



"Return of the Prodigal Son" by Rembrandt van Rijn

Our Savior Lutheran

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Order of Holy Communion

In Nomine Jesu



Preservice Music

Ring of the Bells

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount

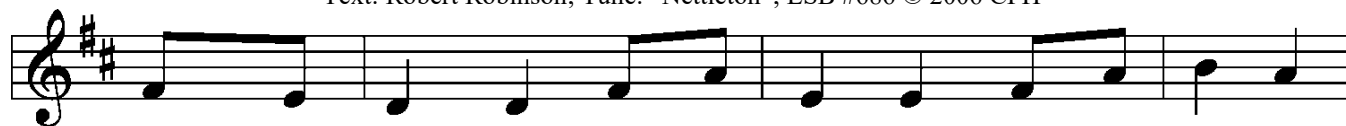
By K. Kosche

Greetings & Announcements

Hymn of Invocation

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Text: Robert Robinson; Tune: "Nettleton"; LSB #686 © 2006 CPH



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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Invocation

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



C A - men

(Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

(Kneel)

Confession of Sins

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father; beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

(Hebrews 10:22)

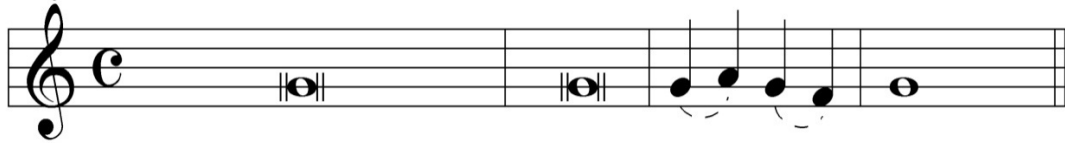
P Our help is in the Name of the Lord,



C Who made heav'n and earth.

(Psalm 124:8)

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,



C And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

(Psalm 32:5)

C *O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserve Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.*

Absolution

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 unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C A - men.

(John 20:19-23)

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Introit

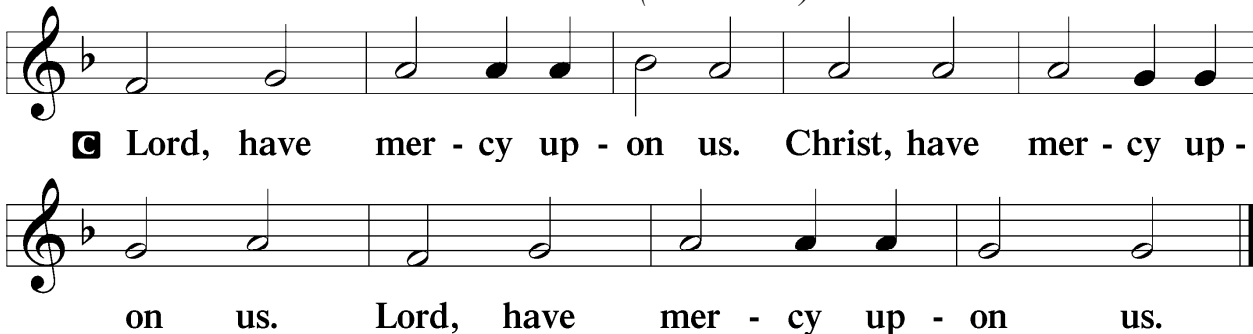
“Miserere Mei, Deus”

(Intoned by Laetare, with the Congregation to join on the Gloria Patri) (Psalm 51:2–6; antiphon: Psalm 51:1)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;*
according to your abundant mercy, blot out my trans- | gressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!
For I know my trans- | gressions,*
and my sin is ever be- | fore me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight,*
so that you may be justified in your words, and blameless in your | judgment.
Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,*
and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.
Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,*
and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.
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.
Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;*
according to your abundant mercy, blot out my trans- | gressions.

Kyrie

(Mark 10:47)




C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

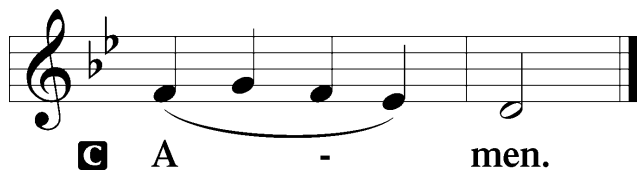
(2 Timothy 4:22)

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



(Be Seated)

Ministry of Music

Be Still

Text: Herb Frombach, based on Psalm 46:10; Music: Mary McDonald © 2010 Beckenhorst Press, Inc.
Jubilate Choir

*Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am with you.
Be still and know that I will comfort you when you come to Me in your hour of need.
Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am here for you;
and I will wipe your tears; you will be renewed.
Come unto Me, My child, be still, and know that I will give you rest. I will give you rest.
I am present in your pain and I always will remain your Comforter and Friend.
Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am with you.
Be still and know that I will comfort you when you come to Me in your hour of need.
Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am here for you; and I will wipe your tears; you will be renewed.
Peace, I leave with you; My peace, I give unto you. Peace. Peace. Peace.
Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God.
Be still. Be still. Be still.*

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 12:1–6

[1] You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. [2] “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.” [3] With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. [4] And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. [5] “Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. [6] Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

The prophet points to the future deliverance of a people who had fallen in defeat. He reminds them that God will again raise them from the dust and that on that day they will praise and thank him with words and feelings of joy and gladness.

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

Gradual

(Intoned by Laetare; Hebrews 12:2)

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

[16] From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. [17] Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. [18] All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; [19] that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. [20] Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. [21] For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

By the inspiration of God, the Scriptures were written, which are the word of reconciliation; showing that peace has been made by the cross. Christ knew no sin. He was made Sin; not a sinner, but Sin, a Sin-offering, a Sacrifice for sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him, justified freely by the grace of God through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.

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

(Stand)

Holy Gospel

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

St. Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

[1] Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. [2] And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” [3] So he told them this parable: [11] And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. [12] And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. [13] Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. [14] And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. [15] So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. [16] And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. [17] “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! [18] I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. [19] I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ [20] And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. [21] And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ [22] But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. [23] And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. [24] For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate. [25] “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. [26] And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. [27] And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ [28] But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, [29] but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. [30] But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ [31] And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. [32] It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

The parable of the Prodigal Son teaches that the Father waits for his sons and daughters to return. He does not stop them from going out into the world to “do their thing,” even when that “thing” is wasting the blessings that are theirs. Sometimes all God can do is let people go when they are bound and determined to go. The hope is that those who throw away their inheritance will wake up and return. The Father waits. He wants to forgive and restore.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Baptism Hymn

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

Text: Benjamin Schmolck; Tune: Johann Rudolph Ahle – “Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier”; LSB #592 © 2006 CPH



1 Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, Glad - ly Your com -
2 Your com - mand is clear and plain, And we would o -
3 There - fore we have come to You, In our arms this
4 Gra - cious Head, Your mem - ber own; Shep - herd, take Your



mand o - bey - ing; With this child we now draw near
bey it du - ly: “You must all be born a - gain,
in - fant bear - ing. Tru - ly here Your grace we view;
lamb and feed it; Prince of Peace, make here Your throne;



In re - sponse to Your own say - ing That to You it
Heart and life re - new - ing tru - ly, Born of wa - ter
May this child, Your mer - cy shar - ing, In Your arms be
Way of Life, to heav - en lead it; Pre - cious Vine, let



shall be giv - en As a child and heir of heav - en.
and the Spir - it, And My king - dom thus in - her - it.”
shield - ed ev - er, Yours on earth and Yours for - ev - er.
noth - ing sev - er From Your side this branch for - ev - er.

5 Now into Your heart we pour Prayers that from our hearts proceeded.
Our petitions heav’nward soar; May our hearts’ desires be heeded!
Write the name we now have given; Write it in the book of heaven!

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism for

Addison Lynn Aguilar



(Be Seated)

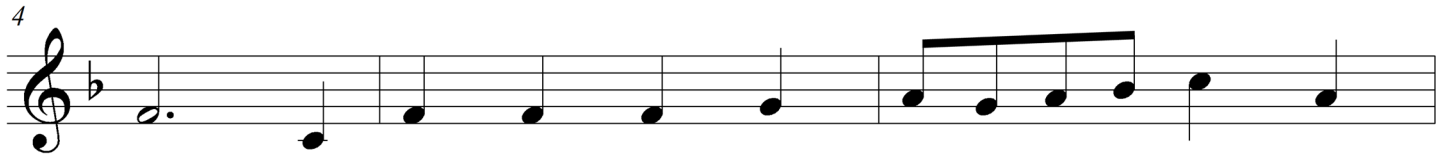
Sermon Hymn

A Father Stood Forlorn and Sad

Text: L. L. White; Tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams – “Forest Green”; Te Deum #8 © 2016 OSL



1. A fath - er stood for - lorn — and sad, A - wait - ing his lost
2. God did cre - ate a fath - er's love, To make our fam - 'lies
3. From God we learn a Fath - er's love That does not count the
4. The prod - i - gal re - turned to find, His fath - er's warm em -



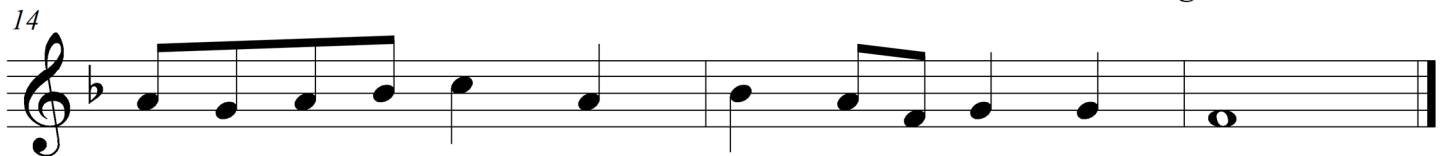
son; Al - though a - ban - doned and — be - trayed He
strong; To guide and guard a - long — the — path Through -
cost; A love that does what must be — done; To
brace; No ang - ry glare but joy - ful tears Flowed



loved the faith - less one His long - ing eyes swept o'er the land; To
out his whole life long His bride to cher-ish and pro - tect, As
find and save the lost. Our Fath - er gave His own dear Son, To
down his fath - er's face. We, like that un - de - serv - ing boy, Have



glimpse the boy's re - turn; To clasp his son with -
on their wed - ding day Their child - ren nur - ture
take the sin - ners' place; That we might be re -
known a Fath - er's love Our Fath - er's grace all



in — his — arms A fath - er's — heart did yearn.
and — raise up, To walk the nar - row way.
stored to Him; Saved by our Fath - er's grace.
un - de - served; Sing praise to God a - bove.

(Stand for Text)

Sermon

Text: St. Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32 – “Watching & Waiting”

(Stand)

Votum

Offertory

(Psalm 51:10-12)



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

Offering Prayer

(Be Seated)

Offering

Voluntary

St. Crispin

By Bruce Backer

Catechism Hymn

To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

Text: Martin Luther; Tune: "Christ, Unser Herr"; LSB #406 st. 2 © 2006 CPH



2 O hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God Him -
self has spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell
And so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with His
Word en - dows Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing.
God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows Our kin - ship while
be - stow - ing The Bap - tism of His bless - ing.

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Catechism Lesson

- P** A lesson from Titus 3:5 –
- C** *[H]e saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit...*
- P** What benefits does Baptism give?
- C** *It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.*
- P** Which are these words and promises of God?
- C** *Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."*

(Stand)

Intercessory Prayer

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C *hear our 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 with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

(Psalm 136)



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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 Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

P 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;



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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)

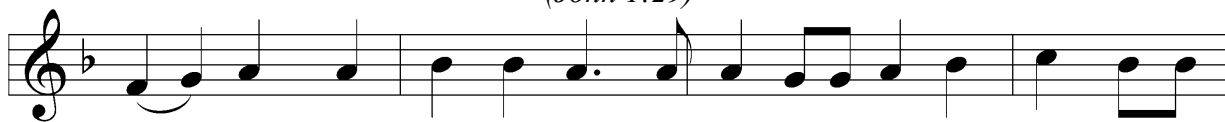
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

(John 1:29)



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

(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.)

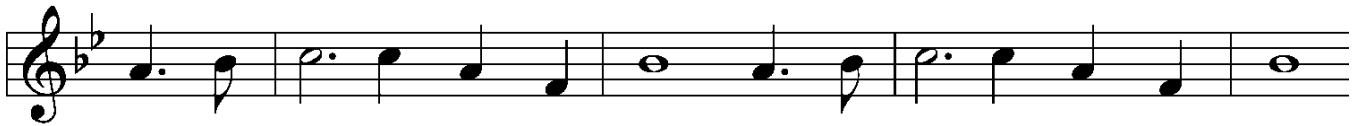
Distribution Hymns

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Text: Augustus M. Toplady; Tune: Thomas Hastings – "Toplady"; LSB #761 © 2006 CPH



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg-ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.



Ministry of Music

Communion Meditation

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Jubilate Choir

Bread is broken, words are spoken, for the Savior who died for me.

Now we meet Him, gladly greet Him, for in dying He set us free.

Come risen Lord and dwell with us. Be ever in our heart.

May we know Thine eternal grace. May sin and death depart.

Wine so sacred, consecrated, given to us as from His hand.

Life unending, love descending, in His mercy we ever stand.

Come risen Lord and dwell with us. Be ever in our heart.

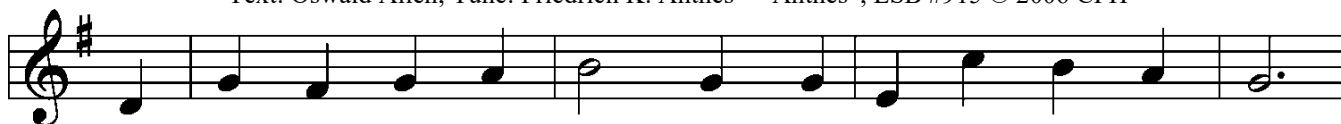
May we know Thine eternal grace. May sin and death depart.

Sing His glory, wondrous story. We receive Him with body and blood.

Voices raising, humbly praising, we are mortal, but ever Thine. We are mortal, but ever Thine.

Today Your Mercy Calls Us

Text: Oswald Allen; Tune: Friedrich K. Anthes – “Anthes”; LSB #915 © 2006 CPH



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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What Wondrous Love Is This

Tune: setting: Donald A. Busarow – “Wondrous Love”; LSB #543 © 2006 CPH



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll

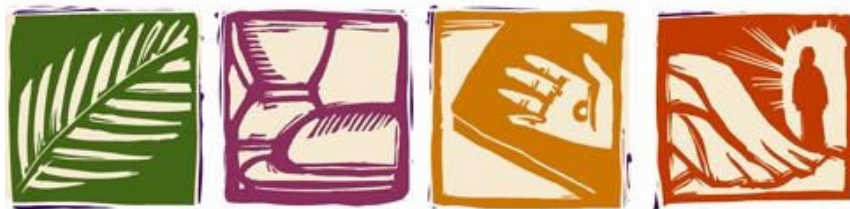


caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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Nunc Dimittis

Song of Simeon

(Luke 2:29-32)

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

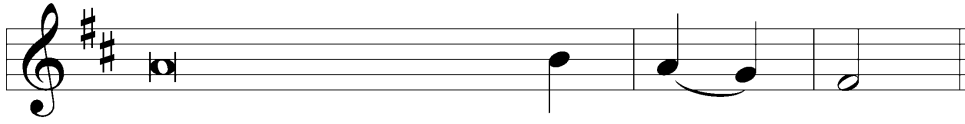
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

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

is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

P Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray. 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 A - men.

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

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



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

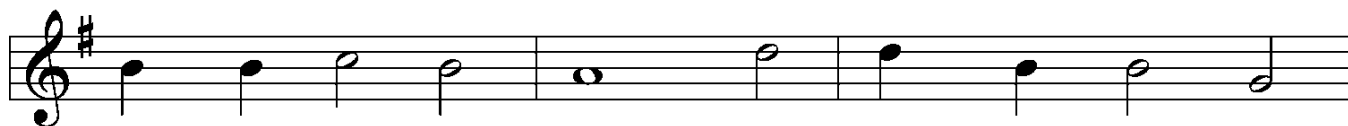
Closing Hymn

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Text: Charles Wesley; Tune: Carl G. Gläser – “Azmon”; LSB #528 © 2006 CPH



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -
3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He
5 Look un - to Him, ye na - tions; own Your



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the
God, ye fall - en race. Look and be saved through



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.
sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.
faith a - lone, Be jus - ti - fied by grace.

- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made For ev'ry soul of man.
- 7 To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.

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Postlude

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

By J. Scott

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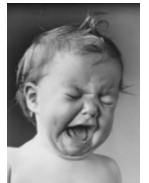
Enter reverently, meditate quietly, worship sincerely, serve Christ faithfully.

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: You are the Sovereign One, O God, and rightly to be blessed. Your name shall ever be upon our lips. You have heard the poor and saved them from trouble. You have enlightened believers; their faces reflect your radiance. Aglow with the splendor of your promised redemption, we rise up to worship you, ruler of nations. 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 Maundy Thursday, April 14 @ 7pm, and Easter Sunday, April 17 @ 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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website at www.OSL.cc (click MEDIA at the top). CDs of sermons are available for \$2 each. You may also request past sermons and special services.

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 the Altar Guild.

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.

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.

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 every week. Food and fellowship provided of course!

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 Terry Tomchesson for information: 281-777-4879. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for audio-visual ministries:** If you would like to learn from a “hands on” perspective, call 713-290-9087, leave your name, number, and we will contact you. No experience needed.

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



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.

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LENTEN MEALS

Wednesdays

5:30 - 6:30 PM in the School Cafeteria

The Holy Smokers will be cooking up all the meals this Lenten Season, which are served in the School Cafeteria, from 5:30-6:30 pm. We thank all our groups who volunteered to serve and provide cookies/dessert for these meals. Join us each week as a wonderful way for fellowship with your church family.

This Wednesday, March 30, **FELLOWSHIP** will serve **Chicken Fried Steak**.

MEASURE OF DEVOTION: Last Sunday, we had 356 people in attendance (last year 336), 360 viewers online; for the 3rd Lent Wednesday we had 168 (last year 91), 234 online.

Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week	\$ 30,621.25
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 12	\$ 344,794.17
Tithes & Offerings needed each week	\$ 35,365.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 12	\$ 424,380.00
General Fund Income to date	\$ 950,736.66
Special Contributions to date	\$ 40,460.18

“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, March 27, at 9:30 AM	Next Sunday, April 03, at 9:30 AM
ELDERS:	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White	James Kriegel / Alvin Fritsche / Ken Wright / Jeff Musgrove
USHERS:	Lehr Team	Hall Team
SOUND:	Whiting	Wilbanks/Whiting
CARTS:	Gavin Team	Gavin Team
ACOLYTES:	Summer Morrissey / Jacob Pampell	Anthony Cooper / Isabella Farley
ALTAR GLD:	Clarissa Worthing Team	—
COMM. ASST:	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Brad Whiting / Aaron White	—
EVANGELISM:	Team 4 Karl	Team 5 Al
MUSIC:	Jubilate Choir	5th-8th Grade Choir
VIDEO:	Chad Greenwood / Mitchell Stephens / Aiden Sullivan / Adam White / Christian White	

	Lent Wednesday, March 30, at 7:00 PM
ELDERS:	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White
USHERS:	Lehr Team
SOUND:	Witt
CARTS:	Gavin Team
ACOLYTES:	August Baughman / Aryana Reyes / Abigail White
EVANGELISM:	Team 4 Karl
MUSIC:	Blake Crabtree
VIDEO:	Chad Greenwood / Mitchell Stephens / Aiden Sullivan / Adam White / Christian White



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APRIL 2, 2022

FROM
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TO
forever



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OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, COLLEGE STUDENTS, AND YOUNG ADULTS, THIS ONE-DAY CONFERENCE IS FREE THANKS TO THE ROY D. AND INGABORG G. RANDOLPH MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND.

SPACE IS LIMITED! REGISTER AT CHURCH@FAITHPLANO.ORG OR CALL 972-423-7447 BY MARCH 28!

FROM FERTILIZATION TO FOREVER

8:00-8:45 REGISTRATION
8:45-9:30 MORNING PRAYER
9:30-9:45 BREAK
9:45-10:45 SESSION 1: A GOSPEL-MOTIVATED APPROACH TO LIFE
10:45-11:00 BREAK
11:00-12:00 SESSION 2: ALL ABOUT ABORTION
12:00-1:00 LUNCH
1:00-2:00 SESSION 3: LOVE AND MARRIAGE (AND WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A SPOUSE . . .)
2:00-2:15 BREAK
2:15-3:00 BREAKOUT SESSIONS
3:00-3:15 BREAK
3:15-4:00 SESSION 4: END OF LIFE AND SUFFERING
4:15-5:00 VESPERS



OSL at a Glance

Sunday, March 27, 2022

<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	12:00 PM	School Music Room

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Parochial Ed-A102E	7:00 PM	School
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Wednesday, March 30, 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
Lenten Meal-A101	5:30 PM	School Cafeteria
Lenten Service	7:00 PM	Church & online

Thursday, March 31, 2022

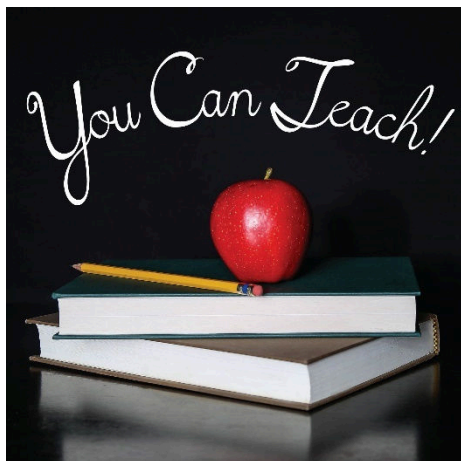
Prayer Request printing deadline	3:00 PM	Church office
Carillon Ringers	6:15 PM	Choir Loft
Jubilate Choir	7:00 PM	Choir Loft

Saturday, April 2, 2022

Men Alive-A101	8:30 AM	Cafeteria
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Sunday, April 3, 2022

Bible Class	8:15 AM	Bible Class Room
Matins	9:30 AM	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45 AM	
Cantate	12:00 PM	Church Music Room
High School Youth Meeting	4:30 PM	Youth Room



Sunday School Teacher Needed for 3rd – 4th Grade

*Contact Pastor Cholak:
scholak@osl.cc*

or

*Andy Adams:
aadam@adamsins.com*

Jazz & Dessert



An evening of elegant music and dancing

Memorial Lutheran School Jazz Ensemble

Saturday, April 9, 2022
7:00 PM

Memorial Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

A freewill offering will be collected

beverages, snacks and dessert included



SCAN ME

Please scan the code and fill out the form to reserve your place
or call 713.782-4022



Make plans to join us for Spring FAST!

(Fellowship And Study Together)

Wednesdays

April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1

Supper in the cafeteria: 5:45 pm

Classes: 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Evening Prayer in the cafeteria: 7:35 - 8:00 pm



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

Kate Thielke – *What is Classical Education?*

Sarah Baughman – *New Mom's Group*

Pastor Cholak – *Topical Bible Study*

Bruce Blake – *Lutherans for Life training for our new OSL Life Team*

Pastor Krieg – *Topical Bible Study*

Any questions or interested in teaching, contact Pastor Cholak: scholak@osl.cc



Lenten Season



Lenten Wednesdays

March 30, April 6 @ 7:00 PM

Supper @ 5:30 PM in cafeteria

Palm Sunday

With Confirmation

April 10 @ 9:30 AM

Processional Drama afterward

Maundy Thursday

With Holy Communion

April 14 @ 7:00 PM

Dramas before & after service

Good Friday Tenebrae

April 15 @ 7:00 PM

Crucifixion Drama afterward



Easter Sunday

April 17

Breakfast @ 8:00 AM in cafeteria by Holy Smokers

Communion Service @ 9:30 AM

Followed by Resurrection Drama &

Egg Hunt for the Kids!

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: jhester@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 19 – 22.

Dedication deadline for the bulletin is Palm Sunday, April 10.

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

Name: _____

Dedication: _____





Holy Week Dramas

*Immediately following Worship Services -
Bring your whole family!*

Palm Sunday • April 10 • 9:30 AM

Join the crowds to celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.



Maundy Thursday

April 14 • 6:40 PM

See the Lord's Supper BEFORE church in the Narthex and watch His betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane immediately following the Worship Service.

Good Friday • April 15 • 7:00 PM

Witness the ultimate sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Easter Sunday • April 17 • 9:30 AM

See the women find the empty tomb and later encounter the Risen Christ. He is RISEN! He is RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

Would you like to be part of the Cast and Crew of this production?

Contact Channing Wood:

281-236-8105 or

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