

# + Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost +

September 17, Year of Our Lord 2023 | DS3



*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

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

## Exhortation

*Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5*

**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.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

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

**C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession of Sins

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. 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.**

## Absolution

*[John 20:19–23]*

**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 Amen.**

+ Service of the Word +

## Introit

*Psalm 143:1–2; antiphon: v. 9*



**P** Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!\*  
I have fled to you for | refuge!

**C** Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!\*  
In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your | servant,\*  
for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

**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.**

Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!\*  
I have fled to you for | refuge!

## Gloria Patri



**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## 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.

## Gloria in Excelsis, hymnal p. 187 for music

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

**P** (sung) Glory be to God on high:

**C** (sung) and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
 O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
 O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
 For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray. O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

### Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 50:15–21*

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual**

*Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

**C** Fear the LORD, you his saints,  
for those who fear him lack nothing!  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

**Epistle**

*Romans 14:1–12*

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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

**Verse of the Day**

*Matthew 6:14*

**P** Alleluia. If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. Alleluia.

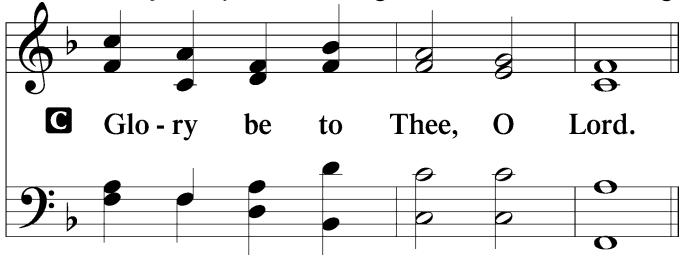
**Triple Alleluia**

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.



Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## Hymn of the Day: 793 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your  
2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple  
3 Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,  
frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,  
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.  
 al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.  
 al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847 Tune: John Goss, 1800–80 Text and tune: Public domain

**+ Sermon +**

**A King Who Wished to Settle Accounts**

**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.

## **Announcement of Offering and Greetings of Peace**

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

### **Prayer of the Church**

World: Praying for the end of the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia**. Hundreds who lost family members and homes and business in **Maui (fires)**. Floods in **Libya**. Earthquake in **Morocco**.

Church: For the **Holy Spirit's work** to bring about repentance and faith in Jesus. For **safety and protection** for all who will be building a new Sanctuary, narthex, and parking lots for Praise Lutheran Church. For **safety for our friends in Kenya** (Pastor Jasper and family).

Vocation: For the **unemployed**. For **veterans and our military**. For **those serving in hospitals and homeless shelters**. For **parents with children and those expecting**. For **School children** in our communities. For seminary students at CTSFW: **Aaron Wade, Will Bales**, and **Sam Bohnet**. For **Eugene and Vicky Gorman** (their first child is due this week).

Loss and Mourning: Family of **Maggie McCarty** (two-year old daughter of Pastor Nathan McCarty from camp) who passed away. Family of **Daidan Lance** (friend of Adam Uebelacker) who died from a motorcycle accident. Family of **Dwight** (Myrna's brother in law) who passed away, especially for Kay (Myrna's sister). **Stokes Family** (friend of Kim Smolter) who lost their home in recent tornado thru Knoxville. Family of **Albert Caspers** (Sally Collver's father in MI) 97 years old who passed away. Family of **Ted Wilson's nephew** in MI, who passed away. Family of **Brooks** (friend of Paul Ruble) who passed away and for his wife Julie. For family of **Buster** brother-in-law of a friend of Paul Ruble. For family of **Mary Croes** (member of First Lutheran, Knoxville), 98 years old, who passed away.


Health: **Carolyn Dickie** in hospice at Morningview. **Jeannie Lindenfesler** is hospitalized. **Deb Wales's sister-in-law** in Texas is in hospice. **Myrna Frazier** cancer treatments and treating recurrent pain caused by cancer. **Billye Raye Smith** chemo treatment for multiple myeloma. **Deb Wales's father** (health). **Jules Felt** recovery of health and then upcoming treatment for a hematoma. **Harvey Booher** (Lori Smith's brother) recovering from heart attack and 3 stents. **April Torres** recovery after a gall bladder procedure. **Steve** (Lainey from Bible Study's husband) hip surgery recovery. **Ed McGillick** persistent dizziness caused by abnormal blood pressure fluctuations. **Janice Kaiser** health. **Larry Wacker** thanksgiving for heart cath. and replaced stent, for sustained heart health. **Lee Schuck** at home receiving physical therapy. **Gary Moehling** seeing a specialist to help recover of balance and stability. **Rick Gift** recovering after a cycling accident. **Bronson Butcher** (Mary Schopmann's great-grandson) upcoming robotic kidney procedure. **Adam Uebelacker** knee injury rehab. **Delora Roth** thankful for recent procedure for her leg. **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. **Carol Webb**



(cousin of Linda Davis) recovering from fall from window. **Tim Smith** watchman heart procedure recovery. **Chuck Pettyjohn** recovering from open heart surgery. **Gary Kubin** recovering from back surgery. For **Alan Tokar** (Judy's husband) recovery from back surgery. **Mary** (Ed & Sandy Bagley's daughter) Legionnaires' disease treatment. **Bob McDermott** dealing with Parkinson's symptoms. For **Karen** (Larry & Janet Moore's niece) recovering from surgery. For **Judy Kalkitis** health. **Sharon Yoder** heart health. **Pastor Neil Vanderbush** at Immanuel, Memphis, recurrent multiple myeloma treatment. **Kay** (Myrna's sister) for health. Rick & Lisa Gift's family, **Terry & Ann Gift** (both with cancer). **Mary Schopmann** for strength and health. **Pastor Ed Maanum** of First Lutheran Knoxville, kidney function. For **June McDonnell** (lung health). **Jennifer Morsch** (Joel & Barbara's daughter) health. **Rachel Ernst's mother:** cancer treatments. For **Alan Stremsterfer's mother** health issues. For **Lisa Stremsterfer's father** health and stability. **Sheila Schnepf** (friend of Tom & Lois Schering) back pain. **Nancy** (Jim Vesper's mother) health. **Aurora Stevens** back treatments. For **Barbara Moyers** health. For **Kathy Bigger** (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. For all suffering from mental health issues. **Al Reuer** health. **Gregory Strege** (Phyllis's son, health). **Ken Payne's** health (friends of a friend of Jim Vesper). **Tim Smith** (heart and back health). Steve Kaiser's mother **Louise** (age 92) in Indiana. Andrew Hebar's Aunt **Kara** (struggling from cancer treatments). **Bill** (Cathy Wacker's father) dementia, health. **Janeen Meier** (Maureen's sister) health. Clients and friends of Jim Vesper: **Myron Farmer** (needing liver transplant), **Debbie Buckner** (peace and restoration), **Steve Phipps** (recovery from fall that broke both legs).

**Birthdays:** Carol B 9/16, Al R 9/19, Carter F 9/20, Sam N 9/20, Sydney P 9/21, Gus S 9/22, Matthew F 9/24, Jennifer K 9/26, Jack N 9/26, John P 9/28, Audrey G 9/30, Carol N 9/30

**Anniversaries:** Tom & Nadine 9/17, Ed & Susan H 9/26

\* Benediction for those worshipping via the Livestream.  The Lord bless you ...

## + *Service of the Sacrament* +

### **A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death and resurrection until He comes. Scripture warns that those who come forward to eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great spiritual harm. The Lord's Supper is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, any who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet to desire to receive the Sacrament (Communion), are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.

## Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

**P** (sung) The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface (Full)

**P** It is truly meet ... evermore praising You and saying:

## 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** (sung, p. 197) 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.

**The Words of Our Lord** *Mt. 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25*

**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  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

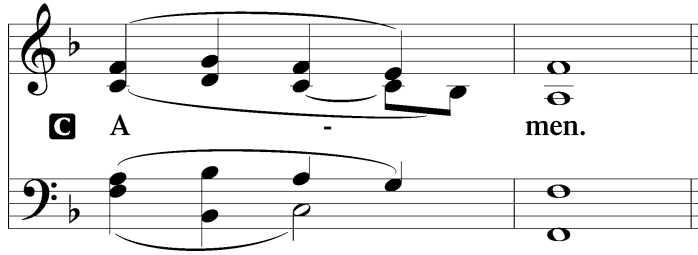
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**Pax Domini**

*John 20:19*



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God**

**C** (sung) **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen**

**Distribution**



Please see our pastor for details about baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation of our church’s teachings prior to taking the Lord’s Supper (Communion) at Praise.

**Distribution Hymn: 609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive**

**Distribution Hymn: 922 Go My Children, With My Blessing**

**Distribution Hymn: 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

**Distribution Hymn: 533 Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure**

**Nunc Dimittis**

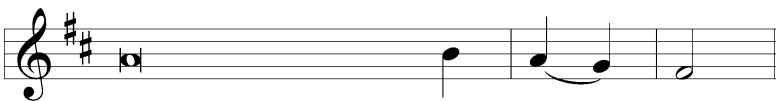
*Luke 2:29–32*

**C** (sung, p. 199) **Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**Thanksgiving**

*Psalms 107:1*

**A** (sung) **O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,**



**C** **and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.**

### Post-Communion Collect

**A** 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 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** A - men.

### Salutation

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** (sung) The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

### Benedicamus

*Psalms 103:1*

**A** (sung) Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**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.

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Organist/pianists: Janice Kaiser, Susan Johnson

Choir Director: Laura Bisconte, Choir Pianist: Susan Johnson

**Moved? Changed your email address? Changed cell phone or home phone? Please let the church office know.**

**Two Large Print Hymnals** are available in the back of church. Please ask those who are helping usher, play music, or manage the livestream equipment in the back of church.



**Capital Campaign reminder:** please review your personal commitments made to the capital campaign for the build to help keep our borrowing costs low as the build soon begins. Consider a “ground-breaking” gift to our building fund.

## Youth and Families

Please encourage your kids of all ages to attend **Sunday morning Bible study**. Our children meet in the Sunday School Classroom across from the mailboxes and students from 6th grade through 12th grade (or equivalent) will meet in the Social Hall.

*1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> are the upcoming Sunday readings; 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> are studying Genesis*

### Middle and High School students

Middle School Youth Group will begin at **6:00 p.m.** *Studying the upcoming Sunday readings*

High School youth group will begin at **7:00 p.m.** *Studying the upcoming Sunday readings*

**College/Young Adults** meet **Thurs, Sept 28, 8 – 10 p.m.**, for **trivia at Blackhorse Brewery**. Mark your calendar and plan to join us! Please connect with Travis Haynes with any questions!

**Youth Catechesis** Here's the upcoming schedule, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.:

Sun, Sep 17	10 Commandments (1-3) with Pastor Roberts
Sun, Oct 1	10 Commandments (4-5) with Pastor Roberts
Sun, Oct 15	10 Commandments (6-7) with Pastor Roberts



## Announcements

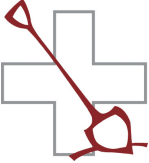
*This Week*

**Youth Group** Wednesdays for Middle School: 6 to 7 p.m.; Highschool: 7 to 8 p.m.

**Choir** Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**Ladies Bible Study** at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays with Barbara Morsch

### Progress on our build



Trusses for the new building were hung recently. Soon contractors will pour the base layers of our parking lots, then we will simply transition parking to the new lots (minus the top layer until after the building is completed). Visit [praiselutheran.com/build](https://praiselutheran.com/build) to see a video on the progress!

Building Fund Update	2023 Receipts	Total Receipts
Actual	\$221,474	\$844,014
Pledged	\$277,877	\$1,065,270
Remaining	\$56,403	\$221,257

**Gifts to the Building Fund now will help us delay borrowing.** Please consider giving new funds or scheduled commitments for the build early in order to help delay interest payments.

**General Fund Giving Update:** Thank you for remembering both regular giving and commitments to building fund. We are up to date with our fiscal year budget.

**Mowing Party** at the church this week, TBD. See Jim Roberts.

**Baby Shower for Eugene & Vicky Gorman's newborn boy: Aiden** on Sun, Oct 8 at 2:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Registry is at Amazon <https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg> and search for "Victoria Gorman."

**Women's Retreat** sponsored by Ladies Bible Study at Praise will be held Fri-Sun, Nov 3-5 at the Bear Lodge at Tuckaleechee Retreat Center: [tuckaleecheeretreatcenter.com](https://tuckaleecheeretreatcenter.com) Stay overnight or come just for the day (Friday evening and/or Saturday). Topic: The Road to Emmaus. *See new brochure available today.*

**Congregational Picnic:** Sun, 9/24 in the forest of +Dick+ and Amy Mohr's home, 1:00 p.m. *We'll be seeking a headcount for food prep. Sign up at church or by email.*

**New Members** will be received on Sun, Sept 24. Please see Pastor Roberts for details.

**Knitting Hats** for area children, please complete and bring to church for blessing on or before **Nov 5**. Distributed in November by Blount County Fire Department.