

# + Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost +

October 15, Year of Our Lord 2023 | DS3



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

**Invocation** (pg. 184 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**

*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

Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2



**P** I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;\*  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

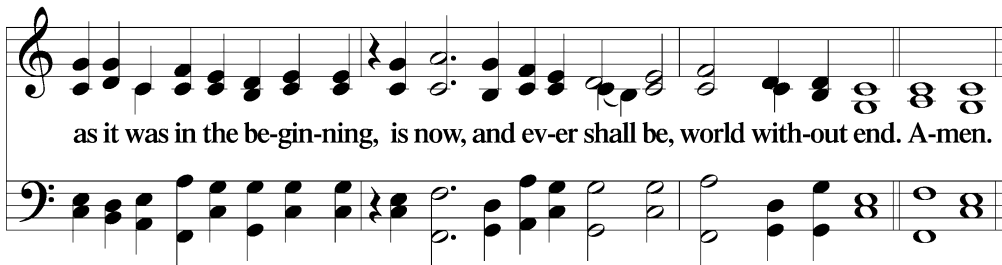
**C** I will greatly rejoice | in the LORD;\*  
my soul shall exult | in my God,  
for he has clothed me with the garments of sal- | vation;\*  
he has covered me with the robe of | righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful | headdress,\*  
and as a bride adorns herself | with her jewels.  
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.

I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;\*  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

## 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

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score consists of two systems of two staves each. The first system has a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom, both with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The second system is identical in notation. The lyrics are placed between the staves.

## Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

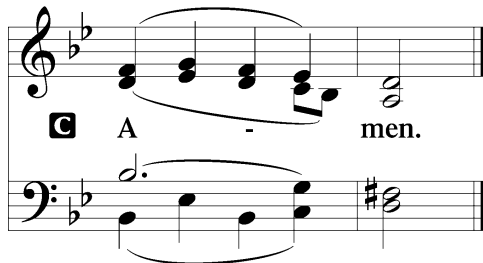
- P** (sung) Glory be to God on high:  
**C** (sung, p. 187-188 for music) **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**  
**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**  
**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**  
**O 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.

The musical score consists of two systems. The first system has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The second system has a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom, both with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are placed between the staves.

- P** Let us pray. Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 25:6–9*

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

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

## Gradual

*Psalms 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!

*Choral Anthem at 11:00 a.m. Service*

*This Is the Day the Lord Has Made*

## Epistle

*Philippians 4:4–13*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is

anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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

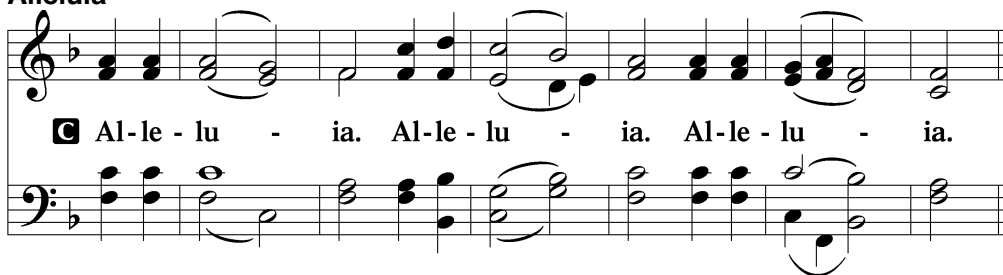
**C** Thanks be to God.

### 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.

### Triple Alleluia



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

The image shows a musical score for a triple alleluia. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the treble staff, with a square icon containing the letter 'C' at the beginning of the first line.

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 22:1–14*

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



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

The image shows a musical score for the Holy Gospel. It consists of a single treble clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff. The lyrics 'Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.' are written below the staff, with a square icon containing the letter 'C' at the beginning.

Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers



and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, 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 † of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: 510 A Multitude Comes from the East and the West



1 A mul - ti - tude comes from the east and the west  
 2 O God, let us hear when our Shep - herd shall call  
 3 All tri - als shall be like a dream that is past,  
 4 The heav - ens shall ring with an an - them more grand



To sit at the feast of sal - va - tion  
 In ac - cents per - sua - sive and ten - der,  
 For - got - ten all trou - ble and mourn - ing.  
 Than ev - er on earth was re - cord - ed.



With A - bra - ham, I - saac, and Ja - cob, the blest,  
 That while there is time we make haste, one and all,  
 All ques - tions and doubts have been an - swered at last,  
 The blest of the Lord shall re - ceive at His hand



O - bey - ing the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion.  
 And find Him, our might - y de - fend - er.  
 When ris - es the light of that morn - ing.  
 The crown to the vic - tors a - ward - ed.



Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!

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**Offertory:** ☩ (sung, hymnal p. 192-193 for music) **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

### **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 a quick end to the war between modern-day **Israel** and the **Hamas** (and for local contacts who are visiting Israel to come safely home). For an 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** (including **Carter Felt** and **Tyler Smith**). 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 **Jeanette** (Deb Wale's sister-in-law) who passed away on 10/7. Family of **Jeanne Lindenfelser** (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. Charleston Snyder's grandmother **Nancy** (Sarah Thaemert's mother) in Knoxville whose health is in serious condition. **Mary Schopmann** recovering from pneumonia. **Gary Kubin** experiencing



debilitating back and leg pain. **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). **Eugene Gorman** recovering from gall bladder surgery. **Bronson Butcher** (Mary Schopmann's great-grandson) thanksgiving for successful robotic kidney tract stent and soon follow-up procedure. **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. **Tim Smith** watchman heart procedure recovery. **Chuck Pettyjohn** recovering from open heart 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. **Pastor Neil Vanderbush** at Immanuel, Memphis, recurrent multiple myeloma treatment. **Kay** (Myrna's sister) for 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:** Ben D 10/16, Betty N 10/18, Rick T 10/18, Joel M 10/21, Mark Y 10/21, Carol M 10/24, Jerry K 10/25, Phyllis B 10/27

**Anniversaries:** 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, Archie & Lisa W 10/24

**Benediction** for those worshipping on the livestream.

## + 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.

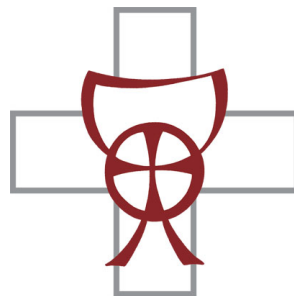


**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**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** (sung hymnal p.195 for music) **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## Lord's Prayer

- P** (sung) 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 *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 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 always.

**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God

**C** (sung, hymnal p.198 for music) **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: 516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying**

**Distribution Hymn: 435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain**

**Distribution Hymn: 676 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White**

**Distribution Hymn: 345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding**

## Nunc Dimittis

*Luke 2:29–32*

**C** (sung hymnal p.199 for music) **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** 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... now and forever.

**C** A - men.

## Salutation

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** The Lord be with you.



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

## Benedicamus

*Psalms 103:1*

**A** 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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Sunday Divine Services weekly at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Bible Study and Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

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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 your order of one or more and your size(s). We've selected softer material/higher quality shirts and the price will be **\$13 or \$17/each** (see sign up sheet).

*Ordering this week.*

**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](http://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.

**Mailboxes** in the Narthex have been updated. Locations may vary from previous.

**Praise is updating our member information** please find one of the clipboards and check/update your information. Thank you.

## Youth and Families

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

*1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades are studying the upcoming Sunday readings*

*6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> are studying the Book of Genesis*

**Starting early for Christmas Program Rehearsals:** Sunday School for **K - 5th grade kids** meets from 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. We will be getting ready for the Children's Advent and Christmas service (memorization of Bible verses and more). The service will be on Wed, Dec 20.

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

**Oct 18 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 for middle and high school students. If you are *not* receiving emails, please email Shelli Haynes, shelli@praiselutheran.com.

### **Youth Catechesis Schedule**

with Pastor Roberts

After church, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

TODAY, Oct 15

Sun, Oct 29

Sun, Nov 12

Sun, Nov 26

10 Commandments (4-5)

10 Commandments (6-7)

10 Commandments (8-9)

10 Commandments (10 and close)

## Announcements (see also previous page)

**Pastor Roberts** will be out of town after catechesis today through Wednesday afternoon for a mini-retreat with local pastors and friends from summer camp. Pastoral emergencies may be assisted by an in-town elder until Wednesday evening.

**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](https://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: ~ 2.8 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).

