



## **Sounds of Salvation History Organ Recital**

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Supplies needed:

backpacks  
folders  
spiral-bound notebooks  
12 Pack of Crayons or markers  
erasers (regular size)  
pencil sharpeners (not electric)  
rulers  
scissors– child-proof or regular  
small bottles of glue or glue sticks  
medium binders  
binder paper

Thank you!

## **Music Notes**

**By Dr. Evan Cogswell, Organist-Music Director**

We continue our reading of Hosea in today's lesson. Hosea describes all the ways that God led and blessed Israel and the ways that Israel rejected God. However, God says that these transgressions will be an opportunity to show His mercy toward Israel. Psalm 107 continues this theme by praising God for rescuing us from our distress.

I selected "God of Grace and God of Glory" as the opening hymn, because it describes God pouring blessings and mercy upon us as He did to Israel in the lesson from Hosea. It also asks God to forgive our sins and cure our warring madness as we praise God for His salvation.

"Almighty Father Strong to Save" asks for God's blessings on all those traveling, much like Israel was a migrant nation after God called them out of Egypt. The psalm also mentions God protecting and gathering His people from all nations, and the people praising God as a result. This fits with the final verse when all travelers praise God for their safety.

"Here, O My Lord" is appropriate for communion any week, but I chose it today, because in the Gospel Jesus told a parable about the danger of greed and building up treasure on earth instead of in heaven. This hymn is about touching things unseen and centering our lives in the grace of God. The final verse also describes God's mercy in keeping with the reading from Hosea.

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" is all about praising God for God's mercy. It says we are "ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven," that God has poured "grace and favor to his people in distress," and that "he tends and spares us." This seemed like a perfect conclusion to today's service.

The Lemmens Fanfare will flow naturally from the final hymn, and it is an effervescent piece that makes a lively summer postlude. The Guilmant Melody comprises a beautiful melody that made me think of God leading God's people, as described in the lesson from Hosea, and it also will set up the opening hymn beautifully.

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