



*Our Savior Lutheran*

# *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

## *Order of Holy Communion*

### *In Nomine Jesu*



### *Preservice Music*

### *Ringling of the Bells*

### *Prelude*

PRELUDE IN G MAJOR

By J.S. Bach

### *Greetings & Announcements*

# Hymn of Invocation

## PRAISE THE GOD WHO FORMED THE FAMILY

Text: L. White; Tune: Joseph Barnby – “Galilean”; Te Deum #260 © 2016 OSL



1. Praise our God Who formed the fam' - ly, Blessed us with His  
2. Praise our God Who gave us mar - riage, For a hus - band  
3. Praise our God Who gives us child - ren, Life from love since  
4. Praise our God Who formed the fam' - ly That with - in its



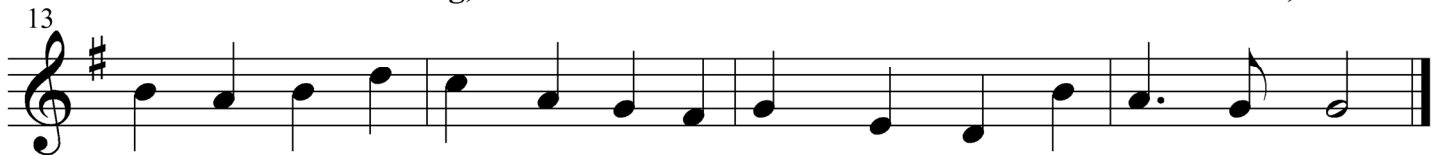
gift of love. Formed us in His sac - red im - age,  
and a wife. Pledge their lives to one an - oth - er,  
time be - gan; God Him - self pro - vides the mod - el,  
lov - ing care; Faith and truth, hon - or and val - ues,



Our Cre - a - tor from a - bove. Made man - kind as  
In the good times and the strife, Head and heart, this  
Of a fath - er's faith - ful care. Moth - er's bear with -  
Could be taught and shown and shared. Each new gen - er -



man and wom - an, That to - geth - er they might live,  
man and wom - an, Each com - plete their chos - en spouse  
in their bod - ies, That most pre - cious, won - drous child;  
a - tion learn - ing, From all those who came be - fore,



Two as one with one an - oth - er, From their love new life to give.  
In their self - less love and car - ing, Je - sus dwells with - in their house.  
As did Ma - ry, bear our Sav - ior, Vir - gin moth - er, meek and mild.  
Of the God who made us fam' - ly Whom we wor - ship and a - dore.

(Stand)

## Invocation

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

(Kneel)

## Confession of Sins

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

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

## Pronouncement of Forgiveness

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

(Stand)

## Call to Worship

BASED UPON PSALM 139

**P** We have come to worship our God – to sing His praise – to seek His forgiveness – and to glorify His Holy Name.  
O Lord, You have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar!  
**C** *HOW PRECIOUS TO ME ARE YOUR THOUGHTS, O GOD!*

**P** For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb! I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made!

**C** ***HOW PRECIOUS TO ME ARE YOUR THOUGHTS, O GOD!***

**P** Wonderful are Your works! My soul knows it very well! My frame was not hidden from You when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth!

**C** ***HOW PRECIOUS TO ME ARE YOUR THOUGHTS, O GOD!***

**P** Your eyes saw my unformed substance. In Your book were written every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them.

**C** ***HOW PRECIOUS TO ME ARE YOUR THOUGHTS, O GOD!***

**P** Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me, and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

**C** ***HOW PRECIOUS TO ME ARE YOUR THOUGHTS, O GOD!***

**P** We have come to worship our God – to sing His praises – to seek His forgiveness – and to glorify His Holy Name!

**C** ***AMEN! ALLELUIA! AMEN!***

*(Be Seated)*

## *Ministry of Music*

### IN CHRIST ALONE

By Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

Jubilate Choir

*In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.  
There in the ground His body lay. Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
for I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.  
No guilt in life, no fear in death this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I stand.  
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Here in the pow'r of Christ I stand.*

# Old Testament Reading

## PROVERBS 31:10–31

[10] An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. [11] The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. [12] She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. [13] She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. [14] She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from afar. [15] She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens. [16] She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. [17] She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong. [18] She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. [19] She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. [20] She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. [21] She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet. [22] She makes bed coverings for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple. [23] Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land. [24] She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers sashes to the merchant. [25] Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. [26] She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. [27] She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. [28] Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: [29] “Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.” [30] Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. [31] Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

*The king offers a classic description of the selfless love of a wife and mother for her family. In her willingness to put the needs of her beloved before her own, and by her tireless efforts on behalf of her husband and children, she provides a poignant model of the love of God for His own. The wise king calls upon society to recognize and honor the crucial role which Christian wives and mothers play within every society. Without that intense self-sacrificing love marriage and family cannot survive and without marriage and family it is impossible to maintain a stable society which effectively conveys its values from one generation to the next.*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** *Thanks be to God.*

## Gradual

*(Adapted. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:5-6)*

*(Intoned by Pastor)*

Christ has risen | from the dead.\*

God the Father has crowned him with glory and | honor.

He has made him ruler over the works | of his hands;\*

He has put everything un- | der his feet.

# Epistle Reading

## EPHESIANS 5:22–6:3

[22] Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. [23] For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. [24] Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. [25] Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, [26] that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, [27] so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. [28] In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. [29] For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, [30] because we are members of his body. [31] “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” [32] This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. [33] However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. [6:1] Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. [2] “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), [3] “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”

*The apostle Paul re-affirms marriage as the foundational expression of the image of God in which humankind was created in the beginning. Our capacity and need for love reflects our likeness to God who is love. In His wisdom and His love God created male and female each with unique characteristics and capacities to enable them to complement one another as they are bonded together in loving commitment to one another. A culture which foolishly contradicts the will of the Creator and denies the unique identities of male and female forfeits the blessings which God graciously intended in the pattern of creation. Neither marriage nor family can successfully function to create new life and rear children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord apart from the divine design.*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

## Alleluia and Verse

(John 6:68)

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). It contains a series of eighth and quarter notes. Below the staff, a square icon is followed by the lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the". The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. Below it, the lyrics are: "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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. John, the 19th chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

## Gospel Reading

ST. JOHN 19:23-27

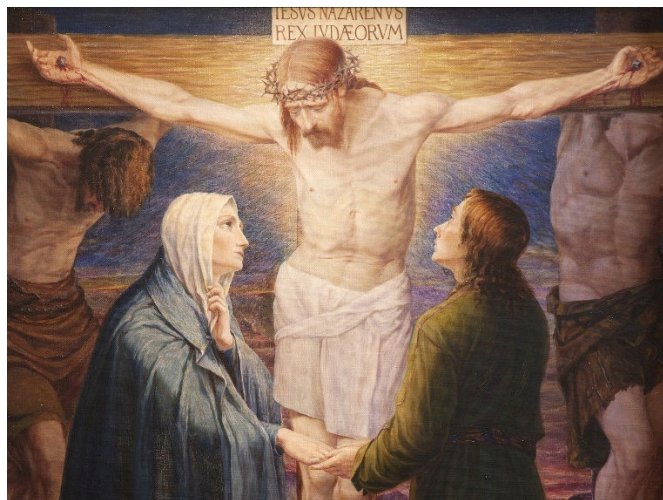
[23] When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, [24] so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things, [25] but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. [26] When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" [27] Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

*The image of Christ's mother Mary, standing broken-hearted at the foot of the cross, is one of the most poignant and powerful examples of the unbreakable bond of a mother's love in Holy Scripture. Only His mother and her companions loved Him enough to stand by Him to the end. No matter what the risk, no matter how great the pain, Mary was there for her Son. Such is the love of a mother – the most intense form of love in the human experience.*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.





(Be Seated)

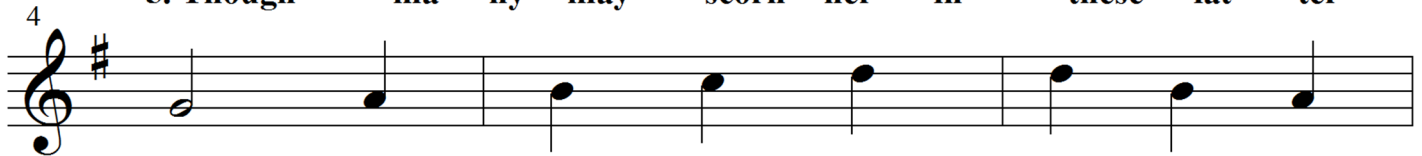
# Sermon Hymn

## THE LOVE OF A MOTHER

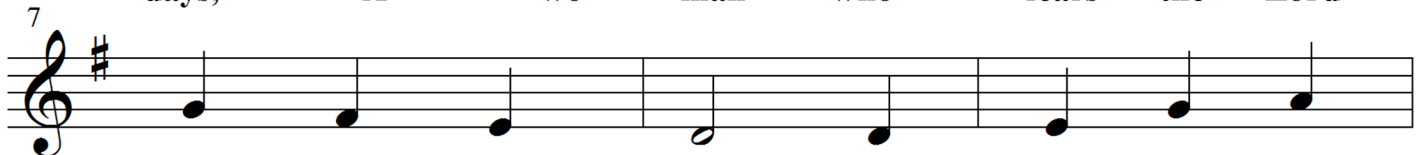
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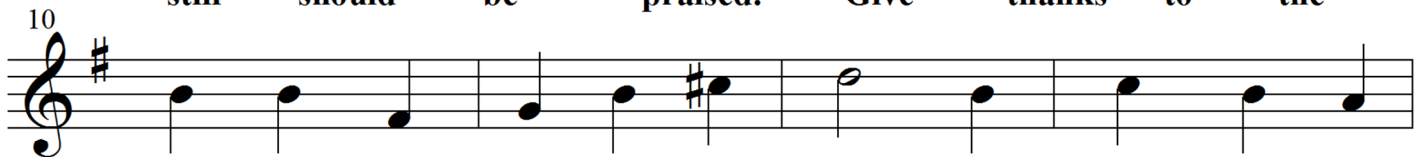
1. The love of a moth - er is God's prec - ious  
2. Cre - a - ted in wis - dom as lov - er and  
3. To live for her fam - 'ly, her cal - ling and  
4. All beau - ty is fleet - ing and charm is a  
5. Though ma - ny may scorn her in these lat - ter



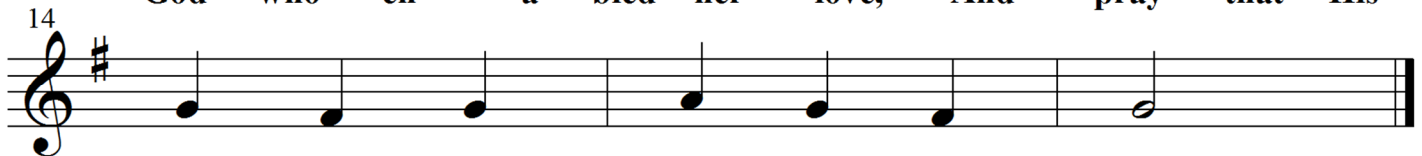
gift It an - chors each fam - 'ly in  
wife She bears in her bo - dy the  
care Like Christ in her love, ev - 'ry  
lie A life lived for self nev - er  
days, A wo - man who fears the Lord



this world a - drift. More prec - ious than  
se - cret of life And though sin has  
bur - den to bear. Though all of life's  
can sat - is - fy But joy and ful -  
still should be praised: Give thanks to the



ru - bies, a trea - sure di - vine, The heart of her  
come with its tri - als and pain The Seed of the  
prob - lems would tear us a - part The love of a  
fill - ment can al - ways be found In homes where the  
God who en - a - bled her love, And pray that His



house - hold by God's own de - sign.  
wo - man has brought life a - gain.  
moth - er is each fam - 'ly's heart.  
love of Christ ev - er a - bounds.  
bless - ing de - scend from a - bove.

*(Stand for Text)*

## *Sermon*

TEXT: PROVERBS 31  
"MOST PRECIOUS"

*(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

SONATINA

Mitchell Stephens

(Stand)

## Intercessory Prayer

**P** Gracious God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, we pray Your blessing and care upon this day of commemoration and celebration upon the mothers of our congregation and our country:

**C** **FATHER, BLESS, EMPOWER, AND PROTECT THEM.**

**P** For expectant mothers, wondering and waiting, who feel the miracle of life growing within their bodies, whose joy is mingled with anxiety at the awesome responsibility which now confronts them:

**C** **FATHER, BLESS, EMPOWER, AND PROTECT THEM.**

**P** For mothers who are being tempted by the subtle hiss of the Adversary, who is whispering in their ear through all the myriad voices of our wicked society, that abortion would be an easy escape from this burden so that they might live their lives as they choose:

**C** **FATHER, BLESS, EMPOWER, AND PROTECT THEM.**

**P** For mothers who are tired, stressed, or depressed, struggling every day to balance the tasks of work and family:

**C** **FATHER, BLESS, EMPOWER, AND PROTECT THEM.**

**P** For mothers who are trapped in poverty, and whose life has become a constant battle to provide the basic necessities of life for their children:

**C** **FATHER, BLESS, EMPOWER, AND PROTECT THEM.**

**P** For mothers whose children have physical, mental, or emotional disabilities, that they may be enabled to view these handicaps as special blessings from You and opportunities to show Your selfless love in their care and nurture:

**C** **FATHER, BLESS, EMPOWER, AND PROTECT THEM.**

**P** For mothers who must cope with the complications and pain caused by sin, mothers who have children they do not want, or single mothers who must raise children on their own, or mothers called to care for the children of others, or mothers who have been abandoned by their children:

**C** **FATHER, BLESS, EMPOWER, AND PROTECT THEM.**

- P** For mothers who have lost a child that the endless ache of their grief may be tempered with the promise of life everlasting and the anticipation of a joyful reunion in heaven:
- C** ***FATHER, BLESS, EMPOWER, AND PROTECT THEM.***
- P** Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, that they may lead their children to know and do what is good; that their children may see the selfless love of Christ in their mother's care.
- C** ***FATHER, BLESS, EMPOWER, AND PROTECT THEM.***
- P** Lord, we bring before you these and all our other cares and petitions in the prayer which You have taught us to pray:

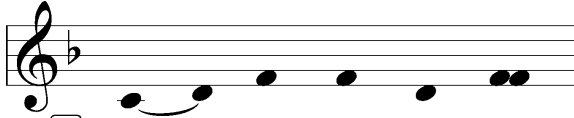
## *Lord's Prayer*

(St. Matthew 6:9-13)

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

## *Preface*

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



**P** The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



**C** And al - so with you.

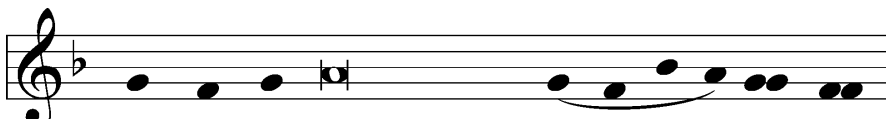


**P** Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(Psalm 136)



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## *Sanctus*

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



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## *Words of Institution*

(St. Matthew 26:26-28)

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

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

# *Pax Domini*

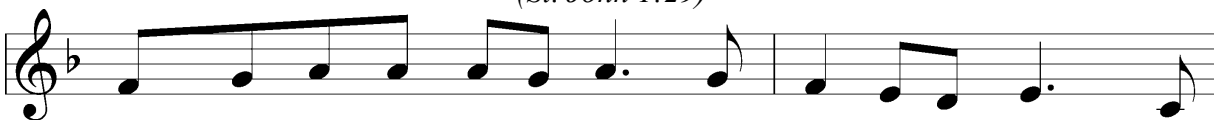
(St. John 20:19)

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

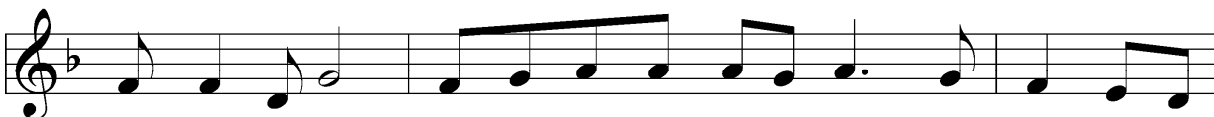
**C** *And also with you.*

## *Agnus Dei*

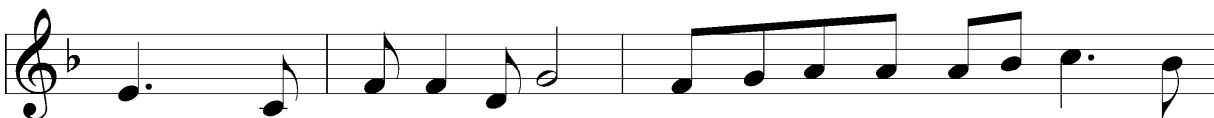
(St. John 1:29)



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



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



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



sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Be Seated)

## *Distribution*

*(This congregation observes the Biblical practice of "Closed Communion," outlined in the Communion Policy Statement in the announcements of the bulletin. If you have not communed with us previously and have not had the opportunity to speak with our Pastor about communion attendance, we respectfully request that you refrain from participating in the Sacrament this morning. Thank you for your kindness.)*



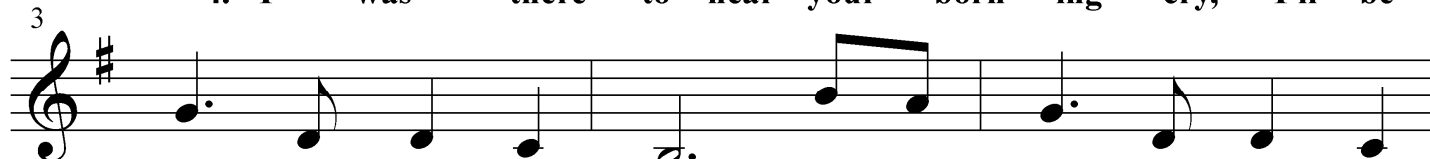
# Hymn

## I WAS THERE TO HEAR YOUR BORNING CRY

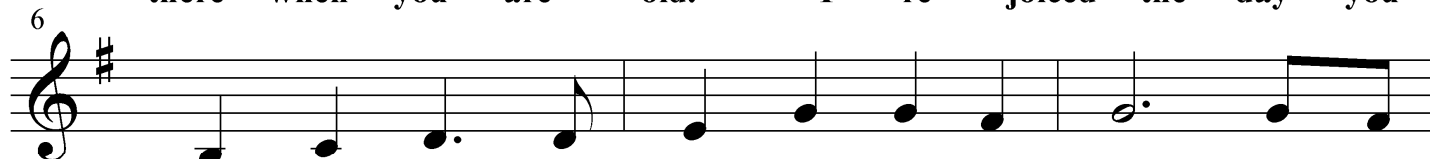
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1. "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be  
 2. "When you heard to the won - der of the Word I was  
 3. "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too  
 4. "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be



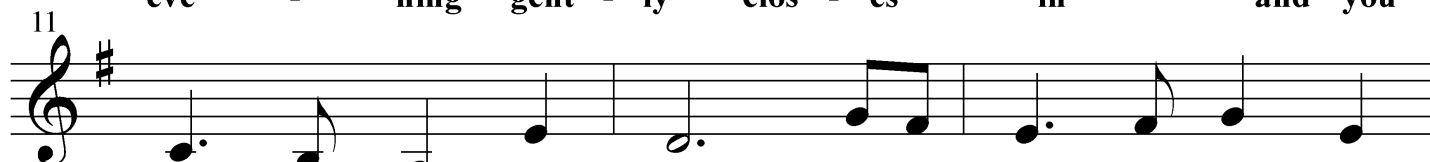
there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you  
 there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the  
 old, no lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you  
 there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you



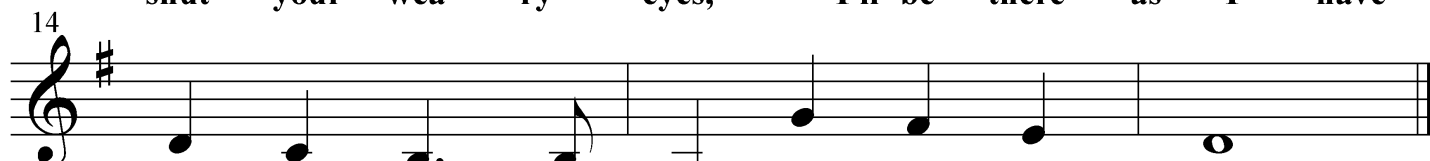
were bap - tized to see your life un - fold. I was  
 liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long. If you  
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun. When the  
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold." (finish)



there when you were but a child, with a  
 find eve - ning gent - ly share your time and you  
 and you



faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you  
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your  
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have



wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."  
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till one ris - ing sun."  
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise."

# Ministry of Music

## BROTHER JAMES'S AIR

Psalm 23; Tune: James Leith Macbeth Bain; arr. Mack Wilberg © 2010 Oxford University Press, Inc.

### Jubilate Choir

*The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want, He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; he leadeth me The quiet waters by.  
He leadeth me, he leadeth me The quiet waters by.  
My soul he doth restore again, And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of blessedness, E'en for his own name's sake,  
Within the paths of blessedness, E'en for his own name's sake.  
Yea, though I pass thro' shadowed vale, Yet will I fear no ill;  
For thou art with me, And thy rod and staff me comfort still.  
Thy rod and staff me comfort still, me comfort still.  
My table thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.  
My head thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.  
Goodness and mercy all my days Will surely follow me;  
And in my Father's heart always My dwelling place shall be.  
And in my heart for evermore Thy dwelling place shall be.  
And in my heart for evermore Thy dwelling place shall be.*

## LIKE AS A MOTHER COMFORTETH

Text: William M. Runyan; Tune: "Beatitudo"



1. "Like as a moth - er com - fort - eth" O words of gen - tle worth!
2. He bends in faith - ful watch - ful - ness, He slum - bers not, nor sleeps;
3. He pa - tient is, as moth - ers are Who love their child - ren well;
4. "Like as a moth - er" grant, O God, The like - ness e'er may be



"So will I com - fort you" de - clares The Lord of all the earth.  
A - bove His trust - ing child, the Lord A con - stant vi - gil keeps.  
Our faults and fail - ing He for - gives; His mer - cies, who can tell!  
A ho - ly sym - bol to de - clare The love that dwells in Thee.

# OUR FATHER GOD IN HEAVEN

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith; Tune: Samuel S. Wesley – “Aurelia”



1. Our Fath - er God in heav - en on whom our world de - pends, to  
2. What wealth of God's be - stow - ing for all the world to share! what  
3. How well we know the sto - ry that tells of Je - sus' birth, the  
4. Our Fath - er God in heav - en, to you we lift our prayer, that



you let praise be giv - en for fam - il - ies and friends; for  
strength of heart out - go - ing to child - ren ev' - ry - where! Our  
Lord of heav - en's glo - ry be - come a child of earth; a  
ev' - ry child be giv - en such ten - der - ness and care, where



pa - rents, sis - ters, broth - ers, a home where love be - longs, but  
deep - est joys and sor - rows a moth - er's path must trace, and  
help - less in - fant sleep - ing, yet King of realms a - bove, to  
life is all for oth - ers, where love your love dis - plays: for



on this day for moth - ers we bring our thank - ful songs.  
earth's un - known to - mor - rows are held in her em - brace.  
find in Ma - ry's keep - ing the warmth of hu - man love.  
God's good gift of moth - ers let earth u - nite in praise!



(Stand)

## Post-Communion Canticle

### THANK THE LORD



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



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



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



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

## Post-Communion Collect

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

**C** *Amen.*

## Benediction

(Numbers 6:24-26)

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

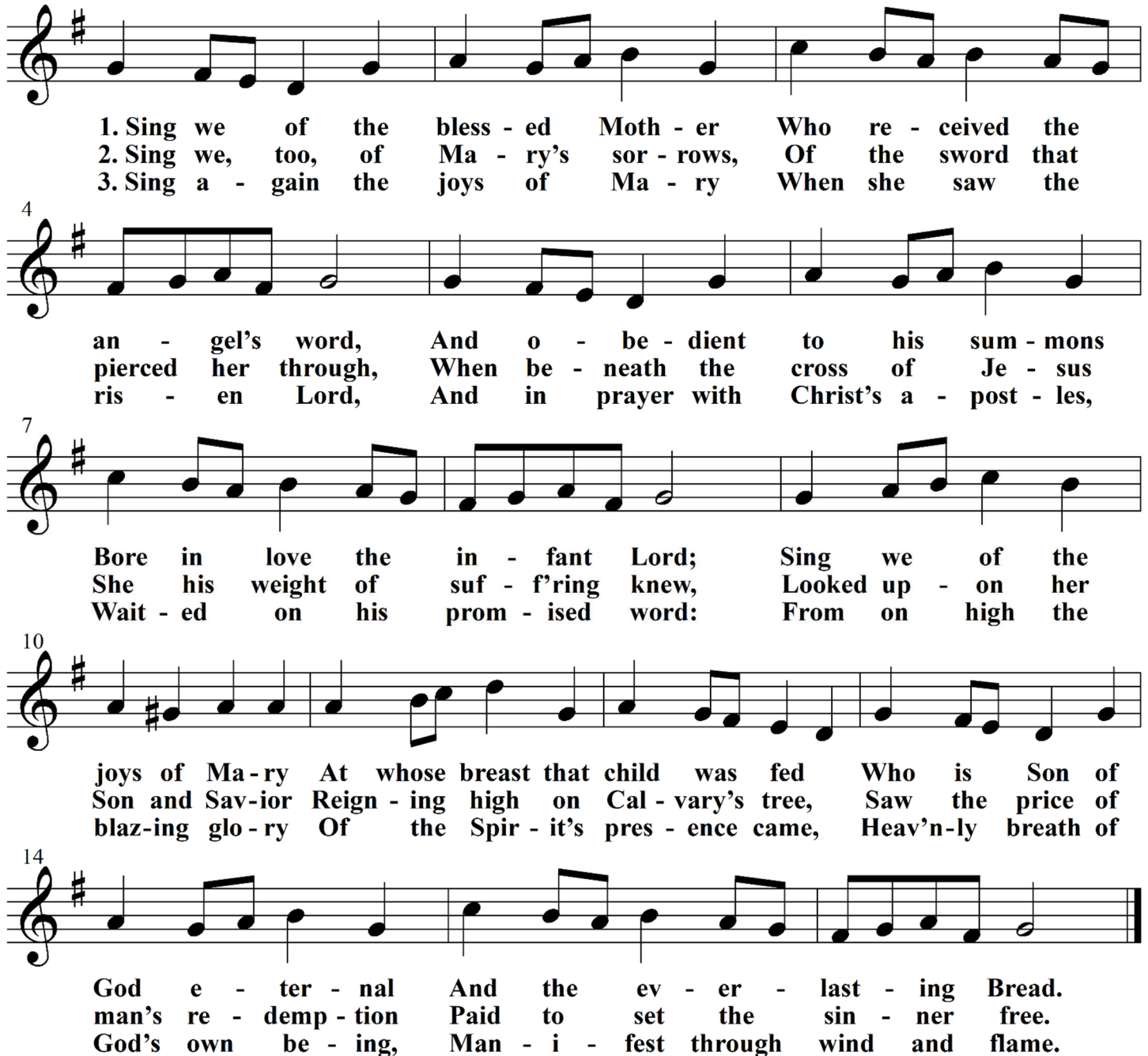


**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

# *Closing Hymn*

## SING WE OF THE BLESSÈD MOTHER

Text: G. B. Timms; Tune: "In Babilone"



1. Sing we of the bless - ed Moth - er Who re - ceived the  
2. Sing we, too, of Ma - ry's sor - rows, Of the sword that  
3. Sing a - gain the joys of Ma - ry When she saw the

4  
an - gel's word, And o - be - dient to his sum - mons  
pierced her through, When be - neath the cross of Je - sus  
ris - en Lord, And in prayer with Christ's a - post - les,

7  
Bore in love the in - fant Lord; Sing we of the  
She his weight of suf - f'ring knew, Looked up - on her  
Wait - ed on his prom - ised word: From on high the

10  
joys of Ma - ry At whose breast that child was fed Who is Son of  
Son and Sav - ior Reign - ing high on Cal - vary's tree, Saw the price of  
blaz - ing glo - ry Of the Spir - it's pres - ence came, Heav'n - ly breath of

14  
God e - ter - nal And the ev - er - last - ing Bread.  
man's re - demp - tion Paid to set the sin - ner free.  
God's own be - ing, Man - i - fest through wind and flame.

# *Postlude*

## BROTHER JAMES' AIR

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# Welcome!

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

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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Shepherd God, around whose table we gather, we give you praise. You lead us beside still waters, restoring our souls with your comforting presence. You lead us in paths of righteousness for the sake of Christ Jesus, who died for our salvation. Even though we walk through valleys that threaten us, we fear no evil. We shall dwell in your house all the days of our lives. For that assurance in Christ we give you glory and honor. 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, May 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.

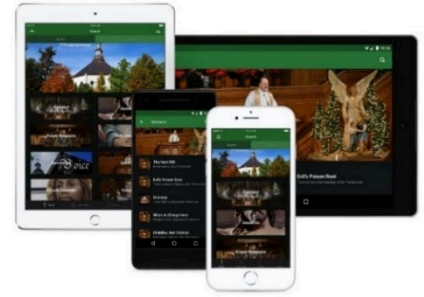


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## Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School Options for All:

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

**Women's Bible Study:** We are studying the book of James; we'll see what he was inspired to write about God's goodness, grace, and truth as revealed in Jesus. Come for time in the Word and in fellowship with your sisters in Christ! (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 Allison & Chad Symcox in celebration of Ava's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday; by Jeff & Debbie Armstrong in honor of Brandon's birthday on the 13<sup>th</sup>; and by Wallace Kleb in loving memory of Evelyn on Mother's Day.

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

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



**Young Adults—Mondays—7PM—OSL Youth Room:** Dear Young Adults of Our Savior Lutheran Church!! As we rejoice in the good gifts that our God has given us, let's plan to meet together on a regular basis for Bible Study and Fellowship! This new group will be just young adults (both married and single).

We will meet on Monday evenings at 7PM in the 4:12 Lounge (the Youth Room). We'll have snacks and refreshments as we gather to study and visit. Please tell your friends!

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

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

**OSL School is growing!** We are seeking certified teacher candidates for the 2022-2023 school year who have a passion for sharing Christ and would love to teach Early Childhood scholars in our classical school. LCMS members in good standing and desiring to be a part of our congregation should contact Principal Kate Thoeke: [kthoeke@oslschool.org](mailto:kthoeke@oslschool.org).



**CART CREW DRIVERS NEEDED!** Please consider joining a Cart Crew Team! We need more drivers. You must be 16 or older and have a valid driver's license. Please contact the church office to add your name to the list. **GREETERS NEEDED to serve the Lord with gladness!** Get to know your fellow church family. Call Pastor Krieg for information: 713-290-9087, ext 209. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for audio-visual ministries:** If you would like to learn from a "hands on" perspective, call 713-290-9087, leave your name, number, and we will contact you. No experience needed.

**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](mailto:recruiter@toddyoaks.com), located at 20120 Franz Rd, Katy, TX 77449.



Sunday School Teacher Needed for 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Contact Pastor Cholak: [scholak@osl.cc](mailto:scholak@osl.cc) or Andy Adams: [aadams@adamsins.com](mailto:aadams@adamsins.com)

**Baby Bottle Boomerang!** LWML Night Circle is sponsoring a Baby Bottle Boomerang from Mother's Day to Father's Day this year, with your contributions to the Big Blue Bus Project. Help save babies from abortions as the Big Blue Bus helps mothers in need from our community by collecting your spare change for our Baby Bottle Boomerang. Prepared bottles will be in the narthex beginning May 8 thru June 19. Checks made out to OSL are also welcome with "OSL Night Circle" in the memo. Thanks for your support!



**Do YOU live near Pilgrim Lutheran Church** (8601 Chimney Rock)? The Blanket Ministry needs someone to pick up blankets from them and bring to OSL, pickup & deliver only. Contact Ethelene: 713-849-9266.

**Calling All Graduates!** Any graduates in your household? In our June newsletter it is tradition to celebrate our high school and college graduates. Information to include would be: graduate's name, school's name, type of college degree, awards, special accomplishments, and future plans (accepted to a college, joining the military, hired by a company, etc.) Send your information to Barbara in the church office at: [bmushinski@osl.cc](mailto:bmushinski@osl.cc). **Deadline is May 15.**



**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.

**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?

**KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM** — Please make sure your account has our new NPO account number, **XB926**. Log in to your account at [Kroger.com](https://www.kroger.com), place the cursor on the Savings & Rewards link at the top left-hand side, and click on Kroger Community Rewards. Choose the "View Details" button under "I'm a Customer". Verify that the Organization Number is **XB926**. You should also see "You are contributing to Our Savior Lutheran School" at the bottom of your grocery receipt.

**Join us for Spring FAST!**  
**Wednesdays: May 11, 18, June 1, 8**  
*Supper in the cafeteria: 5:45 pm*  
*Classes: 6:30 - 7:30 pm*  
*Evening Prayer in cafeteria: 7:35 - 8:00 pm*

**Here's a preview of the classes being offered this season:**

**Jeff Armstrong** – *History of Hymns*

**Sarah Baughman** – *New Mom's Group*

**Bruce Blake** – *Lutherans for Life training for our new OSL Life Team (Prayer Vigil meeting 5/11, PP on I-45)*

**Kate Thielke** – *What is Classical Education?*

**Pastor Cholak** – *As the Head of Household! (A Faith Toolbox for Christian Fathers)*

**Pastor Krieg** – *"Crosses: Afflictions in the Life of the Christian"*

*Any questions or interested in teaching, contact Pastor Cholak: [scholak@osl.cc](mailto:scholak@osl.cc)*



**MEASURE OF DEVOTION:** Last Sunday, we had 348 people in attendance (last year 326), 320 viewers online.

### Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week .....	\$ 34,437.57
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 18 .....	\$ 553,118.04
Tithes & Offerings needed each week .....	\$ 35,365.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 18 .....	\$ 636,570.00
General Fund Income to date .....	\$ 1,478,462.42
Special Contributions to date .....	\$ 91,895.45

*“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, May 08, at 9:30 AM	Next Sunday, May 15, at 9:30 AM
<b>ELDERS:</b>	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie
<b>USHERS:</b>	Gobrogge Team	Lehr Team
<b>SOUND:</b>	Whiting	Witt
<b>CARTS:</b>	Adams Team	Pampell Team
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Isabella Farley / Abigale Halbert	Heidi Nitsch / Ava Symcox
<b>ALTAR GLD:</b>	Ann Putman Team	—
<b>COMM. ASST:</b>	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie / Ken Wright	—
<b>EVANGELISM:</b>	Team 5 Al	Team 1 Lee
<b>MUSIC:</b>	Jubilate Choir / Mitchell Stephens	—
<b>VIDEO:</b>	Amélie Boerger / Chad Greenwood / Mitchell Stephens / Adam White / Wesley White	

## Don't Forget To Tithe!

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# OSL at a Glance

## Sunday, May 8, 2022

<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Bible Class	8:15 AM	Bible Class Room
<b>Communion</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Church &amp; online</b>
Sunday School	10:45 AM	
Laudate	12:00 PM	School Music Room

## Monday, May 9, 2022

Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML	9:00 AM	LWML
Young Adults-YR	7:00 PM	Youth Room

## Tuesday, May 10, 2022

<i>Braille</i>	<i>8:30 AM</i>	<i>Concordia LCMS</i>
Houston Area Athletic Directors-BC	9:00 AM	Bible Class Room
Parish Ed mtg-YR	7:00 PM	Youth Room

## Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Men's Bible Study-BC	6:30 AM	Bible Class Room
Bible Class-BC	10:00 AM	Bible Class Room
Bulletin Deadline	12:00 PM	Church Office
F.A.S.T. Supper-A101	5:45 PM	Cafeteria
F.A.S.T. Classes	6:30 PM	Classrooms

## Thursday, May 12, 2022

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

## Friday, May 13, 2022

Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML	9:00 AM	LWML
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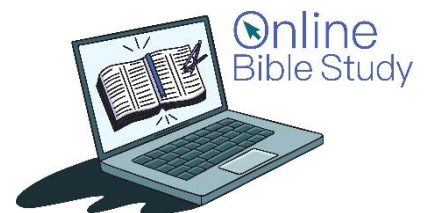
## Saturday, May 14, 2022

<i>Bon Appetit</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>	<i>In Home</i>
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## Sunday, May 15, 2022

Newsletter Deadline		
Bible Class	8:15 AM	Bible Class Room
<b>Matins</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Church &amp; online</b>
Sunday School	10:45 AM	
Exultae	12:00 PM	Church Music Room
Sr Youth Meeting	4:12 PM	Youth Room

**Online Zoom Bible Study!** We are gathering information on a possible midweek Zoom Bible study that would be hosted online. Participants would be able to join the study from anywhere! If you would be interested in participating in this Bible study, please email Pastor Cholak at [scholak@osl.cc](mailto:scholak@osl.cc).





# *Thank You for Your Dedicated Service!*

*Please join with us in honoring two of our outstanding school office staff members, who will both be retiring at the end of May, for their dedication and service to OSL for so many years.*

**Cathy Byers** has served as the school's registrar for 21 years! We will honor her the week of May 9<sup>th</sup>.



**Cheryl Straker** has served as the school's secretary for 17 years! We will honor her the week of May 16<sup>th</sup>.

*If you would like to give a card, gift, or love offering to show your appreciation for all that they have done for OSL, please bring it to the church or school office the week of May 9<sup>th</sup> or May 16<sup>th</sup>.*







**OSL MOTHER DAUGHTER**

**HAPPY CAMPERS BANQUET**

← **2022** →

*30th Anniversary Mother Daughter Banquet*

**Saturday, May 21 @ 6:00pm**

**OSL Cafeteria**

Mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, friends and family please plan to attend this fun night of friends, food and fellowship as we celebrate together. The theme this year is "Happy Campers"- you can coordinate your groups' attire to reflect your favorite form of camping (glamping, outdoors adventure, camp counselor, etc). We will have an interactive program with the audience led by some of the younger campers in our congregation. Tickets will go on sale May 1st and May 8<sup>th</sup>, after church, outside the bible classroom ( \$25 each or \$250 for a table of 10 ). As always, we will have terrific door prizes for all the ladies in attendance.

**Want to donate gifts for adults and kids?** Please email Maria White: [mariawhite06@gmail.com](mailto:mariawhite06@gmail.com). We need gift cards (starbucks, chickfila, whataburger, restaurants, Target), toys, stuffed animals, wine, home goods, or any kind of gift you like receiving.

**WAITERS NEEDED:** please email Amy Adams: [aaadams@mac.com](mailto:aaadams@mac.com). Sons can help wait tables with their dads!

*Thanks so much for your help and hope to see everyone at the 30th annual Mother Daughter Banquet!*



Be sure to pick up the special gift in the narthex from the Altar Guild,  
to honor all women today!

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**GO is an OSL VBS Experience for all ages!**  
**Join us for THREE Summer nights of faith, family,**  
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**Mon, Jun 13 – Wed, Jun 15**

**5:30 PM –8:30 PM**

**See our website to register: [www.OSL.cc](http://www.OSL.cc)**