



+ Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost +

October 8, Year of Our Lord 2023 | DS2

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



Invocation (pg. 167 in hymnal)

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 118:22–24; antiphon: v. 1



P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

C The stone that the builders re- | jected*
has become the | cornerstone.

This is the LORD's | doing;*
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

This is the day that the | LORD has made;*
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

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.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mk. 10:47

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the
well-being of the Church of God, and for
the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer
here their worship and praise let us pray
to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us,
gracious Lord.



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. 170 for music) **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

2 Tim. 4:22



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

- P** Let us pray. Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; 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.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 5:1–7

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

- 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 3:4b–14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

Matthew 21:42b

P Alleluia. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. 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.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33–46

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

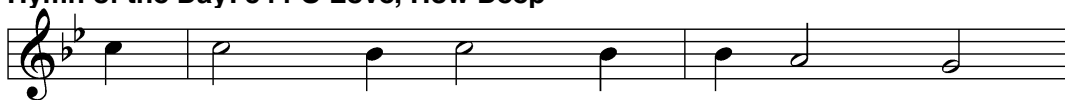
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.



Hymn of the Day: 544 O Love, How Deep



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
 2 He sent no an - gel to our race,
 3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore
 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
 Of high - er or of low - er place,
 His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;
 For us His dai - ly works He wrought,



That God, the Son of God, should take
 But wore the robe of hu - man frame,
 For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;
 By words and signs and ac - tions thus



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
 And to this world Him - self He came.
 For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
 For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
 He bore the shameful cross and death;
 For us He gave His dying breath.

6 For us He rose from death again;
 For us He went on high to reign;
 For us He sent His Spirit here
 To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

△ 7 All glory to our Lord and God.
 For love so deep, so high, so broad;
 The Trinity whom we adore.
 Forever and forevermore.

Text: attr. Thomas à Kempis, 1380–1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819–85, alt.
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Nicene 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 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.**

Offertory

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19

☩ (sung, hymnal p. 176 for music) What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will

pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

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). 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 **Jeanne Lindenfesler** (78 yrs old, passed away 10/3). Community and family of Knox County officer **Tucker Blakely** (passed away Sun, 10/1 in the line of duty). Family of the **Brekke family's Papa Gary**. 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). Family of **Albert Caspers** (Sally Collver's father in MI) 97 years old who passed away.

Health: **Billye Raye Smith** chemo treatment for multiple myeloma. **Sharon Yoder** recovering from mitral valve prosthesis trial (thanksgiving!). **Myrna Frazier** recovering after bad reaction to contrast dye, cancer treatments. **Carol Ehrens** diagnosed with Thyroid cancer (slow growing). **Bronson Butcher** (Mary Schopmann's great-grandson) thanksgiving for successful robotic kidney tract stent and soon follow-up procedure. **Deb Wales's sister-in-law** in Texas is in hospice. **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. **Harvey Booher** (Lori Smith's brother) recovering from heart attack and 3 stents. **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** for sustained heart health. **Lee Schuck** at home, for her health and mobility. **Gary Moehling** recovery of balance and stability. **Rick Gift** recovering after a cycling accident. **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: Sarah Cate P 10/8, Taylor S 10/8, Seth P 10/11, Ben D 10/16, Betty N 10/18, Rick T 10/18, Joel M 10/21, Mark Y 10/21

Anniversaries: Hugh & Joan L 10/12, Jerald & Debbie J 10/14, Cole & Tamia S 10/14, Larry & Cathy W 10/19, Billye Raye & Kris S 10/20, Alan & Lisa S 10/20, Al & Lila R 10/21

+ 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, p.177

P The Lord be with you.

2 Tim. 4:22



C And al-so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

Col. 3:1



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalm 136



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

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

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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:

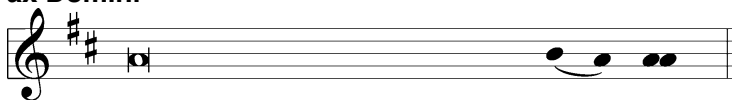
Lord's Prayer

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, 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: 667 Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses

Distribution Hymn: 637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

Distribution Hymn: 861 Christ Be My Leader

Distribution Hymn: 647 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

Thank the Lord

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

☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks 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.

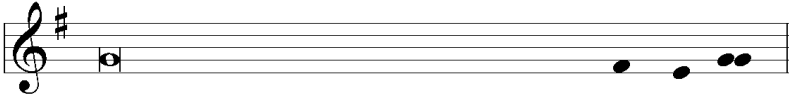
Post-Communion Collect



☐ Let us pray. We give thanks to You... now and forever. ☐ 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.



G 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 Schauerma

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.*

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

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

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.:

Sun, Oct 15	10 Commandments (4-5) with Pastor Roberts
Sun, Oct 29	10 Commandments (6-7) with Pastor Roberts
Sun, Nov 12	10 Commandments (8-9) with Pastor Roberts
Sun, Nov 26	10 Commandments (10 and close) with Pastor Roberts

Announcements (see also previous page)

Adorn the Walls in God's Word TODAY in the new Sanctuary (Listen carefully to instructions and SAFETY PROTOCOLS)

Planning Council Meeting TODAY after church in the Sanctuary

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

This Week

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*

NO Ladies Bible Study this Thursdays due to Memorial Service

Memorial Service for + Jeanne Lindenfelser + Thurs, Oct 12 at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch



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.

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 will present more on the history, theology, and practice of Christian crucifixes and an upcoming Bible Study(ies).

