

+ Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost +

October 1, Year of Our Lord 2023 | DS1



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

1 John 1:8–9

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

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

Confession of Sins

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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 147:1–5; antiphon: v. 6



P The LORD lifts up the | humble;*
 he casts the wicked | to the ground.

C Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;*
 for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem;*
 he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.

**He heals the broken- | hearted*
 and binds | up their wounds.**

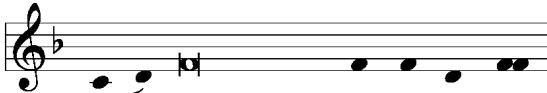
He determines the number | of the stars;*
 he gives to all of | them their names.

**Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;*
 his understanding is beyond | measure.**

**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.**

The LORD lifts up the | humble;*
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Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. [2]

A For the peace of the whole world, ...Church of God, ...unity of all, let us pray... [3]

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray... [4]

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. [5]



C Lord, have mer - cy.



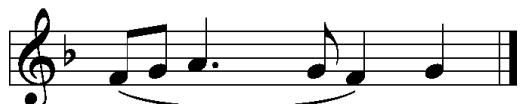
2. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



3. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



4. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



5. **C** A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

- A** (sung) Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
- C** (sung, p. 154) **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

- P** Let us pray. Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same 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

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

The word of the LORD came to me: “What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

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

Gradual

Psalm 91:11; 103:1

C **He will command his angels concerning 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

Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

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

Verse

Matthew 28:18b

P Alleluia. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Alleluia.

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the". The second staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes. Below it, the lyrics are: "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The piece ends with a double bar line.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23–27

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.



When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C 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 Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: 549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
 2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;
 3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
 Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
 The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.



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5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,
 Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
 Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball
 To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
 To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.
 We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.

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+ Sermon +

Questioning Authority

Offertory

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
 me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
 call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Announcement of Offering

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). Pastor **Seth Korte** who accepted call to serve at St. Paul, Sevierville.

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** rejoicing in the birth of **Aiden**.

Loss and Mourning: Family of **Carylon Dickie** (91 yrs old, passed away 9/24). 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.

Health: **Jeannie Lindenfelser** at Morningview (depleted strength from cancer treatments). **Deb Wales's sister-in-law** in Texas is in hospice. **Myrna Frazier** recovering after bad reaction to contrast dye, cancer treatments. **Billye Raye Smith** chemo treatment for multiple myeloma. **Carol Ehrens** diagnosed with Thyroid cancer (slow growing). **Deb Wales's father** (health). **Anna Strege** broke arm in three places. **Landen** (family of Brian and Anna Strege) treating a rare virus. Rick & Lisa Gift's family, **Terry & Ann Gift** (both with cancer), Terry also fell and fractured his hip. **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. **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: Audrey G 9/30, Paul R 10/1, Larry W 10/1, Nancy P 10/2, Susan J 10/5, Sarah Cate P 10/8, Taylor S 10/8, Seth P 10/11

Anniversaries: Rick & Pam T 10/2, Hugh & Joan L 10/12, Jerald & Debbie J 10/14, Cole & Tamia S 10/14

+ 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 Tim. 4:22; Col. 3:1, Psalm 136



P The Lord be with you.



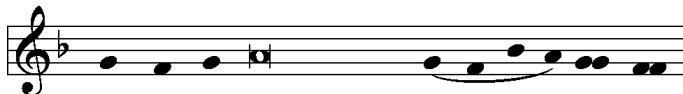
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

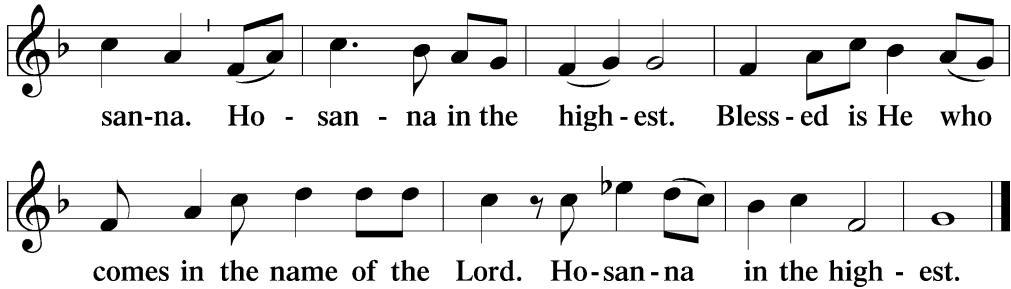
Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, ...one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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."

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. **C** Amen. **Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those

who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

John 20:19



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

C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

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: 812 Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

Distribution Hymn: 428 Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

Distribution Hymn: 534 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

Distribution Hymn: 813 Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

Thank the Lord

[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10]



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

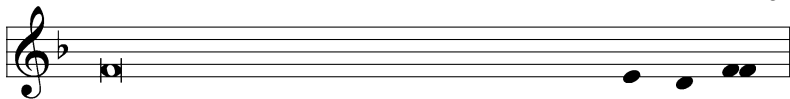
Post-Communion Collect



A Let us pray. We give thanks to You...now and forever. **C** A - men.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.



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Prayer requests: if possible, please submit by 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays

Organist/pianists: Janice Kaiser, Susan Johnson, Gary Schauerman

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.

T-Shirt Order: The recent picnic was a great reminder of our **Praise Lutheran t-shirts**. With all our new members, it may be a good time to submit a new order. Use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to specify if you'd like to order one or more and your size(s). We'll select softer material/higher quality shirts and the price will be **around \$15/each** (price will depend on quantity ordered). Don't submit payments just yet until we secure the pricing.

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 Stay overnight or come just for the day (Friday evening and/or Saturday). Topic: The Road to Emmaus. *See brochure.*

Baby Shower for Eugene & Vicky Gorman's newborn boy: Aiden *next 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."

Knitting Hats due Nov 5 for area children, please complete and bring to church for blessing.

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.

1st through 5th are the upcoming Sunday readings; 6th – 12th are studying Genesis

Note: Shelli and her family are visiting Mandy for Family Weekend at Union University this weekend. Prayers appreciated for a wonderful time together. Thanks to Megan Smith for leading middle and high school Bible study this morning!

Middle (6:00 p.m.) and High School (7:00 p.m.) Youth Groups on Wednesdays

Oct 4 Middle and High School Youth Groups **WILL MEET** - special thanks to Alex and Shelby Hicks for leading the students this week! Shelli and her family will be in Hilton Head for Fall Break!

Oct 11 *Middle School:* Come ready to play Ultimate Ninja and learn together in devotion and prayer. *High School:* Join us for Othello and Bible Study!

Please check your email for an updated newsletter of events and activities. If you are NOT receiving emails, please email Shelli Haynes, shelli@praiselutheran.com.

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

Today, Sun, Oct 1 10 Commandments (4-5) with Pastor Roberts
Sun, Oct 15 10 Commandments (6-7) with Pastor Roberts
Upcoming: Sun, Oct 29, and Sun, Nov 12

Announcements (see also previous page)

This Week

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

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

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

Men's Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary studying *Romans*

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



Progress on our build

Visit praiselutheran.com/build to see a video on the progress! Current projects: roofing, placement of electrical, and interior framing. Parking lot preparation.

Building Fund Update	2023 Receipts	Total Receipts
Actual	\$253,709	\$878,924
Pledged	\$277,877	\$1,065,270
Remaining	\$24,168	\$186,346

Build Project total cost estimate: 3 million (approximately 36% funded).

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

Thank you for remembering both regular giving and commitments to building fund. We are up to date with our fiscal year budget.

A Special Gift was given to cover the full \$4,065 cost of our recent order of Lifetime tables and chairs (commercial quality) for the Social Hall. Thank you to the donors! What a generous blessing to our life together at Praise for receptions, picnics, and weekly studies.

Worship chairs: If you're asking, "**What can I help fund?**" we will need **116 new chairs** in the same fabric and similar frame to complete the new Sanctuary. A manufacturer has been found and we are finalizing quotes and options. Cost is approximately **\$100 per chair** with shipping, etc. *Please specify: Worship Chairs with your gift.*

Corpus for the Cross Our Elders have discussed and approved an artistic and worshipful element as a centerpiece for the new Sanctuary. A new corpus will be made of wood and can beautifully remind us of the glory of Jesus' real presence on the cross and even now in our lives. "We preach Christ *crucified*..." (1 Cor. 1:23). The new corpus will complement and complete the themes of the upcoming stained-glass windows in the altar space. This has been generously funded by 3 member families who independently asked if they could help provide funding for the corpus after it was announced as an item under consideration. Pastor may present more on the history, theology, and practice of Christian crucifixes and an upcoming Bible Study(ies).

