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Music for Meditation & Prayer

Ringing of the Bells

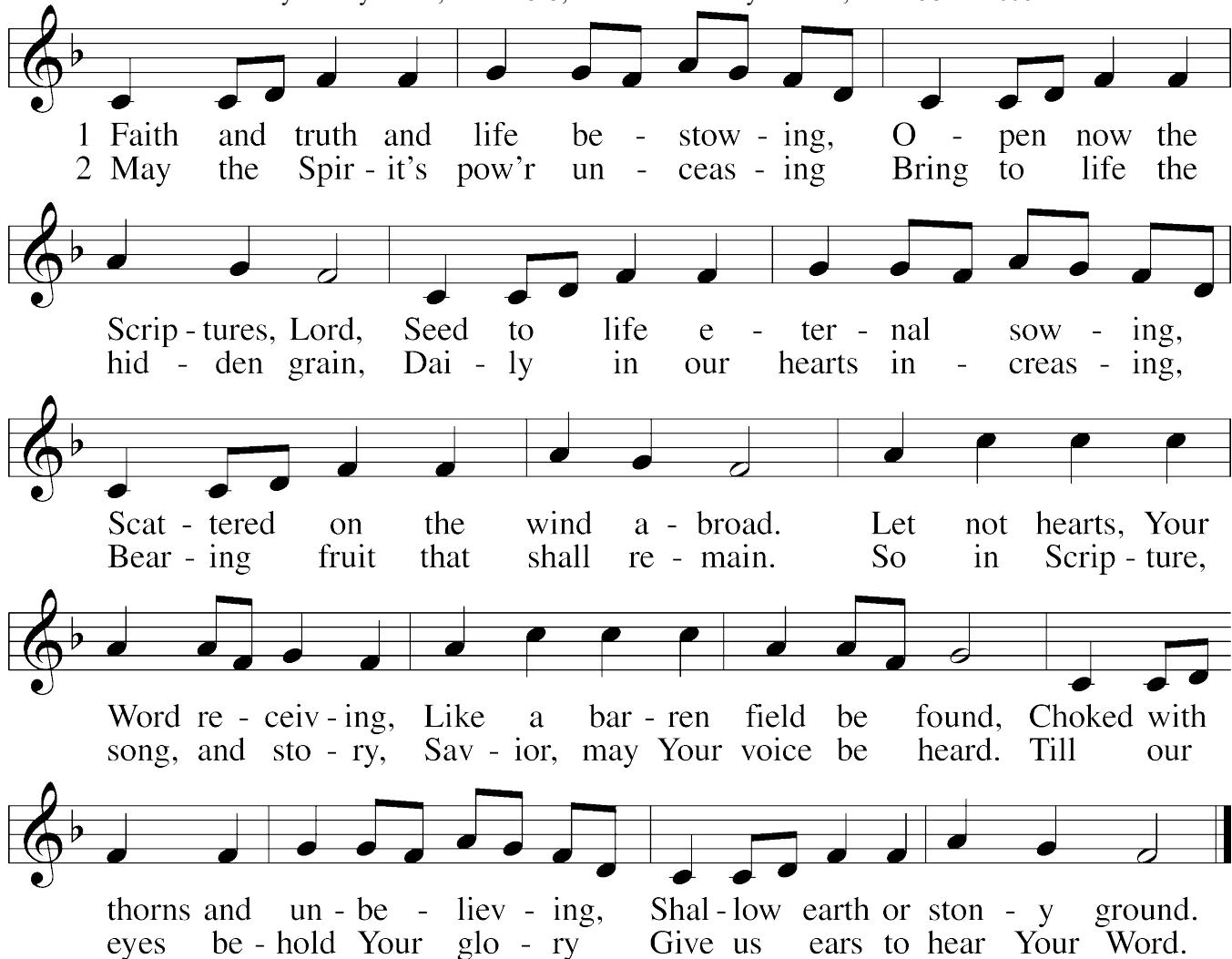
Prelude
HOLY MANNA

Greetings & Announcements

Hymn of Invocation

FAITH AND TRUTH AND LIFE BESTOWING

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith; Tune: 1825, Cincinnati – “Holy Manna”; LSB #584 © 2006 CPH



1 Faith and truth and life be - stow - ing, O - pen now the
2 May the Spir - it's pow'r un - ceas - ing Bring to life the

Scrip - tures, Lord, Seed to life e - ter - nal sow - ing,
hid - den grain, Dai - ly in our hearts in - creas - ing,

Scat - tered on the wind a - broad. Let not hearts, Your
Bear - ing fruit that shall re - main. So in Scrip - ture,

Word re - ceiv - ing, Like a bar - ren field be found, Choked with
song, and sto - ry, Sav - ior, may Your voice be heard. Till our

thorns and un - be - liev - ing, Shal - low earth or ston - y ground.
eyes be - hold Your glo - ry Give us ears to hear Your Word.

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YOU WILL GO OUT IN JOY AND BE LED FORTH IN PEACE;
THE MOUNTAINS AND HILLS WILL BURST INTO SONG BEFORE YOU,
AND ALL THE TREES OF THE FIELD WILL CLAP THEIR HANDS.

ISAIAH 55:12, NIV



(Stand)

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C *Amen.*

(Kneel)

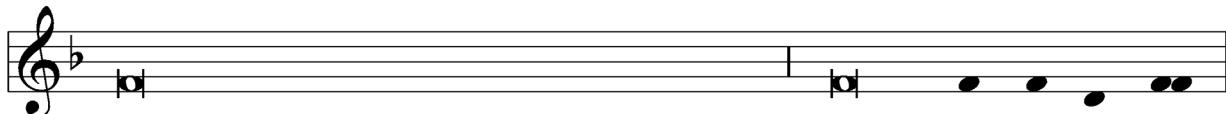
Confession of Sins

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C *But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

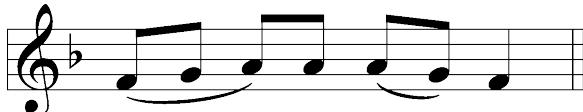
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C *O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserve your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all of my sins and grant me the power of your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.*

Pronouncement of Forgiveness

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



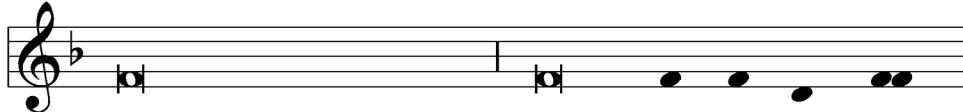
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



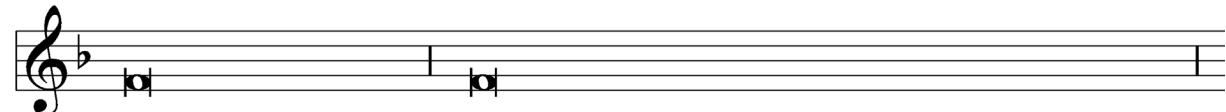
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



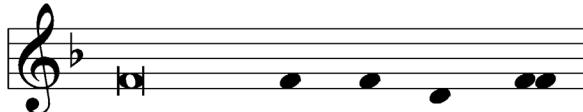
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



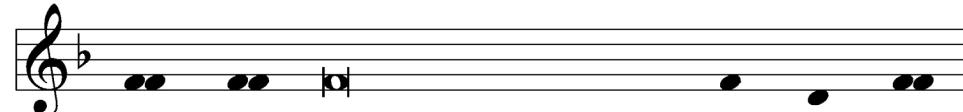
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



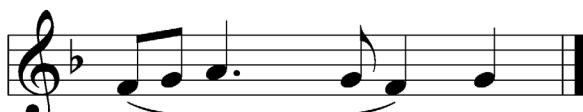
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise

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

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Wor - thy is
Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo - ple of God. This is the
feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Pow - er,
rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or - -

26

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

30

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

34

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

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

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

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

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

53

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

57

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His
 61 reign. Alleluia. This is the
 65 feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia,
 69 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Collect of the Day

(2 Timothy 4:22)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *Amen.*

(Be Seated)

Ministry of Music

IN PRAISE OF GOD

by Gordon Young based on "Old Hundredth" © 1984, Harold Flammer Music
Jubilate Choir

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, sing; Alleluia, sing; alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Amen, Amen.*

Old Testament Reading

ISAIAH 55:10–13

[10] "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, [11] so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. [12] "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. [13] Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

The Word of God is inherently dynamic, that is, it contains within itself the life-giving power of God. God promised Israel that if they would remain in His Word they would be blessed as His Spirit enabled them to grow strong in their faith. Like the rain which nourishes the seed in the ground and causes it to spring forth in new life, so the Word of God causes us to sprout and grow so that each of us may be rich and productive in the service of God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual

(Intoned by Laetare; Psalm 83:18, 13)

[Let your enemies] know that you alone, whose name | is the Lord,*
are the Most High over | all the earth.
O my God, make them like | whirling dust,*
like chaff be- | fore the wind.

Epistle Reading

2 CORINTHIANS 11:19 – 12:9

[19] For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves!
[20] For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face. [21] To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that! But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. [22] Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. [23] Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. [24] Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. [25] Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; [26] on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; [27] in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. [28] And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. [29] Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant? [30] If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. [31] The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. [32] At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, [33] but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands. [12:1] I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. [2] I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. [3] And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— [4] and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. [5] On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. [6] Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. [7] So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. [8] Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. [9] But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

See what little reason we have to love the pomp and plenty of this world, when this blessed apostle felt so much hardship in it. Our utmost diligence and services appear unworthy of notice when compared with his, and our difficulties and trials scarcely can be perceived. Here we may learn to think less of ourselves; and we should ever strictly keep to truth, as in God's presence; and should refer all to his glory, as the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed for evermore.

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

(Stand)

Alleluia and Verse

(John 6:68)



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

Holy Gospel

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

ST. LUKE 8:4–15

[4] When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable:

[5] “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. [6] And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. [7] And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. [8] And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” [9] And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, [10] he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’” [11] Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

[12] The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. [13] And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. [14] And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. [15] As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

With this typically down to earth story, Jesus reminds us that those who would live by faith must be characterized by an eager yearning for God's Word. Nothing can replace the truth that it reveals or the life that it imparts. Without constant contact with the Word our spiritual lives will remain barren and dead. Like the good ground of the parable, we must be ready to receive the Word with humble faith which enables us to accept and believe that which God says rather than trusting in our own inclinations or opinions.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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

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

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

(Be Seated)

Sermon Hymn

THE CLOUDS OF JUDGMENT GATHER

Text: Bernard of Cluny, 12th cent.; Tune: Welsh; setting Ralph Vaughan Williams – “Llangloffan”; LSB #513 © 2006 CPH

1 The clouds of judgment gather – er, The
 2 A - rise, O true dis - ci - ples; Let
 3 The home of fade - less splen - dor, Of
 4 Oh, hap - py, ho - ly por - tion, Re -

time is grow - ing late; Be so - ber and be
 wrong give way to right, And pen - i - ten - tial
 blooms that bear no thorn, Where they shall dwell as
 lief for all dis - tressed, True vi - sion of true

watch - ful, Our judge is at the gate:
 shad - ow To Je - sus' bless - ed light:
 chil - dren Who here as ex - iles mourn;
 beau - ty, Re - fresh - ment for the blest!

The judge who comes in mer - cy, The
 The light that has no eve - ning, That
 The peace of all the that faith - ful, The
 Strive now to win glo - ry, Toil

judge who comes in might To put an end to
 knows no moon or sun, The light so new and
 calm of all the blest, In - vi - o - late, un -
 now to gain that light; Send hope a - head to

e - vil And di - a - dem the right.
 gold - en, The light that is but one.
 fad - ing, Di - vin - est, sweet - est, best.
 grasp it Till hope be lost in sight.

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(Stand for Text)

Sermon

TEXT: PSALM 84 — “SAFE AT HOME”

(Stand)

Votum

Offertory

(Psalm 104:14-15; Is. 25:6; 1 Cor. 5:7)



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

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Offering Prayer

(Be Seated)

Offering Voluntary

THE CLOUDS OF JUDGMENT

Catechism Hymn

TO JORDAN CAME THE CHRIST, OUR LORD

Text: Martin Luther; Tune: 1524, Wittenberg – “Christ, Unser Herr”; LSB #406, sts. 3–4 © 2006 CPH

3 These truths on Jor - dan's banks were shown By might - y
4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to

word and won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down,
us ex - tend - ing; The Ho - ly Spir - it like a dove

Which we do well to pon - der: "This man is My be -
Up - on the scene de - scend - ing; The tri - une God as -

lov - ed Son, In whom My heart has plea - - sure.
sur - ing us, With prom - is - es com - pel - - ling,

Him you must hear, and Him a - lone, And trust in full -
That in our Bap - tism He will thus A - mong us find

est mea - - sure The word that He has spo - - ken."
a dwell - - ing To com - fort and sus - tain us.

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Catechism Lesson

P What benefits does Baptism give?
C *It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.*

P Which are these words and promises of God?
C *Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”*

P A lesson from Titus 3:5 –
C *“[H]e saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.”*

(Stand)

Intercessory Prayer

Preface

Worship Note: The sound of the Zimbelstern announces the invitation that brings the realms of heaven and voices here on earth to sing the great hymn of praise to our Lord. As the pastor reads “therefore with angels and archangels....” the bells peal in festive celebration.

Musical notation for the phrase 'The Lord be with you.' It consists of a single melodic line in G clef, starting on a note and followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes.

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

Musical notation for the phrase 'And also with you.' It consists of a single melodic line in G clef, starting on a note and followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes.

C And also with you.

Musical notation for the phrase 'Lift up your hearts.' It consists of a single melodic line in G clef, starting on a note and followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes.

P Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)

Musical notation for the phrase 'We lift them to the Lord.' It consists of a single melodic line in G clef, starting on a note and followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes.

C We lift them to the Lord.

Musical notation for the phrase 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' It consists of a single melodic line in G clef, starting on a note and followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(Psalm 136)

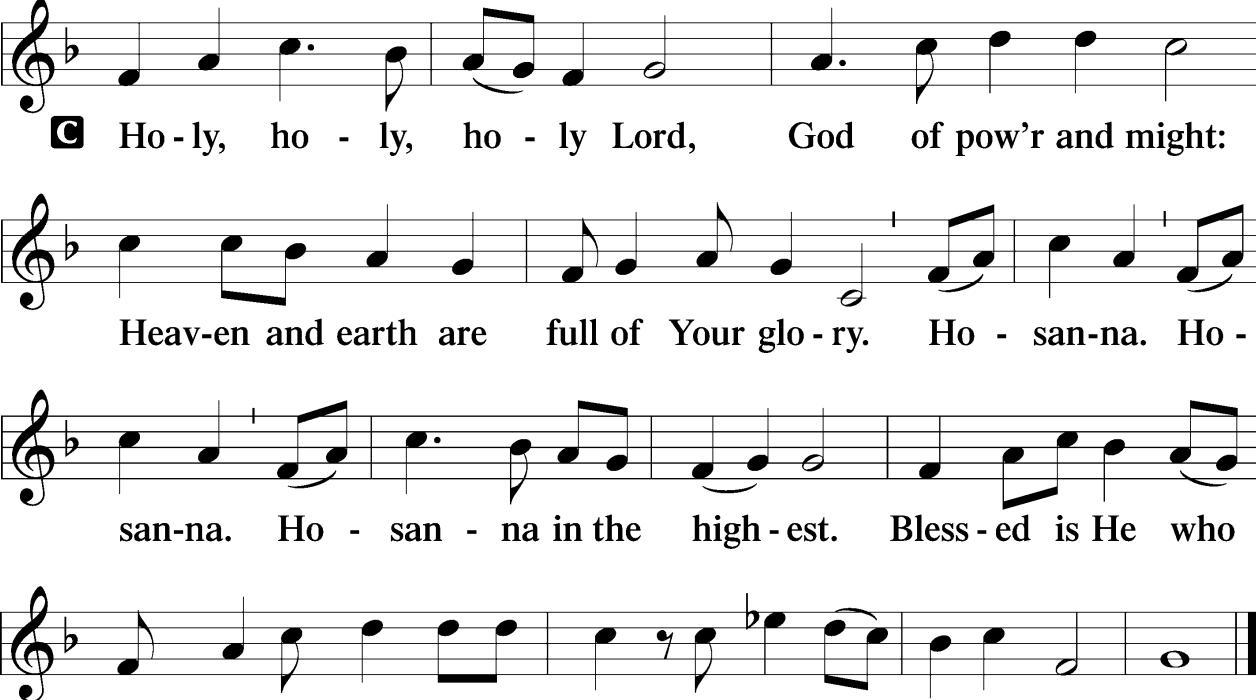
Musical notation for the phrase 'It is right to give Him thanks and praise.' It consists of a single melodic line in G clef, starting on a note and followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



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

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*

Words of Institution

(Matthew 26:26-28)

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My $\text{\tfrac{X}{\text{+}}}$ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My $\text{\tfrac{X}{\text{+}}}$ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

(John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

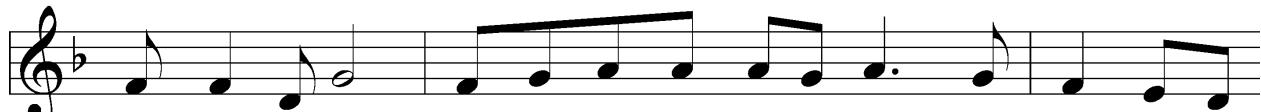
C *And also with you.*

Agnus Dei

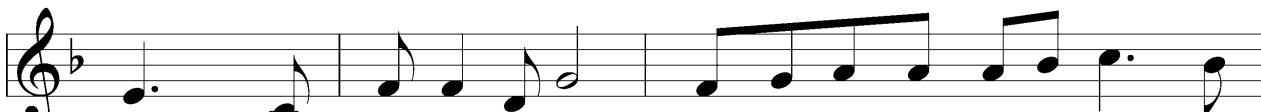
(John 1:29)



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



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



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



sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Be Seated)

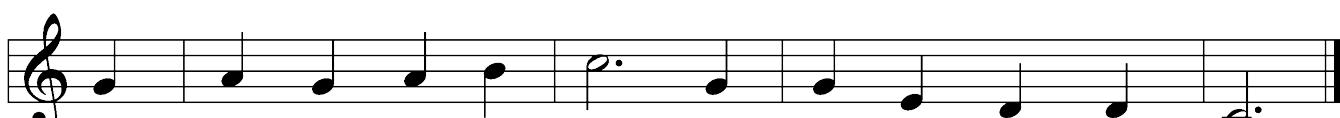
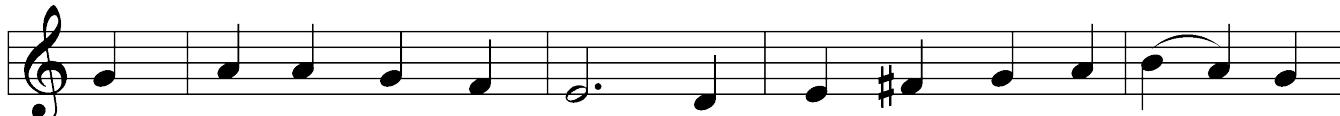
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Distribution Hymns

WHAT IS THE WORLD TO ME

Text: Georg Michael Pfefferkorn; Tune: Ahasverus Fritsch – “Was Frag Ich Nach Der Welt”; LSB #730 © 2006 CPH



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BLESSED JESUS, AT YOUR WORD

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer; Tune: Johann Rudolph Ahle – “Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier; LSB #904 © 2006 CPH

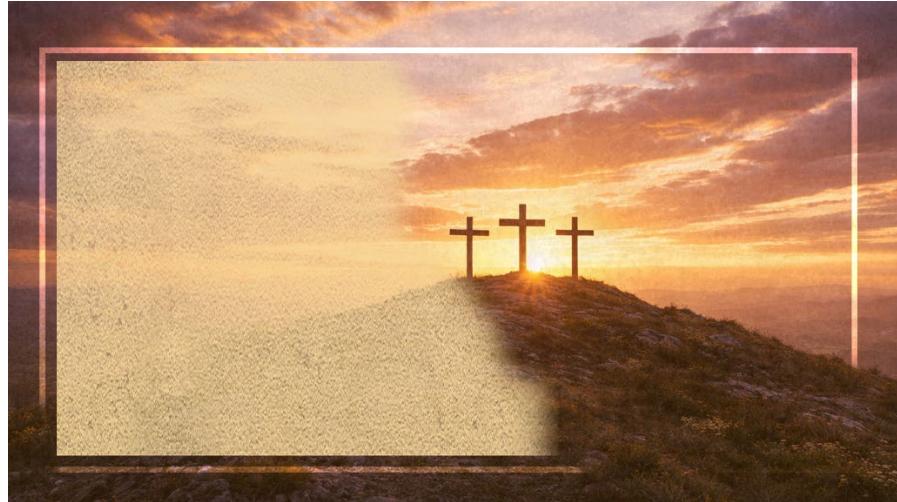
1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
 3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from
 △ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and

 all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night
 God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,

 Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach-ings,
 With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
 Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your
 Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -

 sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
 God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
 Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
 low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

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WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

Text: Isaac Watts; Tune: Lowell Mason – “Hamburg”; LSB #425 © 2006 CPH

Three staves of musical notation in G clef, common time, with a key signature of one flat. The music consists of three lines of notes corresponding to the three stanzas of the hymn text.

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a

Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,

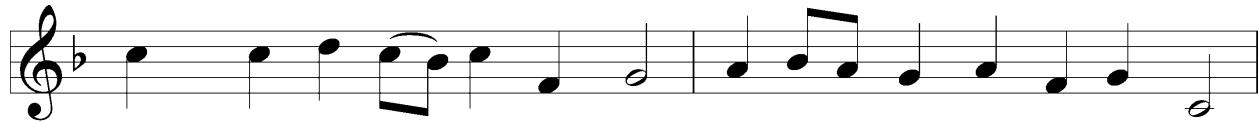
count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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(Stand)

Post-Communion Canticle

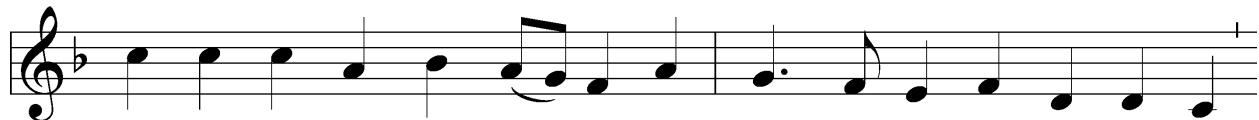
THANK THE LORD



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



Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.



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



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

Post-Communion Collect

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

C *Amen.*

Benediction

(Numbers 6:24-26)

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and \ddagger give you peace.



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

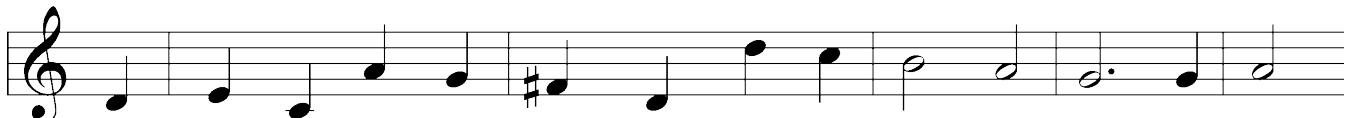
Closing Hymn

ON WHAT HAS NOW BEEN SOWN

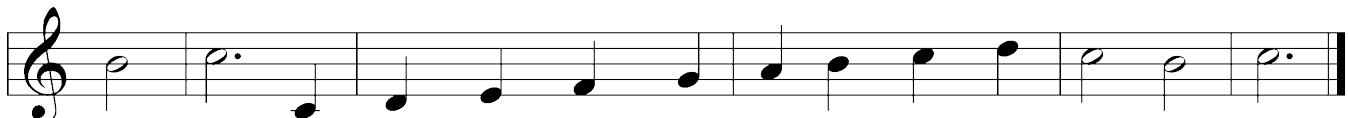
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1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow’rs;
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow’r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.
low Thee to heav’n, our home. E’en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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Postlude

ON WHAT HAS NOW BEEN SOWN

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Soli Deo Gloria

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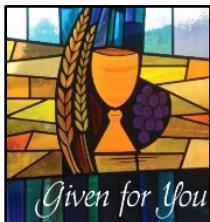
Enter reverently, meditate quietly, worship sincerely, serve Christ faithfully.

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

LIFE THOUGHTS/PRAYER: Sexagesima – God’s Word does things, guaranteed (Isaiah 55:11)! That’s because God Himself works in and through His Word, accomplishing His will. His work through the Word made flesh changes hearts. That is why Lutherans For Life bases everything upon that Word. When hearts and minds are changed, people change. People changed and motivated by the Word can influence and bring change to our society. *Almighty Father, bring forth fruit from the seeds You plant in and through us. 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 (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.



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
7th – 8th Grade – C105
6th Grade – C103

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

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

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Connie & Gene Kunkel in loving memory of Kirby Hackemack, and by Austin & Wendy Pugh in celebration of their wedding anniversary.



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 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@toddylends.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.

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



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 1st 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

Goju-Ryu Traditional Karate: Private & small group lessons – Contact

Nathan Work, Instructor of 23 years @ 281-222-9284 or nathanwork0@gmail.com.



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 11 is Chicken Fried Steak.



MEASURE OF DEVOTION: Last week Sunday, we had 476 people in attendance (last year 390); online we had 798 viewers.

Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week	\$ 58,704.02
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 5.....	\$ 176,137.44
Tithes & Offerings needed each week	\$ 43,385.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 5	\$ 216,925.00
Special Contributions to date	\$ 82,174.91

“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 8, at 9:30 AM

ELDERS: Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman
USHERS: Halbert Team
SOUND: Greenwood
CARTS: Adams Team
ACOLYTES: Katie Ripple / Megan Ripple
ALTAR GLD: Crystal Copeland Team 3
COMM. ASST: Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman / Brian Nitsch
EVANGELISM: Team 1 Nino
GREETERS: Team 10: Schmidt / Stuhr
MUSIC: Jubilate Choir
VIDEO: Adam White / Wesley White

Next Week, Sunday, February 15, at 9:30 AM

Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman
Downie Team
T. Wilbanks
Pampell Team
Paige Lawder / Camryn Winfree
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Team 3 Kriegel
Team 1: Carter/Malsons
Laudate Women's Choir / Jubilate Choir
Adam White / Wesley White

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 our Interim Principals: ***Lynette Cherington – lcherington@oslschool.org***
Jeanene Lunsford – jlunsford@oslschool.org

We greatly appreciate recommendations from our congregation members!



We're Collecting Gift Cards for our Africa Missions Pastor Wokoma while he is here for a few weeks with ***12 other students and family!*** They need food and other necessities. Gift cards from Walmart, Kroger, HEB, (local places), are greatly appreciated so they can buy for their needs while they are here. ***Thank you so much!***

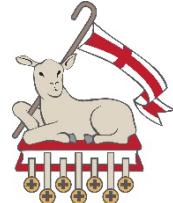
OSL at a Glance

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Event	Time	Location
Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Confirmation Class-YR	8:15am	Youth Room
Communion	9:30am	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45am	
Laudate-Choir Rm	12:00pm	Church Choir Room

Monday, February 9, 2026

Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML	9:00am	LWML
Young Adults Bible Study-YR	6:00pm	Youth Room
Revelation Bible Class	6:30pm	Bible Class Room



Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Braille	8:30am	Concordia LCMS
Trustees-Maintenance Bldg.	6:30pm	Maintenance Building
Parish Ed mtg-YR	7:00pm	Youth Room

Wednesday, February 11, 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
Winter F.A.S.T. & Meal - BC	5:30pm	Bible Class Room



Thursday, February 12, 2026

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

Friday, February 13, 2026

Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML	9:00am	LWML
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Sunday, February 15, 2026 ~ Newsletter Deadline

Bible Class	8:15am	Bible Class Room
Confirmation Class-YR	8:15am	Youth Room
Matins	9:30am	Church & online
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



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

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

3rd 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



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



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, 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 • 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

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

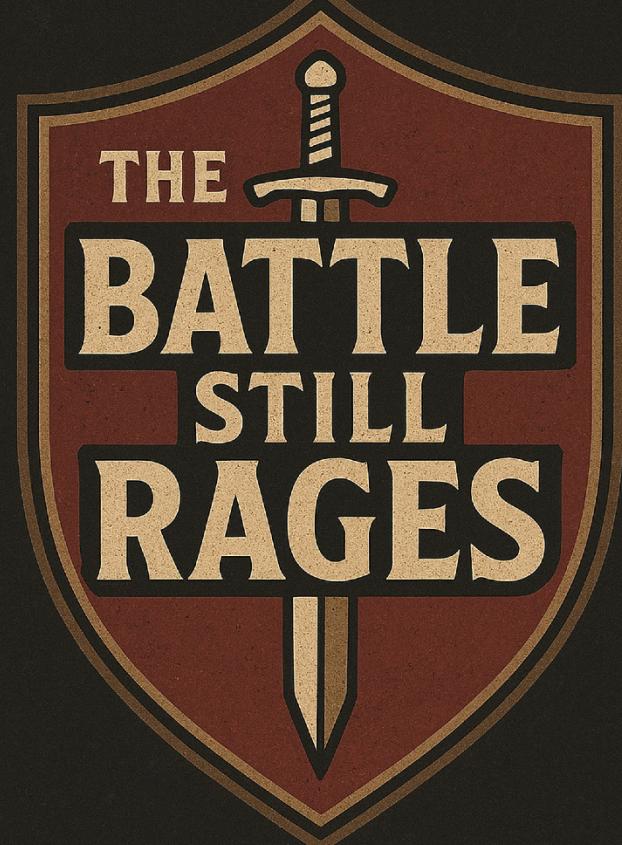
kingdom of God and the kingdom of the world. While we strive daily to be good citizens of the kingdom of God, we must also focus sufficiently and correctly on how we can guide the direction of this earthly kingdom. We are blessed to live in an amazing country. We have a voice in how we are governed and 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.

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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