

For God ... made
HIS LIGHT SHINE
in our hearts.

2 Corinthians 4:6, NIV

Our Savior Lutheran Church

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Order of Holy Communion

In Nomine Jesu



Ringling of the Bells

Prelude

HARK, THE VOICE OF JESUS CALLING

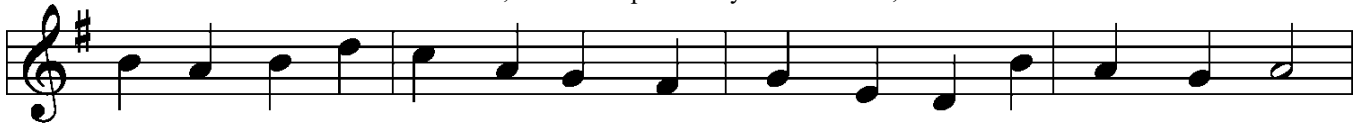
By J. Scott

Greetings & Announcements

Hymn of Invocation

HARK, THE VOICE OF JESUS CRYING

Text: Daniel March; Tune: Joseph Barnby – “Galilean”; LSB #826 © 2006 CPH



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, “Who will go and work to - day?
2 If you can-not speak like an - gels, If you can - not preach like Paul,
3 If you can-not be a watch-man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on’s wall,
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, “There is noth-ing I can do,”



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing— Who will bear the sheaves a-way?”
You can tell the love of Je - sus, You can say He died for all.
Point - ing out the path to heav-en, Of - f’ring life and peace to all,
While the mul - ti-tudes are dy - ing And the Mas-ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas-ter call-eth; Rich re-ward He of - fers thee.
If you can - not rouse the wick-ed With the judg-ment’s dread a - larms,
With your prayers and with your boun-ties You can do what God com-mands;
Take the task He gives you glad-ly, Let His work your plea-sure be;



Who will an-swer, glad - ly say - ing, “Here am I, send me, send me”?
You can lead the lit - tle chil-dren To the Sav-ior’s wait - ing arms.
You can be like faith-ful Aar-on, Hold - ing up the proph - et’s hands.
An - swer quick-ly when He call-eth, “Here am I, send me, send me!”

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(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)

Introit

“EXALTATE DOMINUM DEUM NOSTRUM”

(Psalm 99:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 99:9)

(Intoned by Laetare with Congregation on Gloria Patri)

Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;*

for the Lord our God is | holy!

The Lord reigns; let the peoples | tremble!*

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the | earth quake!

The Lord is great in | Zion;*

he is exalted over all the | peoples.

Let them praise your great and | awesome name!*

Ho- | ly is he!

The King in his might loves | justice.*

You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in | Jacob.

Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his | footstool!*

Ho- | ly is he!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

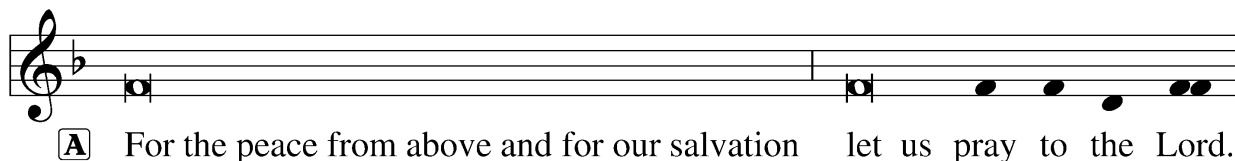
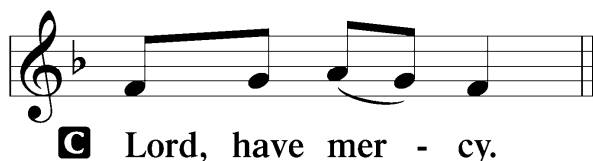
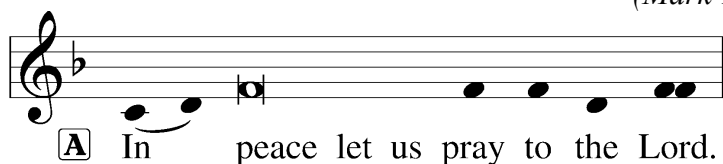
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;*

for the Lord our God is | holy!

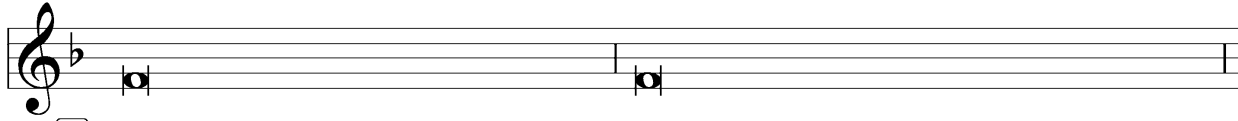
Kyrie

(Mark 10:47)

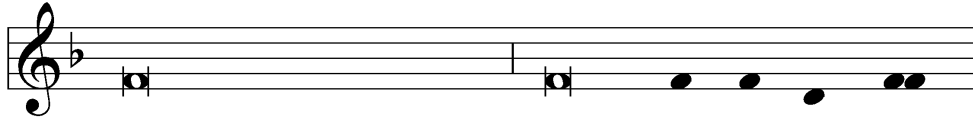




C Lord, have mer - cy.



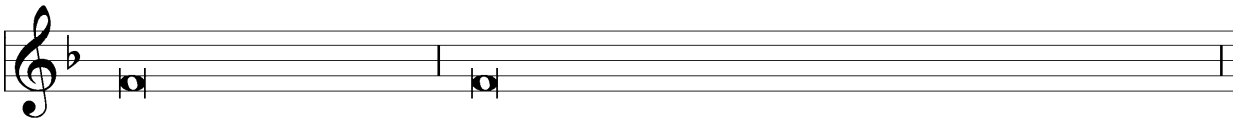
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



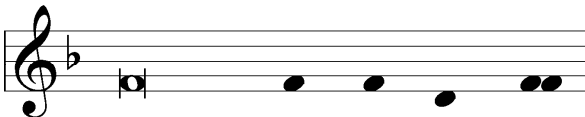
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



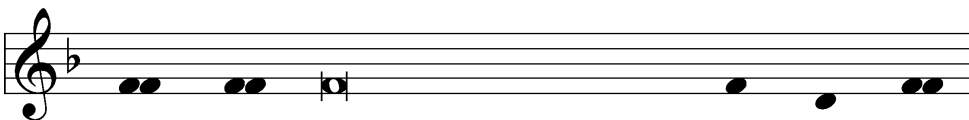
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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-

5 lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Wor - thy is

9 Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

12 free to be peo - ple of God. This is the

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

20 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Pow - er,

23 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

37

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

41

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

45

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

49

 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 be - gun His

61

reign. Al - le - lu - - - ia. This is the

65

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

69

lu - ia, al - le lu - - - ia.

Collect of the Day

(2 Timothy 4:22)

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *Amen.*

(Be Seated)

Ministry of Music

PRAISE THE LORD

Canon by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Jubilate Choir

Praise the Lord, Sing a new song.

Tell God's salvation, tell it day to day, Shout the glory, shout it to all.

Let the heav'ns be joyful, earth be glad; Let roaring sea give forth its praise;

Field and mountain join the song. All together sound the joyful praise.

Old Testament Lesson

2 KINGS 2:1-12

[1] Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. [2] And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. [3] And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." [4] Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. [5] The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." [6] Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. [7] Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. [8] Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground. [9] When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." [10] And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." [11] And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. [12] And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Elisha knew the day of Elijah's parting would come, and that he would be Elijah's successor. How could he fill that great prophet's shoes? There was only one way – he needed a double share of God's Spirit. Seeing Elijah's ascent into heaven was Elisha's guarantee that he would also have Elijah's spirit. We who have seen the Transfiguration of Christ with the eye of faith have also received the Spirit of God. That is why we see – and believe.

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

Gradual

(Psalm 117; Psalm 96:8)
(Intoned by Laetare)

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*
Extol him, all | peoples!
For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle Reading

2 CORINTHIANS 3:12–13; 4:1–6

[12] Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, [13] not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. [4:1] Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. [2] But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. [3] And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. [4] In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. [5] For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. [6] For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

When Moses returned from seeing God on the mountain, his face shone with splendor; Moses veiled his face. Paul uses that incident to compare the Old and New Covenants. The ministry of the Old Testament had its own splendor, but that splendor faded; Moses no longer needed the veil. It is the opposite with the New Testament ministry: its splendor was not so obvious at first (as Jesus' splendor was not so obvious), but it was growing. We witness that splendor now.

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

(Stand)

Alleluia and Verse

(John 6:68)



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. Mark, the 9th chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

ST. MARK 9:2-9

[2] And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, [3] and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. [4] And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. [5] And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah."

[6] For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. [7] And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." [8] And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. [9] And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Transfiguration prefigured Jesus' resurrection glory. But there is a somber aspect to this event. It occurred before our Lord's suffering and death. We celebrate it just before the season of Lent.

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)

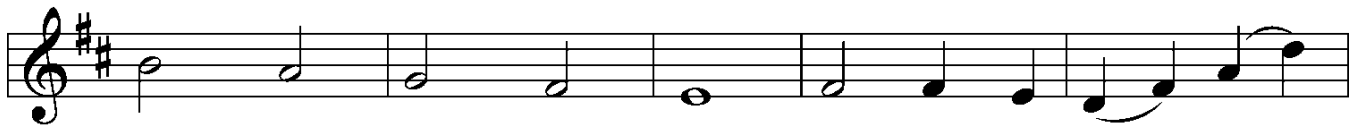
Sermon Hymn

JESUS SHALL REIGN

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1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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(Stand for Text)

Sermon

Pastor May
Lutherans In Africa

(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

JESUS SHALL REIGN

Catechism Hymn

OUR FATHER, THOU IN HEAVEN ABOVE

Text & Tune: Martin Luther – “Vater Unser”; LSB #766 st. 6 © 2006 CPH



6. For - give our sins, Lord, we im - plore, That they may trou - ble
us no more; We, too, will glad - ly those for - give Who
hurt us by the way they live. Help us in our com - mu - ni -
ty To serve each oth - er will - ing - ly.

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The weekly recitation of the scripture and catechism lessons in the Divine Service helps to link us together with the children of our congregation and school who work weekly on the memorization of these texts. In the Divine Service we gather and recall the words of our youth, the words of our confirmation, the words of eternal life. The Catechism is more than a text book. The Catechism is a prayer book which is used throughout our life. The Catechism as a prayer book speaks to all our needs, giving us God's promises so that we might learn to "ask Him as dear children ask their dear Father." The Catechism even gives us the very words with which to pray.

Catechism Lesson

Pastor: A lesson from Proverbs 28:13 –

People: ***Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.***

Pastor: What is the Fifth Petition of the Lord's Prayer?

People: ***And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.***

Pastor: What does this mean?

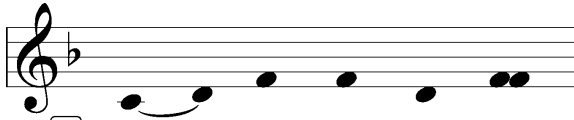
People: ***We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.***

(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.



P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



C And al - so with you.

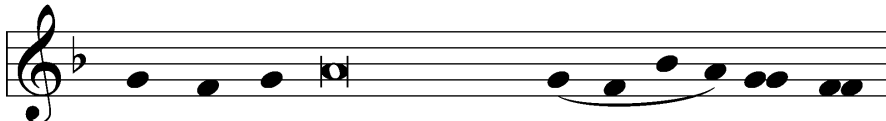


P Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(Psalm 136)

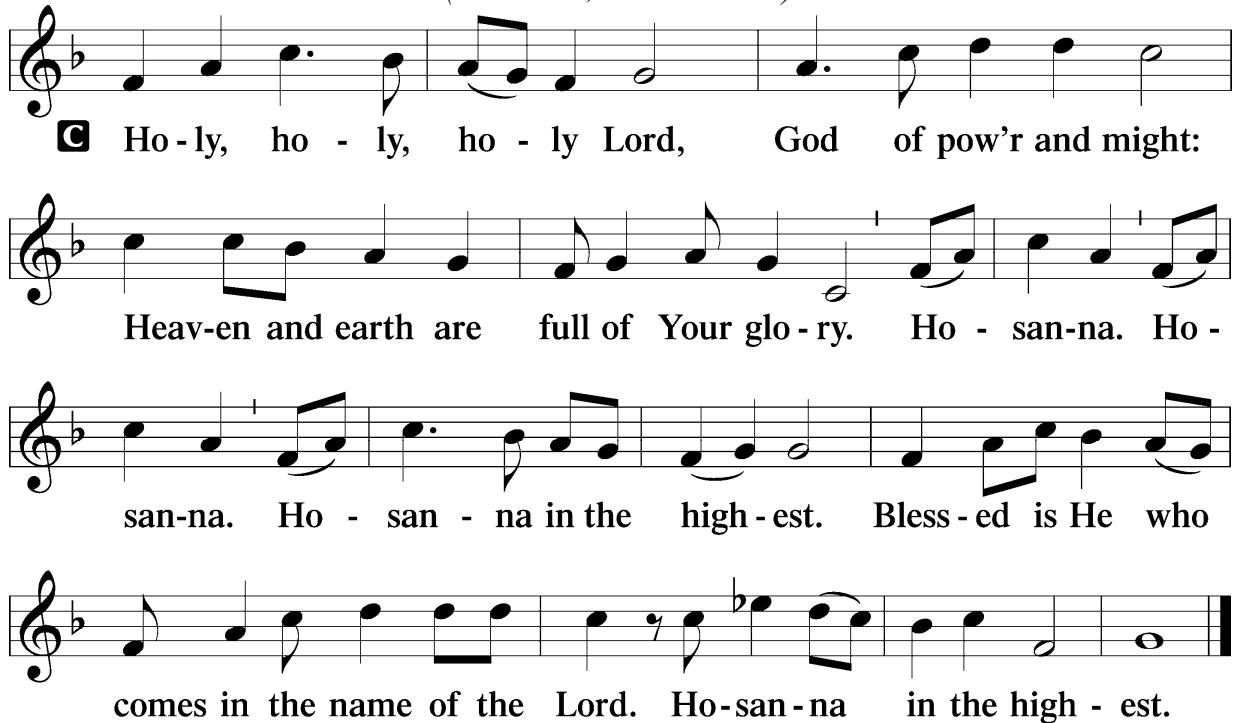


C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. 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.

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 ✠ 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

(John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C *And also with you.*

Agnus Dei

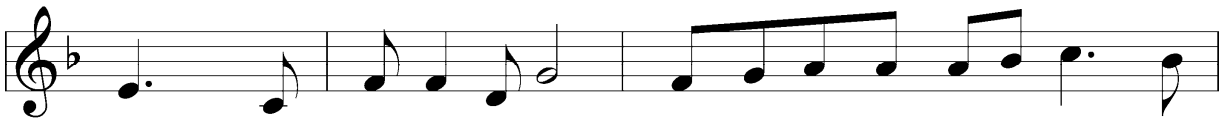
(John 1:29)



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)

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.)

Distribution Hymns

MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE

Text: Ray Palmer; Tune: Lowell Mason – “Olivet”; LSB #702 © 2006 CPH



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

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Ministry of Music

COME CHRISTIANS JOIN TO SING

Arranged by S. Woods

Cantate

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

Text: Edward Mote; Tune: John Stainer – “Magdalen”; LSB #575 © 2006 CPH



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



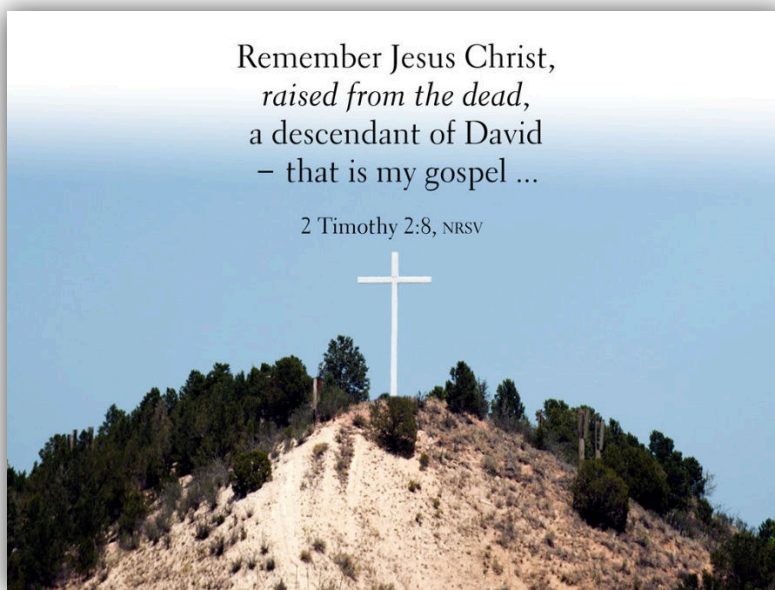
own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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SPREAD THE REIGN OF GOD THE LORD

Text: Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier; Tune: "Gott Sei Dank"; LSB #830 © 2006 CPH



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
3 Tell of our Re-deem-er's grace, Who, to save our hu-man race
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea-tures call To His heav'n-ly ban-quet hall.
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
And to pay re - bel-lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work-ing both to will and do.

- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.

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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 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 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 on 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

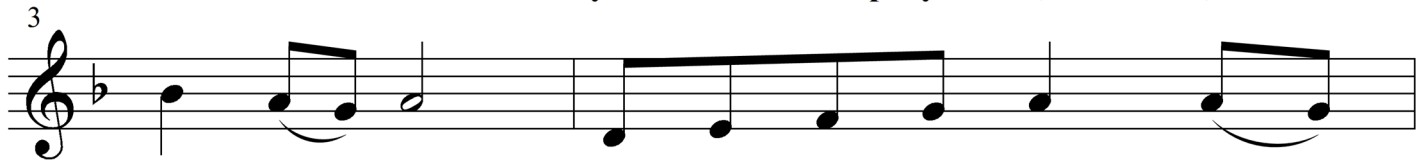
ALLELUIA, SONG OF SWEETNESS

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

Choral Introduction: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



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



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



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



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

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

Postlude

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

By J. Scott

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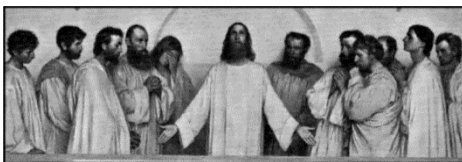
Enter reverently, meditate quietly, worship sincerely, serve Christ faithfully.

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: Morning by morning you awaken us, O God; day by day you show us your wondrous love. The words of your commandments fall fresh upon our listening ears; we heed your wisdom and are renewed by your word. You surround us with countless acts that tell of your majesty; we are struck by your goodness as we are refreshed in your Spirit. Come, dwell among us, and through Christ let us praise you. You are the God whom we worship and adore. 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 are in need of this assistance.*



HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated next on Ash Wednesday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m. “Let a man examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.” 1 Corinthians 11:28

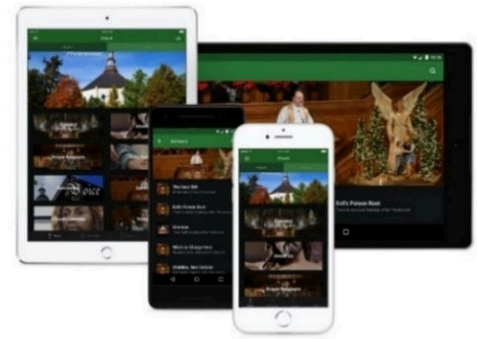
The Word of God teaches that the bread and wine of the Sacrament are the true Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. This precious gift of God’s grace is to be received in a sense of reverent awe after careful self-examination. The Bible defines that self-examination as a personal recognition of the 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:

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: New Testament Lesson #20 – “Revelation” – John, the apostle, the son of Zebedee (Mt. 10:2), writes to encourage the faithful to resist staunchly the demands of emperor worship. He informs his readers that the final showdown between God and Satan is imminent. Satan will increase his persecution of believers, but they must stand fast even to death. They are sealed against any spiritual harm and will soon be vindicated when Christ returns, when the wicked are forever destroyed, and when God’s people enter an eternity of glory and blessedness. (Herb Peterson, C102)

Women’s Bible Study: We are diving into the first half of Nehemiah, using Donna Pyle’s study *Perseverance* from CPH; we will be looking at the words of Scripture that guide us to persevere in the face of life’s challenges. (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

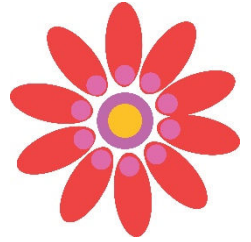
1st - 2nd Grade – C115

Kindergarten – B107

3 & 4 yrs – B108

18 mos. – 3 yrs – B111

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Ken & Terry Tomchesson for all the blessings we have received; and by the Stephens Family in celebration of Maja's birthday on the 17th.



2021 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. Call the church office if you need help: 713-290-9087.

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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 *NOT meeting this week* in observance of **Ash Wednesday**. Class will resume next week from 10:00 – 12:00.

Monday Evening Adult Information Class – BACK TO THE BASICS! Adult Information Class is on **Mondays at 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. Join us on Mondays to go “BACK TO THE BASICS.”



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REMEMBER – ALL Thrivent Policy Holders, please designate your choice dollars to OSL. This has to be done in March or the money is lost. Thank You!

Young Professionals Group (21+) – Looking for other young people to hang out with? Look no further! Join us for our next meeting on Sunday, February 21st, for lunch at Eureka Heights (914 W 18th St. Houston, TX 77008). We'll be there after Sunday school starting at 12:30. Come grab some food and a drink and connect with other young professionals! For more information contact Mikayla Eifert at meifert@elcsh.org or 281-546-3899.

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.

Join the OSL Bereavement Meal Ministry! We provide the meal after funerals and memorial services for our members and their family and friends at this much needed time. *Anyone* can be a part of this ministry as we welcome those who can provide food (baking, cooking, or grabbing items to help complete the meal at your local grocery store), to those who can assist with set up, serving, and clean up after the meal. Additionally, we have four teams that rotate throughout the year to share the commitment. We are excited to grow this ministry and pray you will join us! Please contact Cindy Blake for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - The audio-visual ministries are looking for operators. If you would like to learn from a “hands on” perspective, call 713-290-9087, and leave your name and number, and we will contact you. No experience needed.

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 Cans & Paper in east bins.

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 Circle of Grace.

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KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM—Please make sure your account has our new NPO account number, **XB926**. Log in to your account at 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. We thank everyone for their continued support.

Don't forget to tithe!

Want to contribute with your phone or computer? Use Subsplash! It is in the App Store.

What does it cost? -**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 “DONATE” button at the bottom of our website: www.OSL.cc



MEASURE OF DEVOTION: Last Sunday, we had 280 in attendance (last year 417), 1300 people watched our service online.

Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week	\$ 27,671.81
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 6	\$ 184,495.67
Tithes & Offerings needed each week	\$ 35,365.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 6	\$ 212,190.00
General Fund Income to date	\$ 357,505.35
Special Contributions to date	\$ 16,513.20

“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, February 14, at 9:30 AM

ELDERS: Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie
USHERS: Downie Team
SOUND: J. Wilbanks
CARTS: Kemnitz Team
ACOLYTES: Anthony Cooper / Bauer Burttschell
ALTAR GLD: Jeanene Lunsford Team
COMM. ASST: Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie / Ken Wright
EVANGELISM: Team 1 Lee
MUSIC: Jubilate Choir / Cantate
VIDEO: Chad Greenwood / Mitchell Stephens / Aiden Sullivan / Adam White / Christian White

Next Sunday, February 21, at 9:30 AM

Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie
Gobrogge Team
Greenwood
Pampell Team
Emily Bynum / Hayley Clothier
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Team 2 Ken
Laudate Choir

Ash Wednesday, February 17, at 7:00 PM

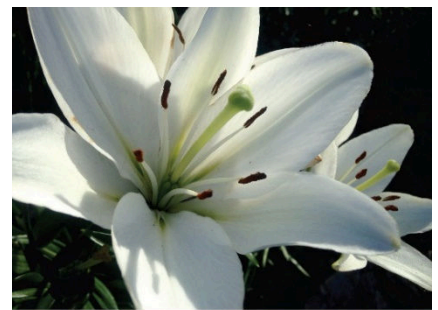
ELDERS: Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie
USHERS: Downie Team
SOUND: J. Wilbanks
CARTS: Kemnitz Team
ACOLYTES: Corban Boyles / Mary Johnson / Kaden Resendez
ALTAR GLD: Glenda Cochran Team
COMM. ASST: Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie / Ken Wright
EVANGELISM: Team 1 Lee
MUSIC: Jubilate Choir / Carillon Ringers
VIDEO: Chad Greenwood / Mitchell Stephens / Aiden Sullivan / Adam White / Christian White



Order Easter Flowers

Help celebrate the joy of our risen Christ with flowers in memory of, or in celebration of loved ones, or a special occasion. Your dedication will be printed in the Easter service bulletin. Fill out this form and turn it in to the church office (mail, offering plate, email: dlazarine@osl.cc). Each lily or mum is \$10.00. Checks are to be made out to OSL. Flowers may be picked up after the Easter Service, or from the church office Tuesday–Friday, April 6 – 9.

Dedication deadline for the bulletin is Sunday, March 28.



RESURRECTION DAY

Yes, I would like _____ plant(s) @ \$10.00 each = _____ enclosed.

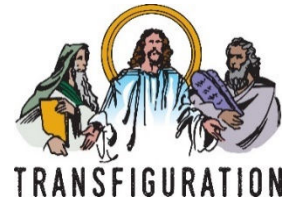
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Dedication: _____

OSL at a Glance

Sunday, February 14, 2021

<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Bible Class	8:15 AM	Bible Class Room
Communion	9:30 AM	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45 AM	
Laudate Choir	12:00 PM	School Music Room
Shower-FR	1:00 PM	Family Room
Middle School Youth Meeting	4:30 PM	Youth Room



Monday, February 15, 2021 ~ Presidents' Day

School & Church campus closed

Newsletter Deadline

Adult Information Class-BC	7:00 PM	Bible Class Room
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Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Trustees	6:30 PM	
Elders mtg-BC	7:00 PM	Bible Class Room
Night Circle-FR	7:00 PM	Family Room

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Men's Bible Study-BC	6:30 AM	Bible Class Room
No Bible Class today - Ash Wed	10:00 AM	Bible Class Room
Bulletin Deadline	12:00 PM	Church Office
Ash Wednesday With Ashes and Holy Communion	7:00 PM	Church & online



Thursday, February 18, 2021

Prayer Request printing deadline	3:00 PM	Church office
Evangelism Meeting - BC	6:00 PM	Bible Class Room
Carillon Ringers	6:15 PM	Choir Loft
Jubilate Choir	7:00 PM	Choir Loft
Lutheran Confessions Study Group	7:00 PM	Bible Class Room

Friday, February 19, 2021

Young at Heart-BC	12:00 PM	Bible Class Room
Cello Rehearsal	6:00 PM	Narthex

Sunday, February 21, 2021

Bible Class	8:15 AM	Bible Class Room
Matins-Baptism	9:30 AM	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45 AM	
Cantate Practice-Choir Room	12:00 PM	Music Room
<i>Young Professionals</i>	<i>12:30 PM</i>	<i>Eureka Heights</i>



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Lenten Season



ASH WEDNESDAY

With Ashes & Holy Communion
February 17 @ 7:00 PM

LENTEN WEDNESDAYS

February 24, March 3, 10, 17, & 24
7:00 PM

PALM SUNDAY

With Confirmation
March 28 @ 9:30 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

With Holy Communion
April 1 @ 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

TENEBRAE

April 2 @ 7:00 PM



Easter Sunday

April 4 @ 9:30 AM

Ash Wednesday



LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK:

FEBRUARY 17

WORSHIP @ 7:00 PM

WITH ASHES & HOLY COMMUNION

"... for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

GENESIS 3:19

NOTE: There will be NO meals this Lenten Season as a COVID-19 precaution.

 **40 DAYS FOR LIFE™ – HOUSTON**

Our Savior Day: Tuesday, February 23, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Can you give an hour or two?

February 17th to March 28th is the 40 Days for Life campaign. If you can give one or two hours to stand or sit in a lawn chair on the sidewalk of Planned Parenthood silently and read your Bible or pray, please consider participating. You don't need special training, just a willing heart. Unborn children aren't safe. We have work to do! Let us not weary of doing good! Please contact **Cindy at 832-398-5303** or **cindyablake@yahoo.com** if you would like to participate.

