



"John the Baptist" – The Ghent Altarpiece by Jan van Eyck

Our Savior Lutheran

Second Sunday in Advent

Order of Matins

In Nomine Jesu



Preservice Music

Ringing of the Bells

Prelude
Veni, Veni, Emmanuel

Greetings & Announcements

Hymn of Invocation

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Tune: French, 15th cent. – “Veni Emmanuel”; LSB #357 sts. 1–5 © 2006 CPH



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest all things
 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on
 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from Sa - tan's
 5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 might - i - ly; To us the path of knowl - edge show,
 Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst give the Law
 tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y pow'r to save,
 heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,



Un - til the Son of God ap-pear. Re - joice! Re-joice!
 And teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re-joice!
 In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe. Re - joice! Re-joice!
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re-joice!
 And close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re-joice!



Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
 Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
 Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
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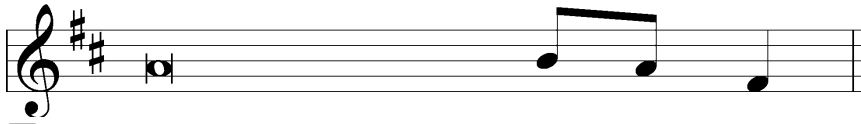
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Versicles

P O Lord, open thou my lips,

(Psalm 51:15)



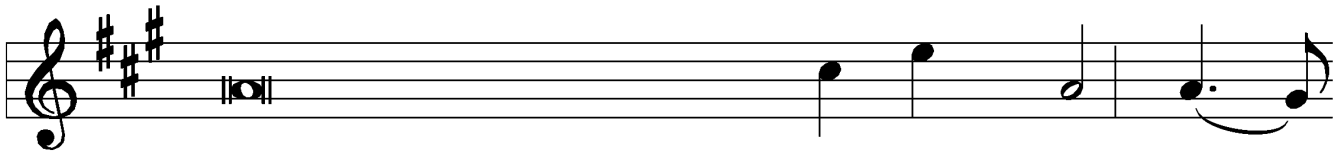
C And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

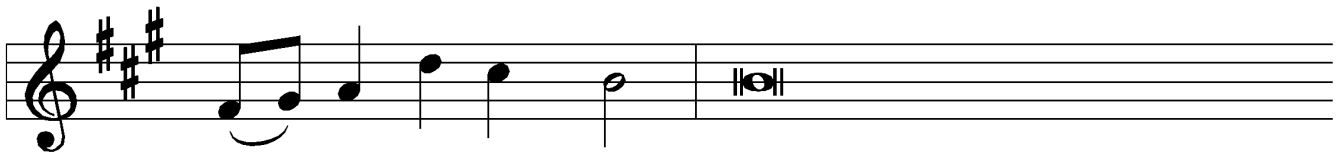
(Psalm 70:1)



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



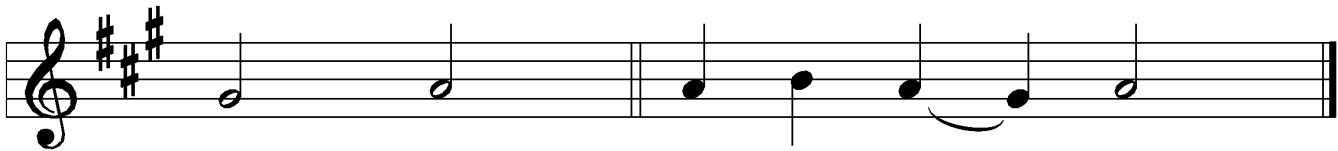
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and



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



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



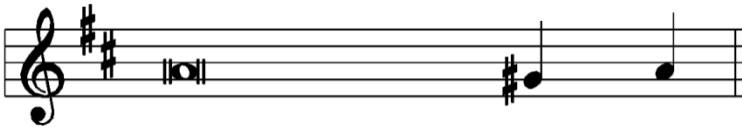
A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia!

Invitatory

P Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:

(Psalm 95:6)



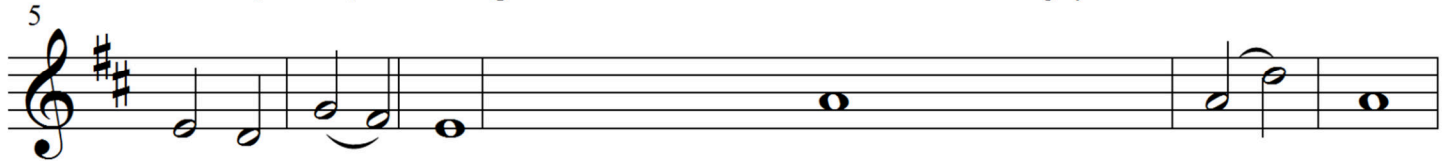
C For He is our Mak - er.

Venite Exultemus Domino

(Psalm 95:1-7)



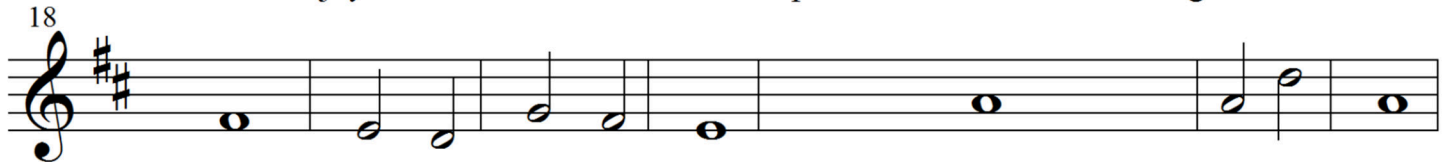
Oh, come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of



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



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



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Psalmody

“Vox Clamantis In Deserto”

(Intoned by Pastor with Congregation on Gloria Patri; Psalm 81:8, 10–11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b)

The voice of one crying in the | wilderness:*

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths straight.”

Hear, O my people, while I ad- | monish you!*

O Israel, if you would but lis- | ten to me!

I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.*

Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it.

But my people did not listen | to my voice;*

Israel would not sub- | mit to me.

Oh, that my people would lis- | ten to me,*

that Israel would walk | in my ways!

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 voice of one crying in the | wilderness:*

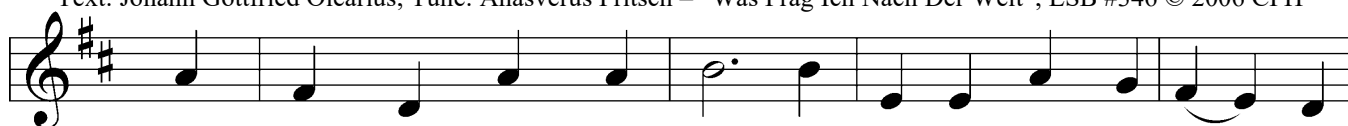
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths straight.”

(Be Seated)

Hymn of the Day

When All the World Was Cursed

Text: Johann Gottfried Olearius; Tune: Ahasverus Fritsch – “Was Frag Ich Nach Der Welt”; LSB #346 © 2006 CPH



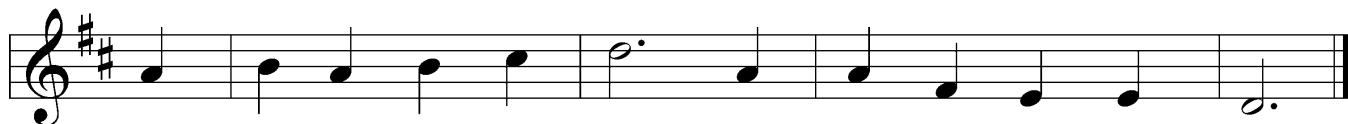
1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na - tion,
2 Be - fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy - ful meet - ing,
3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres - sion,
4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re-ceive, re - joic - ing,



Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con - so - la - tion.
Con - fess - ing Him as Lord Whose moth - er he was greet - ing.
Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The dev - il's dread op - pres - sion.
The word pro-claimed by John, Our true re - pen-tance voic - ing,



With true fore - run - ner's zeal The great - er One he named,
By Jor - dan's roll - ing stream, A new E - li - jah bold,
Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a - way our sin,
That glad - ly we may walk Up - on our Sav - ior's way



And Him, as yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.
He tes - ti - fied of Him Of whom the proph - ets told:
Who for our peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.
Un - til we live with Him In His e - ter - nal day.

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Old Testament Lesson

Malachi 3:1–7b

[1] “Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. [2] But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. [3] He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord.

[4] Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. [5] “Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts. [6] “For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. [7] From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’”

The prophet announces that the Lord will come to his temple after all initial preparations are completed. The Lord’s work among his people will be thorough. It will reveal and remove all impurity in God’s people so that what they present as their gift of greeting may be pleasing to the Lord.

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



C Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

Ministry of Music

Come, Jesus, Prince of Peace

Arranged by Brad Nix; Words & Music by Diane Hannibal; © 2011 Hal Leonard Corporation

Laudate Choir

*Come, O come, Emmanuel, come to us and stay. Come, O come, Emmanuel, could this be the day?
Jesus, Prince of Peace, hope of all the earth; come, O come, Emmanuel, we await Your birth.
Come, O come, Emmanuel, joy of heav’n come down. Come, O come, Emmanuel, King without a crown.
Jesus, Prince of Peace, come to guide our way; come, O come, Emmanuel, live in us today.
Come, O come, Emmanuel, Branch of Jesse’s tree. Come, O come, Emmanuel, set Your children free.
Jesus, Prince of Peace, gentle as a dove; come, O come, Emmanuel, Messenger of love.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel! Come, O come, Emmanuel, we await Your birth.*

Epistle Reading

Philippians 1:2–11

[2] Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [3] I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, [4] always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, [5] because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. [6] And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. [7] It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and

Paul thanks God for the way in which the Philippian Christians shared in his task of proclaiming the Gospel. They had aided him in various ways and he expresses his conviction that they will be of even greater benefit since they share the same grace of God that empowered Paul. He confidently prays that when the Lord comes the Philippians will be a pleasing gift of greeting.

confirmation of the gospel. [8] For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. [9] And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, [10] so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, [11] filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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



C Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

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Gospel Reading

St. Luke 3:1-20

[1] In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, [2] during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. [3] And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. [4] As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. [5] Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, [6] and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" [7] He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? [8] Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. [9] Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." [10] And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" [11] And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." [12] Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" [13] And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." [14] Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages." [15] As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, [16] John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with

Luke wants his readers to know that God sent a specific person at a specific time in history to fulfill his promises. John the Baptist lived when Tiberius, Pilate, Herod, Philip, and Caiaphas held office. John was the promised preparer, the herald of the Lord, the one to humble the exalted and exalt the humble in preparation for the coming of the Lord, as Malachi had said.

the Holy Spirit and with fire. [17] His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” [18] So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. [19] But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, [20] added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

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



C Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

(Be Seated)

Baptism Hymn

Children of the Heavenly Father

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg; Tune: Sweden, 1873 – “Tryggare Kan Ingen Vara”; LSB #725 © 2006 CPH



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Lilian Kathleen Noble



Sermon Hymn

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Text: Charles Coffin; Tune: adapt. Michael Praetorius – “Puer Nobis”; LSB #344 © 2006 CPH



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
(Stand) 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
way for God with - in, And let us all our
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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Sermon

Text: Philippians 1:2–11

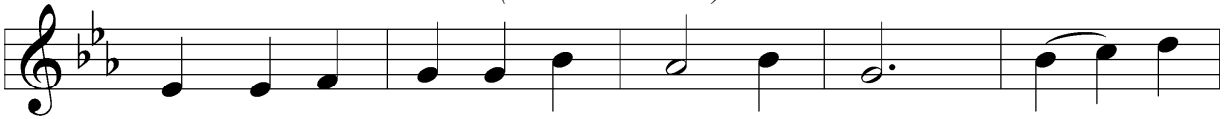
“A Prayer of Love”

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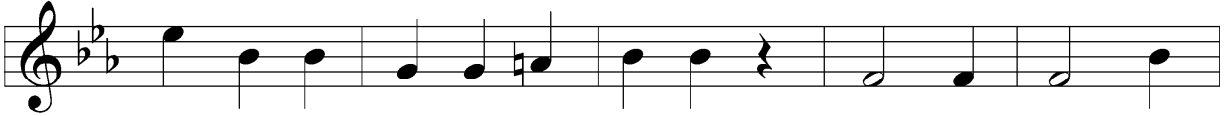
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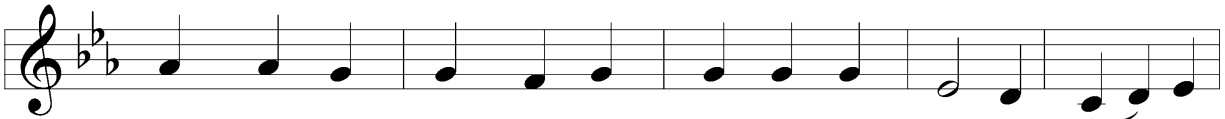
(Psalm 51:10-12)



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



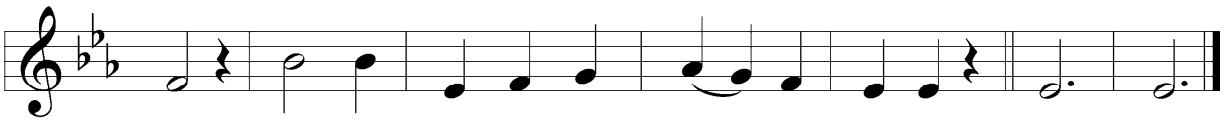
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



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

Puer Nobis

Catechism Hymn

We All Believe in One True God

Text: Martin Luther; Tune: Latin, 14th cent. – “Wir Glauben All”; LSB #954 st. 2 © 2006 CPH



2 We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, His own Son, our
Lord, pos - sess - ing An e - qual God - head, throne, and might,
Source of ev - 'ry grace and bless - ing; Born of Mar - y,
vir - gin moth - er, By the pow - er of the Spir - it,
Word made flesh, our el - der broth - er; That the lost might
life in - her - it, Was cru - ci - fied for
all our sin And raised by God to life a - gain.

Catechism Lesson



A lesson from St. Mark 10:45–



For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

P What is the Second Article?

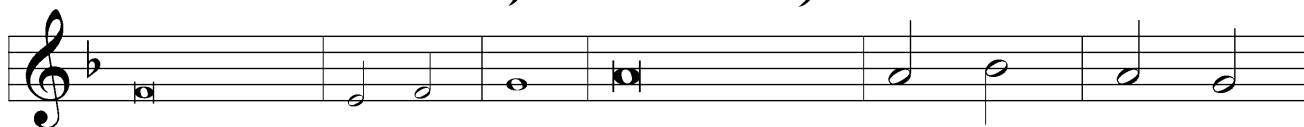
C *And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.*

P What does this mean?

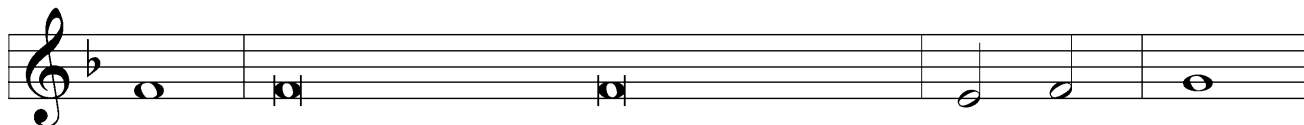
C *I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold, or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be his own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.*

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The Gloria in Excelsis



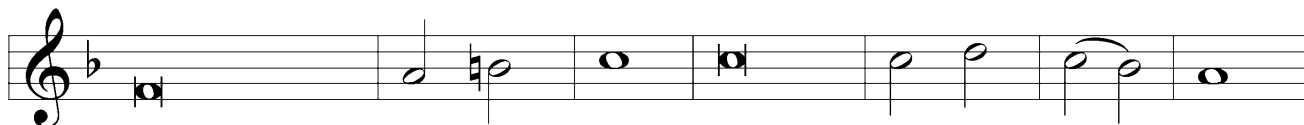
C Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



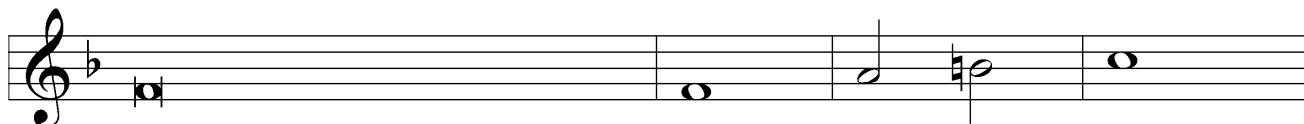
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



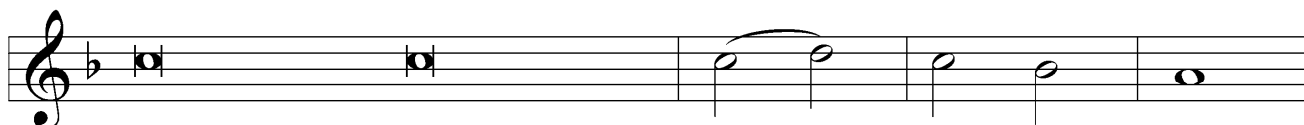
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



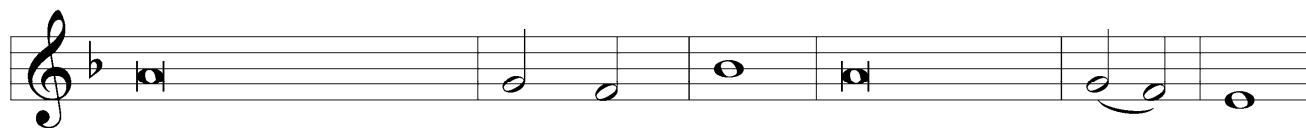
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



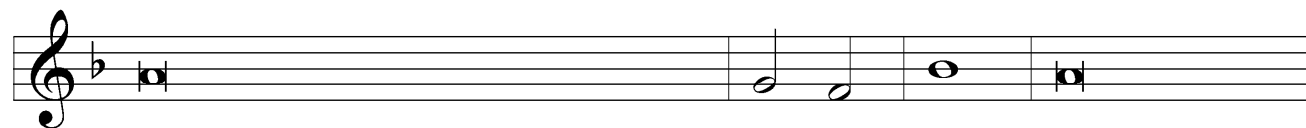
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



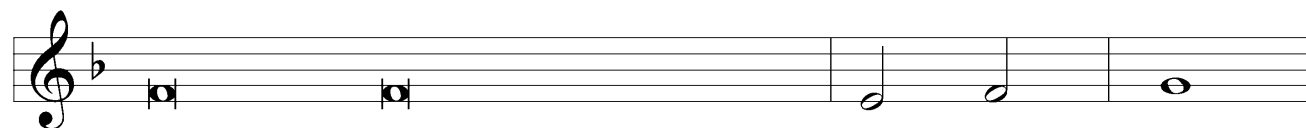
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



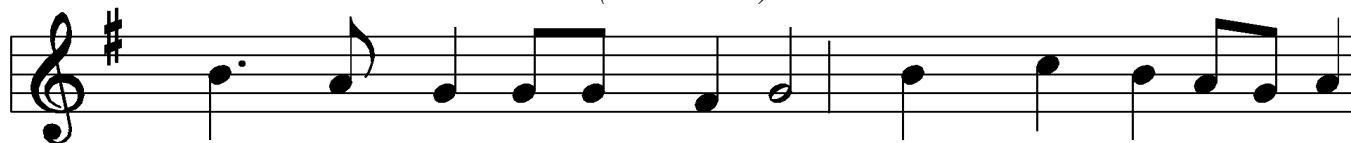
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

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.

Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

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

Salutation

(2 Timothy 4:22)

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Intercessory Prayer

Benedicamus

(Psalm 103:1)

P Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

(2 Corinthians 13:14)

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



C A - men.

Closing Hymn

Hark the Glad Sound

Text: Philip Doddridge; Tune: Thomas Haweis – “Chesterfield”; LSB #349 © 2006 CPH

1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come

prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es

throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
 burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
 grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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Postlude

Was Frag Ich Nach Der Welt

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Soli Deo Gloria

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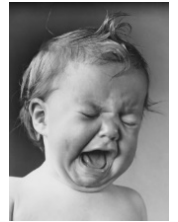
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Enter reverently, meditate quietly, worship sincerely, serve Christ faithfully.

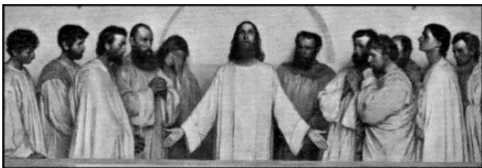
It is our heartfelt prayer that all who worships here this day may encounter the love of our Savior. According to His promise, He is here today reaching out to us in love through Word and Sacrament. If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you have found it here so that we may rejoice in serving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

PRAYER OF THE DAY: You who are a refining fire and a purifying agent, we praise you that in Christ you make us whole again. We gather to hear his coming announced, and anxiously await the dawn of your redeeming grace. Fill our mouths with laughter at the prospect of our liberation, and our tongues with shouts of joy at the news of our redemption. You continue to do great things for us, O God. Therefore we come into your presence with singing. 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, December 12 at 9:30 AM. “Let a man examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.” *1 Corinthians 11:28*

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

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Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School Options for All:

8:15 AM

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

10:45 AM

Thru the Bible in One Year – A Personal Commitment to the Faithful Study of the Word of God: We will continue our study on the Scripture readings the congregation is working on together this year. (Pastor White - Bible Class Room)

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

Bethel Bible Series: “Proverbs” – The Bethel Class has now begun the study of the Book of Proverbs. Proverbs is a much-loved book of wisdom whose guidance has practical application to lives in every age. In our study of Proverbs, we will direct our attention to prerequisites to happiness. Good human relationships are indispensable to a happy life! What must we do then to be on amiable terms with those who live about us? It is to that question to which our study shall be addressed. (Herb Peterson, C102)

Women’s Bible Study: This season of Advent, we will be looking at ways God is renewing, connecting, surprising, and abiding with us. Our study is written by Sarah Baughman as a companion to her and Heidi Goehmann’s Advent Devotional Make Ready. (Family Room, Church)

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

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

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS AS LISTED –

High School - Youth Room
8th Grade Confirmation – C105
6th - 7th Grade – C103

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

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



The flowers are given to the glory of God by Jo-Caroll & Dennis Mueller; and by Diana Stachowiak in honor of her 45th wedding anniversary 12/11.

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

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

Monday Evening Adult Information Class – BACK TO THE BASICS! Adult Information Class is on Mondays @ 7:00 PM. The class covers the most important teachings of the Bible as they are believed, taught and confessed in this Lutheran Congregation. The class is designed for anyone considering membership in Our Savior Lutheran Church and for members of the congregation who would like a great review of basic Bible doctrine. The class meets from 7:00 - 8:30 PM, on Monday evenings, and continues for twelve weeks. Babysitting and refreshments are provided.



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

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



CHURCH OFFICE POSITION OPEN: I am sad to announce that Debbie Lazarine will be retiring as Church Office Manager at the end of 2021. Debbie has served her Lord in this position admirably and well. If you are interested in being considered for this position, please submit a resume at your earliest convenience to Pastor White: lwhite@osl.cc.



HANGING OF THE GREENS is **December 12th, 12:00 noon**, following Sunday School! We meet in the narthex and help with this OSL tradition of Hanging of the Greens. This is a great afternoon for the family to share. There is something for teenagers on up, Men & Women! The Altar Guild appreciates your help! Sandwiches & drinks will be provided for the workers in the narthex. For any questions contact Debbie Adams 713-826-1279.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING! Join us **December 19th, at 5:00 pm!** Bring the whole family and let’s fill every seat on the bus as we spread some Christmas cheer, singing to our shut-in members! Then we’ll come back to church for snacks and fellowship. Bring a snack to share and come with your voices strong and ready to sing.



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

CHRISTMAS SMOKED RIBS! Your very own OSL Holy Smokers will be firing up the pit once again on Friday, December 10, to prepare Slow Smoked Ribs. All proceeds to benefit OSL Christmas Angel Fund. Pre-order your 100% cooked to perfection Ribs at a low price of only \$20.00 by completing a form available in the narthex or by email to oslholysmokers@gmail.com (include name, phone number and quantity) **Deadline for ordering is Wednesday DECEMBER 8.** All ribs must be picked up on **Friday, December 10** between the hours of 3 to 5 pm. Buy extra for your family and friends or even your neighbor.



GREETERS NEEDED to serve the Lord with gladness! Get to know your fellow church family. Call Terry Tomchesson for information: 281-777-4879. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for audio-visual ministries:** If you would like to learn from a “hands on” perspective, call 713-290-9087, leave your name, number, and we will contact you. No experience needed.

Name Tags upon request. Simply express the way you want to have your name appear and give your place of birth to Debbie in the church office, 713-290-9087 ext. 202, or dlazarine@osl.cc.

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

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

BOX TOPS for Education – Please place the trimmed box tops in an envelope marked for the school on the narthex table.

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

AMAZON SMILE & OSL – Now enjoy everything Amazon offers while supporting OSL School. Amazon will donate .5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Our Savior Lutheran School. How? Visit [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile), search “Our Savior Lutheran Church and School, Houston” and select us as your preferred charity. Who knew supporting your school could be so easy?

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Don't forget to tithe!



Use the OSL app from Subsplash! It is 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

MEASURE OF DEVOTION: Last Sunday, we had 396 people in attendance (last year 229), 1100 viewed our service online. For Thanksgiving Eve, we had 214 (last year 183), Thanksgiving Day, we had 44 (last year 59).

Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week	\$ 22,976.93
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 48	\$ 1,511,731.27
Tithes & Offerings needed each week	\$ 35,365.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 48	\$ 1,697,520.00
General Fund Income to date	\$ 3,358,315.53
Special Contributions to date	\$ 209,168.45

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

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

Those To Serve:

Today, December 5, at 9:30 AM

ELDERS: Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie
USHERS: Lehr Team
SOUND: Witt
CARTS: Gavin Team
ACOLYTES: Mary Johnson / Katherine Johnson
ALTAR GLD: —
COMM.ASST: —

Next Sunday, December 12, at 9:30 AM

Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie
Hall Team
J. Wilbanks
Gerard Team
Maja Stephens / August Baughman
Lorie Moehlman Team
Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie /
Ken Wright
Team 4 Karl
Alan & Sandy Fritsche
Jubilate Choir

EVANGELISM: Team 3 James

GREETERS: Jim, Debra & Riley Carter

MUSIC: Laudate Choir

VIDEO: Amélie Boerger / Chad Greenwood / Mitchell Stephens / Aiden Sullivan / Adam White

Advent Wednesday, December 8, at 7:00 PM

ELDERS: Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie
USHERS: Lehr Team
SOUND: Witt
CARTS: Gavin Team
ACOLYTES: Aiden Kleb / Matthew O'Neill / Kaden Resendez
EVANGELISM: Team 3 James
MUSIC: OSL ECE classes
VIDEO: Amélie Boerger / Chad Greenwood / Mitchell Stephens / Aiden Sullivan / Adam White

*All Advent meals
will be from
Chick-fil-A, with
sandwiches or
wraps for adults,
and nuggets for
the kids, served in
the **cafeteria**.*



Join us this Advent and Christmas season in walking through the *Come and See Devotional*. Each day includes a short reading and a brief devotion to encourage our hearts and minds to rest in the One who came for us and will come for us again. Copies are available in the Narthex, or scan this code for a downloadable PDF version.

OSL at a Glance

Sunday, December 5, 2021

<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Bible Class	8:15 AM	Bible Class Room
Matins-Baptism	9:30 AM	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45 AM	
Cantate	12:00 PM	Church Music Room
High School Youth Meeting	4:30 PM	Youth Room

Monday, December 6, 2021

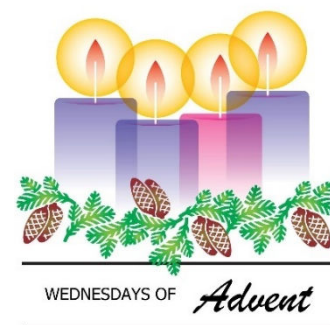
<i>Bon Appetit Christmas Luncheon</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>	
Scout tour of Sanctuary	6:30 PM	
Adult Information Class-BC	7:00 PM	Bible Class Room

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Circle of Grace-FR	10:00 AM	Family Room
Church Council-BC	7:00 PM	Bible Class Room

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Men's Bible Study-BC	6:30 AM	Bible Class Room
School Chapel	9:10 AM	Church
Bible Class-BC- <i>Last Class until Jan 2022</i>	10:00 AM	Bible Class Room
Bulletin Deadline	12:00 PM	Church Office
Advent Meal	5:30 PM	Cafeteria
Advent Service	7:00 PM	Church



Thursday, December 9, 2021

Prayer Request printing deadline	3:00 PM	Church office
Carillon Ringers	6:15 PM	Choir Loft
Jubilate Choir	7:00 PM	Choir Loft

Friday, December 10, 2021

Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML	9:00 AM	LWML
Wedding Rehearsal	4:00 PM	

Saturday, December 11, 2021

Wedding	2:00 PM	Church
Drive Through Nativity	5:30 PM-8:30 PM	Church Campus



Sunday, December 12, 2021

Bible Class	8:15 AM	Bible Class Room
Communion	9:30 AM	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45 AM	
Altar Guild Hanging of the Greens	12:00 PM	Church
Laudate	12:00 PM	School Music Room
Middle School Youth Meeting	4:30 PM	Youth Room

Drive-Through Nativity

**Saturday, December 11th
from 5:30 to 8:30 pm**

We invite everyone to Come and See God's plan of salvation through Jesus Christ illustrated with live actors. Invite your neighbors, friends, and families!

If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 713-290-9087 or email sbaughman@osl.cc



Order Your Poinsettias



The Altar Guild will be decorating our church with poinsettias to celebrate the joy of our newborn Savior in memory of loved ones or a special occasion. Your dedication will be printed in a special book that will be handed out at the Christmas services. Use this form and place in the offering plate, mail to us, or email to Debbie at dlazarine@osl.cc. Each poinsettia plant is \$10.00. Checks made out to OSL. Poinsettias will be available for pick up after the New Year's Eve Service. Poinsettia dedication deadline for the book is December 15th.

Yes, I want ____ poinsettias @ \$10.00 each = _____ enclosed.

Name: _____

Dedication: _____