

## Our Savior Lutheran

# Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Holy Communion

In Nomine Jesu



Preservice Music

Ringing of the Bells

**Prelude**Glorious Name
By J. Scott

Greetings & Announcements

#### Hymn of Invocation

#### Lord, This Day We've Come to Worship

Text: Richard C. Dickinson; Tune: B. B. McKinney - "Glorious Name"; LSB #911 © 2006 CPH



Choir: 1 Lord, this day we've come to wor-ship; Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, 2 In the pow'r of res - ur - rec - tion We have come to praise the Lord,

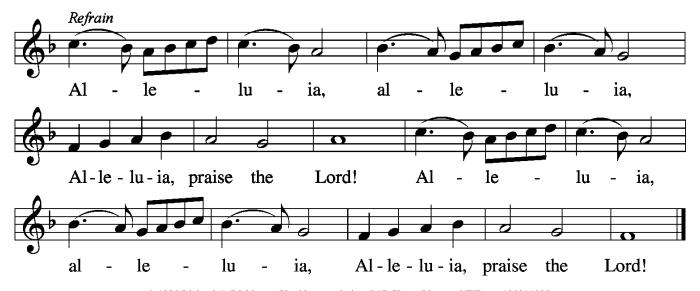
Choir: 3 May Your Word en - rich our spir - it, Give us strength to do Your will,

4 As we meet our bless-ed Sav-ior At the Ta-ble of the Lord,

5 Cel - e - brate the res - ur - rec - tion In the church and sing His praise,



Grace us with Your bless-ed pres-ence; Bless - ed Sav-ior, be our host. Cel - e-brate His bless-ed sup-per, And to learn His ho - ly Word. Show the king-dom we'll in - her - it, When at last our voice is still. May this bod - y bro-ken for us Strength and com-fort, Lord, af-ford. true per - fec - tion: Serve Till we come to the Lord through all our days.



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(Stand)

#### Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

### Confession of Sins

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 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.
- 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

- 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 Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

(Stand)

#### Introit

#### "De Profundis Clamavi Ad Te Domine"

(Intoned by Laetare; Psalm 131; antiphon: Psalm 130:1-2)

Out of the depths I cry to you, | O LORD!\*

O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for | mercy! O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not | raised too high;\*

I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvel- ous for me.

But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its | mother;\*

like a weaned child is my soul with- | in me.

O Israel, hope | in the LORD\*

from this time forth and for- | evermore.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

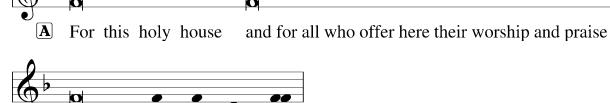
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Out of the depths I cry to you,  $\mid$  O LORD!\*

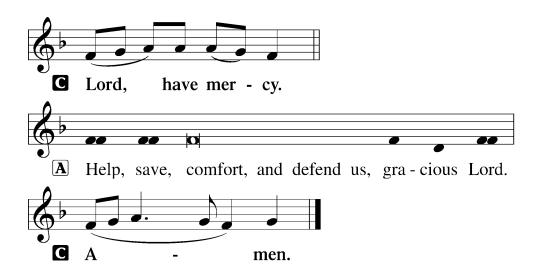
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## **Kyrie** (Mark 10:47)





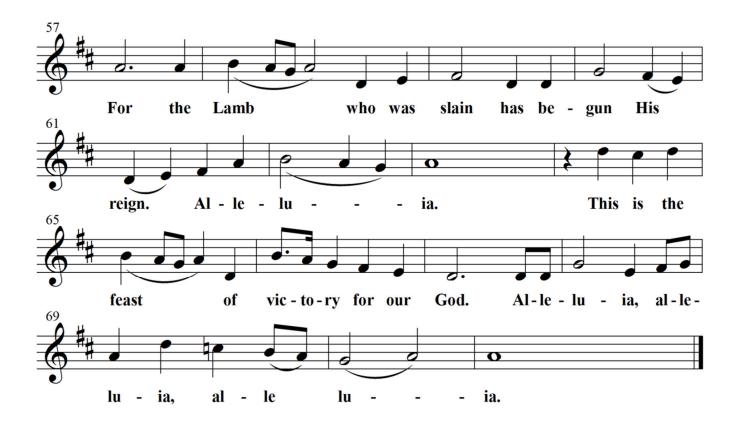
let us pray to the Lord.



### Hymn of Praise

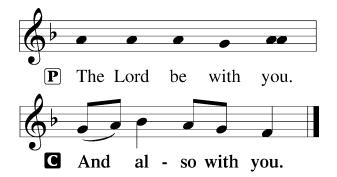






## Collect of the Day

(2 Timothy 4:22)



- **P** Let us pray.
  - O God, the helper of all who call on You, have mercy on us and give us eyes of faith to see Your Son that we may follow Him on the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

(Be Seated)

## Ministry of Music

#### The Solid Rock

Text: Edward Mote; Music: William B. Bradbury, Arranged by Camp Kirkland © 1998 Gaither Music Company Jubilate Choir

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand. When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;

*In ev'ry high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.* 

His oath, His covenant, His blood, Support me in the whelming flood;

When all around my soul gives way. He then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand. When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;

Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand!

## **Old Testament Reading**

Jeremiah 31:7-9

[7] Thus says the Lord: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'O Lord, save your people, the remnant of Israel.' [8] Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. [9] With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble, for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

God assures his people that he will again take them into covenant relation to himself. When brought very low, and difficulties appear, it is good to remember that it has been so with the church formerly. But it is hard under present frowns to take comfort from former smiles; yet it is the happiness of those who, through grace, are interested in the love of God, that it is an everlasting love, from everlasting in the counsels, to everlasting in the continuance. Those whom God loves with this love, he will draw to himself, by the influences of his Spirit upon their souls.

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

## Gradual

(Intoned by Laetare; Psalm 91:11; 103:1)

He will command his angels con- | cerning you\* to guard you in | all your ways.

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*

and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

## Epistle Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

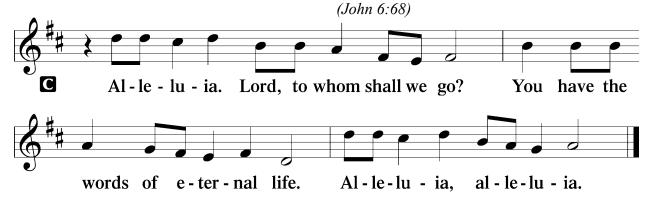
[23] The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, [24] but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. [25] Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. [26] For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. [27] He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. [28] For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

There is a remarkable difference in the moral qualifications of the priests. Those who were of the order of Aaron were not only mortal men, but sinful men, who had their sinful as well as natural infirmities; they needed to offer up sacrifices first for their own sins and then for the people. But our high priest, who was consecrated by the word of the oath, needed only to offer up once for the people, never at all for himself; for he has not only an immutable consecration to his office, but an immutable sanctity in his person.

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

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## Alleluia and Verse



### Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.



## Gospel Reading

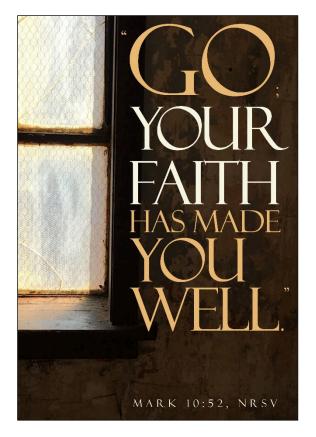
St. Mark 10:46-52

[46] And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. [47] And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" [48] And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" [49] And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." [50] And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. [51] And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." [52] And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

His eyes were opened. Your faith has made you well: faith in Christ as the Son of David, and in his pity and power; not your repeated words, but your faith; Christ setting your faith to work. Let sinners be exhorted to imitate blind Bartimaeus. Where the gospel is preached, or the written words of truth circulated, Jesus is passing by, and this is the opportunity. It is not enough to come to Christ for spiritual healing, but, when we are healed, we must continue to follow him; that we may honour him, and receive instruction from him. Those who have spiritual eyesight, see that beauty in Christ which will draw them to run after him.

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





#### Micene 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.

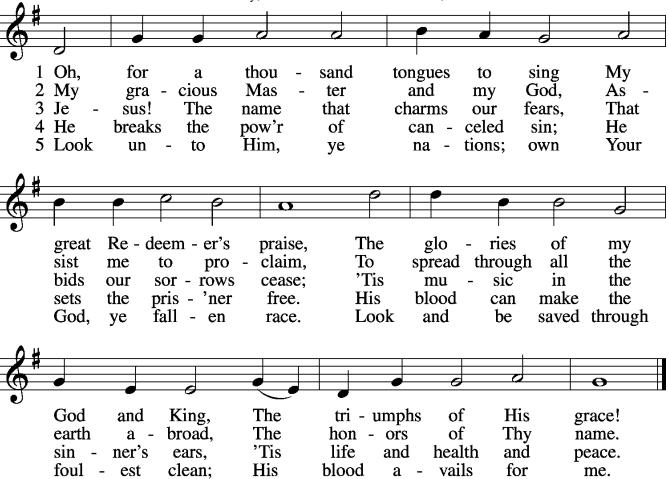
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.



## Sermon Hymn

#### Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Text: Charles Wesley; Tune: Carl G. Gläser - "Azmon"; LSB #528 © 2006 CPH



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.

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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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#### Sermon

Text: Mark 10:46-52 "I Want to See!"

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**Votum** 

## Offertory

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



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## Offering Prayer

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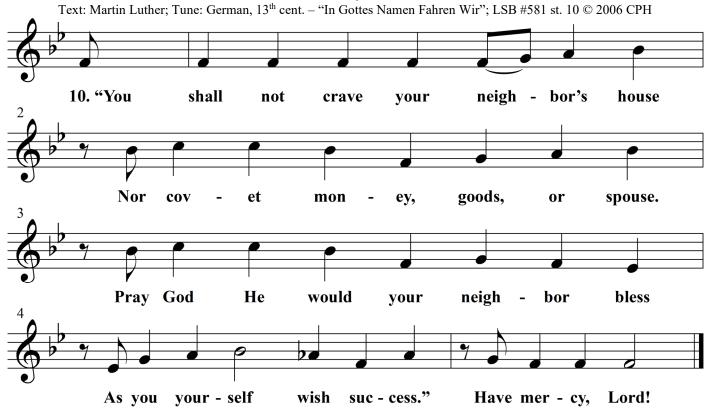
## Offering

### **Voluntary**

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

## Catechism Hymn

#### These Are the Holy Ten Commands



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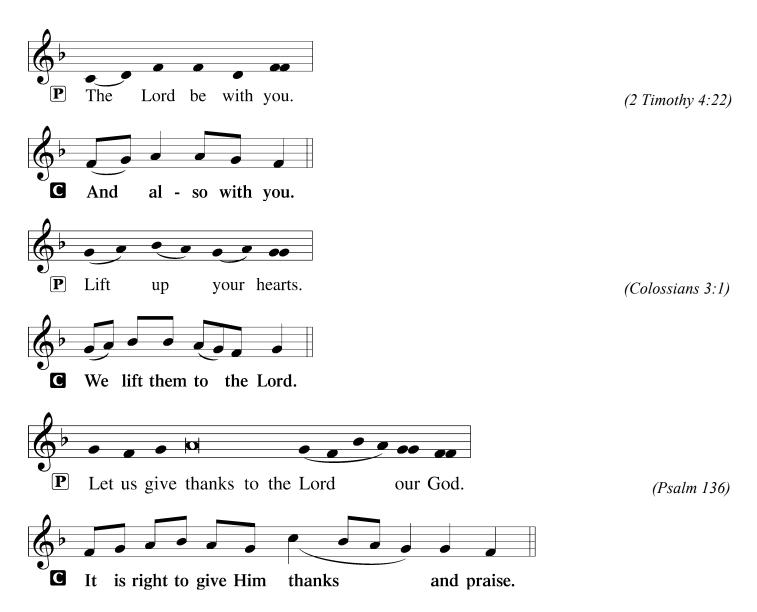
#### Catechism Lesson

- **P** A lesson from Hebrews 13:5 –
- Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."
- **P** What is the Ninth Commandment?
- You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
- **P** What does this mean?
- We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.
- **P** What is the Tenth Commandment?
- You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.
- **P** What does this mean?
- We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

#### Intercessory Prayer

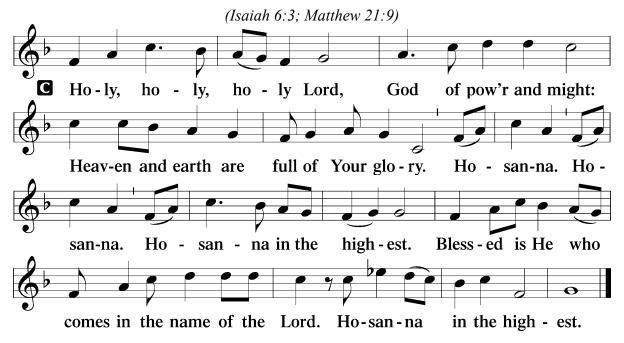
#### **Preface**

**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.



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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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



## Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

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)

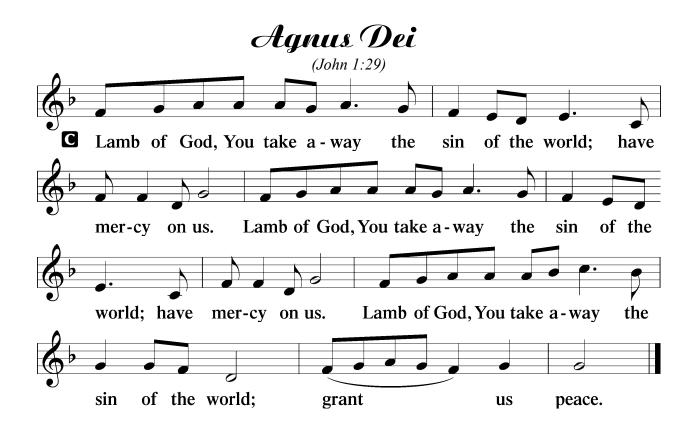
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My H body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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.



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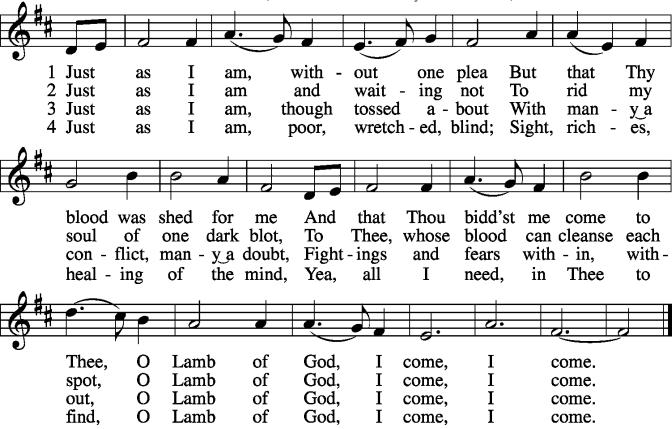
#### Distribution

(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

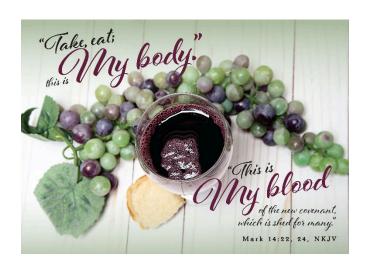
#### Just as I Am, without One Plea

Text: Charlotte Elliott; Tune: William B. Bradbury – "Woodworth"; LSB #570



- Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down; Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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## Ministry of Music

#### Lord of Mercy, Lord of Grace

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#### Jubilate Choir

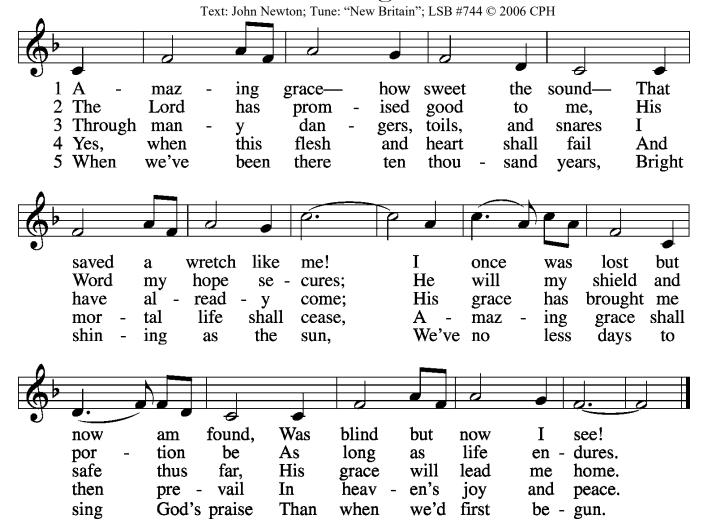
Lord of mercy, Lord of grace, let your Spirit fill this place; Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, now we humbly come to you. With our songs and with our praise, in your presence we stand amazed. Lord of mercy, Lord of grace, let your Spirit fill this place.

Let the call go out to all who truly seek the Lord, to come and join this joyous song we sing; come rejoice and lend your voice and sing in one accord the glorious songs of praise to him we bring.

Lord of glory, Lord of power, be with us this very hour;

we have gathered in your name, and your promises we claim.
With our songs and with our praise, in your presence we stand amazed.
Lord of mercy, Lord of grace, let your Spirit fill this place. Let your Spirit fill this place.
Lord of mercy, Lord of grace, let your Spirit fill this place; let your Spirit fill this place.
Lord of mercy, Lord of grace.

#### **Amazing Grace**



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## Post-Communion Canticle



### Post-Communion Collect

- 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)

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.



### Closing Hymn

#### Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Text: Henry Van Dyke; Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven - "Hymn to Joy"; LSB #803 © 2006 CPH



- 1 Joy ful, joy ful we a dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re-flect Thy rays,
- giv ing and for giv ing, Ev er bless-ing, ev er blest,



Hearts un-fold like flow'rs be-fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise. Well-spring of the of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest! joy



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a-way. Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash-ing sea, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di-vine:



of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it!

to re - joice Call us in Thee. Joy-ful, we by grace are Thine!

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## **Postlude**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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### Soli Deo Gloria!

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

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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Your praise is ever on our lips, O God. Songs of joy swell within us. We gaze at creation and behold goodness; we hear of your covenant and discover righteousness. Your love is boundless, your care without limits. We enter your sanctuary to give you honor; we bow down before you with glad adoration. Receive our worship and accept our thanksgiving. You are God who we serve evermore. 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, November 14, at 9:30 AM. "Let a man examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." *1 Corinthians* 11:28

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

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

#### 8:15 AM

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

#### 10:45 AM

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

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

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

**Women's Bible Study:** 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 -

 $\begin{array}{lll} \mbox{High School - Youth Room} & \mbox{4th - 5th Grade} - C113 & \mbox{Kindergarten} - B107 \\ \mbox{8th Grade Confirmation} - C105 & \mbox{3rd Grade} - C116 & \mbox{3 & 4 yrs} - B108 \\ \mbox{6th - 7th Grade} - C103 & \mbox{1st - 2nd Grade} - C115 & \mbox{18 mos.} - 3 \mbox{ yrs} - B111 \\ \end{array}$ 



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

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

#### **Monday Evening Adult Information Class – BACK TO THE BASICS!**

Adult Information Class is on Mondays @ 7:00 PM. The class will cover 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. It should be particularly interesting for both member and non-member school parents to familiarize yourself with what your kids are learning in class every day. 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."



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@toddvblends.com.



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



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

ANY JOB OPENINGS? John Thoelke (Principal Thoelke's husband) is on a job search in Houston. John is currently a Finance Director with extensive non-profit and government accounting experience for St. Charles County, Missouri. For the last 21 years he has overseen funding and grants to agencies that support individuals with developmental

disabilities. If you know of any local leads regarding John's search and resume, please contact Norman Adams: nadams@adamsins.com, (713) 826-1289, or Ryan Petree: rnpetree@gmail.com, (713) 202-

2663, for more information. We pray someone in the OSL community has the right connection to open a door for John. Thank you!

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

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

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

**STAMPS** – Cheerful Helpers are collecting stamps trimmed to ½". Please put them in the mailbox in Pastor White's Bible Class Room. – Sandi Hall, Human Care Chairman.

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

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

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

**AMAZON SMILE & OSL** – Now enjoy everything Amazon offers while supporting OSL School. Amazon will donate .5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Our Savior Lutheran School. How? Visit Smile.Amazon.com, 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, 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!

Use the OSL app from Subsplash! It is free in the App Store.

No monthly fee -No set up fee -No hidden fees

Lowest processing rates that continue to drop as your giving increases.

All credit and debit cards (including AMEX) are processed at 2.3% + .30 cents per transaction.

All ACH donations are 1% with no cents.

There is also a "GIVE" link at the top of our website: www.OSL.cc

## \$10,000 Prize Rises to \$15,000 to Debate Authenticity of the Bible



Nearly two months after faculty members of 50 universities and seminaries were issued two invitations to debate the authenticity of the Bible, there has been no response.

As further incentive the prize for winning the debate has now been raised to \$15,000. Another anonymous donor from the Minneapolis area has added \$5,000 to the prize to make the grand total now \$15,000 for the challenger who wins the debate. Should the challenger lose the debate the funds will be returned to the donors.

The challenger will receive all-expense paid travel and lodging.

The debate will be hosted by Our Savior Lutheran Church in Houston, Texas, Saturday, January 15, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The scope of the debate will focus on the authenticity of the first five books of the Bible attributed to Moses known as the Torah. The question is, "Do we or do we not have the original words of Moses?" Without the authenticity of the Torah, the entire Bible is discredited.

The invitations have been sent to 50 American university and seminary departments or divisions of biblical languages, these include the most conservative Lutheran, Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian seminaries, Moody Bible Institute, the Bible Museum and Answers in Genesis.

The list of universities invited includes Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Dartmouth, Notre Dame, the University of Chicago and Yeshiva University. The names and addresses of all those invited are published on OSL's Facebook event page.

The title of the debate is, "Resolved: We have the original words of the Torah in the Masoretic Consonantal Text." Professor, Rev. Jack Cascione will take the affirmative position. The lay people present will vote on the validity of the methodology Cascione uses to establish the authenticity of the text, just as laypeople vote when serving on an American jury. Cascione is not attempting to prove God or the facts of the Bible. His goal is to show evidence that we have the original words of Torah.

Even the most conservative seminaries now teach that the Doctrine of Divine Inspiration applies only to the original papyrus or vellum documents on which the canonical books of the Bible were written, and which no longer exist. Therefore, Divine Inspiration cannot apply to any existing ancient manuscript. In other words, it is simply not possible to place one's finger on the authentic Word of God on this planet. Christianity has devolved into a religion based on a theoretically Divine text; a text that supposedly generates faith now requires faith to create the original text.

On the other hand, the prevailing opinion being taught at universities and seminaries is that nearly all the names on the books of the Bible were written under pseudonyms and the texts are the collected religious thought of unknown origin written and edited by various unknown communities from antiquity.

Perhaps an increase of the prize to \$15,000 will convince a professor from one of these universities or seminaries to defend what they teach in their classrooms in public and/or what their affiliated religious denominations and/or synods confess at their national headquarters.

For more information contact: Debbie Lazarine, Office Manager dlazarine@osl.cc or 713-290-9087 ext. 202

LinkedIn - www.linkedin.com/in/jackcascione

Send subscription/comments to reclaimnews@earthlink.net

**MEASURE OF DEVOTION:** Last Sunday, we had 327 people in attendance (last year 353), 1200 viewed our service online.

Our Ministry Challenge		
Tithes & Offerings for last week	\$ 16,706.24	
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 42	\$ 1,322,192.79	
Tithes & Offerings needed each week		
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 42		
General Fund Income to date		
Special Contributions to date		

"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, Sunday, October 24, at 9:30 AM Next Sunday, October 31, at 9:30 AM ~ Reformation

**ELDERS:** Bruce Blake / Bo Guevara / Aaron White Bruce Blake / Bo Guevara / Aaron White

USHERS:Hall TeamDownie TeamSOUND:T. WilbanksWhitingCARTS:Kriegel TeamGavin Team

**ACOLYTES:** Aiden Kleb / Jude Morgan Matthew O'Neill / Kaden Resendez / Abigail White / Aryana

Reyes / Giuliana Krieg

ALTAR GLD: Diana Stephens Team

**COMM.ASST:** Bruce Blake / Bo Guevara / Brad Whiting / Aaron White

**EVANGELISM:** Team 2 Ken Team 3 James

GREETERS:Deanie Stephens / Nell BitnerTerry Tomchesson / Merri SchoppeMUSIC:Jubilate Choir / LaetareArpeggio Brass / Jubilate Choir

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



### OSL at a Glance

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Sunday, October 24, 2021		
Event	Time	Location
Bible Class	8:15 AM	Bible Class Room
Honey Sunday	9:00 AM	Narthex
Communion	9:30 AM	Church & online
Sunday School	10:45 AM	
Laudate	12:00 PM	School Music Room
LWML Cheerful Helpers	12:00 PM	Bible Class Room
Monday, October 25, 2021		
Adult Information Class-BC	7:00 PM	Bible Class Room
Tuesday, October 26, 2021		
Parochial Ed-A102E	7:00 PM	
Wednesday, October 27, 2021		
Men's Bible Study-BC	6:30 AM	Bible Class Room
School Chapel	9:45 AM	Sanctuary
Bible Class-BC	10:00 AM	Bible Class Room
Bulletin Deadline	12:00 PM	Church Office
Thursday, October 28, 2021		
Prayer Request printing deadline	3:00 PM	Church Office
Carillon Ringers	6:15 PM	Choir Loft
Jubilate Choir	7:00 PM	Choir Loft
Sunday, October 31, 2021		
Bible Class	8:15 AM	Bible Class Room
<b>Reformation Celebration Service</b>	9:30 AM	Church & online
Reformation Sunday School	10:45 AM	Outdoor Pavilion
Reformation Fall Festival	12:00 PM	Gym, Outdoor Pavilion, Playground

## "95 PIECES" trunk or treat!

For Reformation, Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, we are asking the various church groups of our congregation to decorate a car, and from the car's trunk provide treats for the kids! Individuals are welcome to submit a car and treats as well!

Sign up and view Guidelines on our website:

https://osl.cc/trunk-or-treat-signup



## FRIDAY 11-12-2021 SAVE THE DATE

**OSL MEN ALIVE** 

**18<sup>TH</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament**3 PM START • Modified Callaway Scoring



3118 FM 1960 E. Humble, TX 77338

For More Information Call: Channing Wood (281)236-8105



## Guidelines...

Please register, at no cost, to save your spot here: https://osl.cc/trunk-or-treat-signup

Participating vehicles will need to be parked in the lot by the Gym and Early Childhood Building (where the buses are parked) no later than 11:45 am (or simply park there before church), Sunday, October 31, 2021.

Open up and decorate your trunk or the back of your vehicle. There are some great trunk decorating ideas on the internet!! Please, NOTHING spooky, gory, or violent – please keep decorations and costumes "kid friendly." Possibilities could include a Reformation theme, sports, comic characters, Biblical, exotic locations, a particular decade – and can be as elaborate or simple as you wish. If lights are needed, please make sure they're battery powered, as electricity will not be available on site.

Please be health conscious for yourself and others. We are inviting all to take part and want all to feel safe. Consider laying out treats individually so the child can grab one and not dig through a bowl. A table could be used to separate you from the crowd so you can still stock the table with candy but remain socially distant. If you would like to dress up as well, consider a costume with gloves, and a mask as part of the ensemble.

Remain at your vehicle for the duration of the event. Bring some lawn chairs to sit in and compliment the kids' costumes! Meet a family! Have fun!

For candy, please only bring store-bought individually wrapped treats. Or consider giving out a non-candy treat (bubbles, toys, other small prizes). We don't know the exact number of kids, but we could have around 200 children at the event.

This year's event is 3 hours, ending at 3:00pm.

For safety reasons, please plan to stay parked and decorated until 3pm, breaking down your decorations and leaving after that. If you would like to donate leftover, individually wrapped candy after this event to go to active US troops, there will be a container at the event for your donations.

Questions? Contact the church office: 713-290-9087.



