Bible Study-BC	6:30am	Bible Class Room
Chapel - Sanctuary	8:15am	Sanctuary
Bible Class-BC	10:00am	Bible Class Room
Bulletin Deadline	12:00pm	Church Office
Faculty Meeting-BC	3:30pm	Bible Class Room
<b>Winter F.A.S.T. &amp; Meal</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Bible Class Room</b>



### Thursday, February 5, 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
Jubilate Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary	7:00pm	Choir Loft
Lutheran Confessions Bible Study -BC	7:00pm	Bible Class Room

### Friday, February 6, 2026

<i>Eagle Evening Gala</i>	<i>6:00pm</i>	<i>Offsite</i>
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### Saturday, February 7, 2026

<i>Bon Appétit</i>	<i>11:00am</i>	<i>Offsite Member's House</i>
Mardi Gras BINGO!-BC	6:00pm	Church Bible Class Room



### Sunday, February 8, 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	
Laudate-Choir Rm	12:00pm	Church Choir Room



***Schedule Your Tithe!*** Use the OSL app, free in the App Store. No monthly fee; No set up fee; No hidden fees; Lowest processing rates that continue to drop as your giving increases. All credit and debit cards (including AMEX) are processed at 2.3% + .30 cents per transaction. All ACH donations are 1% with no cents. There is also a "GIVE" link at the top of our website: [www.OSL.cc](http://www.OSL.cc)

## 4:12 Youth Group Fundraiser

Enter to win a picnic table that converts into benches!  
1 Adult Size & 1 Child Size



Scan to buy tickets  
Venmo memo line:  
Bench Tickets



### Tickets

1 Ticket - \$25  
6 Tickets - \$100

### Drawing

Sunday, February 8th

Tickets go into one pot. Winners are drawn at random for each prize (unless a separate raffle is specified for a specific table).

### Funds support the youth group's summer trip!

Delivery included - benches will be delivered to the winners.  
Contact: Ruben Luna - 281-804-1770

## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY Potluck

### F.E.A.S.T. is February 15!

Join us in the Bible Class Room after Sunday School on the 3rd 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 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.

**Bill Prestwood:** 806-626-5244, bprestwood@osl.cc



**Fellowship Family BINGO Night** is **Saturday, February 7 at 6:00 pm** in the **Church Bible Class Room!** Bring your favorite pot of **New Orleans' style** or **Cajun dish** to share, and we will provide the **King Cake** and drinks! **Remember your white-elephant gifts** for the **BINGO prizes!** *Good time to clean out your accessories, decor, toys & books, or bring something fun & new. We will also have some CASH prizes as well!*



### February 27

reserve your  
campsite(s)  
here!



# 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.



**Free Conference, February 21, 2026 • 8:30am - 4:30pm**

Our Savior Lutheran, 5000 W Tidwell, Houston TX 77091

**Light Breakfast • Intriguing Speakers • Delicious Lunch •  
Round Table Q&A • Sanctuary & Bell Tower Tour**



**Our speakers include:**

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



**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



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



**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.*

# SPOTLIGHT ON LIFE



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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