

# + Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost +

October 22, Year of Our Lord 2023 | DS4

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



**Invocation** (pg. 203 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**

*Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13*

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

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**Confession of Sins**

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 121:1–4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 5*



**P** The LORD is your | keeper;\*  
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.

**C** I lift up my eyes | to the hills.\*  
From where does my | help come?  
My help comes | from the LORD,\*  
who made | heaven and earth.  
He will not let your | foot be moved;\*  
he who keeps you will not | slumber.

Behold, he who keeps | Israel\*  
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.  
The LORD will keep you from all | evil;\*  
he will | keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out and your | coming in\*  
from this time forth and for- | evermore.  
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 is your | keeper;\*  
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.

- P** Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 45:1–7*

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: "I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none

besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

**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

*1 Thessalonians 1:1–10*

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Verse of the Day

*Colossians 2:10*

**P** Alleluia. You have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. Alleluia.

## Alleluia and Verse

John 20:31



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



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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

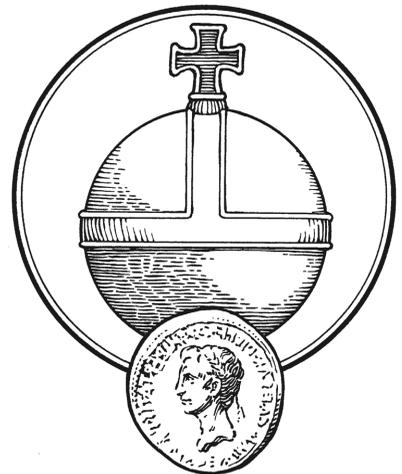
## Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15–22

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.



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

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## 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 ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

## Hymn of the Day: 940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -  
3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred  
4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet  
△ 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,  
three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy  
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with  
And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn - to  
As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the  
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.  
sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.  
bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.  
bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: Latin, c. 4th cent.; German version Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774, Vienna; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900, alt.  
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+ Sermon +

The Things that are God's

### 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).

Vocation: For **foster children in our community**. 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 **teachers** in our community schools. For seminary students at CTSFW: **Aaron Wade**, **Will Bales**, and **Sam Bohnet**.

Loss and Mourning: Family of **Jeanette** (Deb Wales'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: For **Delora Roth** hospitalized (or soon transferred to skilled care facility) for a fall and infection treatment and comfort in Christ's promises. **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. **Myrna Frazier** cancer treatment and health. **Lawrence McMichael** awaiting test results and good prognosis for inte. **Bill Solomon (Amy Mohr's brother)** eye condition. **Gary Kubin** experiencing debilitating back and leg pain. **Sharon Yoder** recovering from mitral valve prosthesis trial (thanksgiving!). **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. **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:** Joel M 10/21, Mark Y 10/21, Carol M 10/24, Jerry K 10/25, Phyllis B 10/27, Billye Raye 11/1, Thomas L 11/2, Tom W 11/3, Drew H 11/4

**Anniversaries:** Al & Lila R 10/21, Archie & Lisa W 10/24, Nicholas & Jamie S 11/3

**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** The Lord be with you. (*Dominus Vobiscum*)

**C** And with thy spirit.

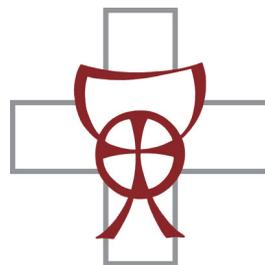
**P** Lift up your hearts. (*Sursum Corda*)

**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.

**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 God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, ... Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### 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.

### 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  $\text{✝}$  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

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

John 1:29



**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## 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.

*See hymnal for Distribution hymns below:*

**Distribution Hymn: 834 O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth**

**Distribution Hymn: 819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good**

**Distribution Hymn: 797 Praise the Almighty**

**Distribution Hymn: 830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord**

## Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32



**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## 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** Amen.

## Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

- 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** Amen.

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

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Capital Campaign Info: Ed Hannah; Joel Morsch

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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. 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:** If you ordered a t-shirt (s), please submit funds to Praise in the amount of **\$13** ( or **\$17/each** for the XXL and up sizes).

**Women’s Retreat** is Fri-Sun, Nov 3-5 at the Bear Lodge at Tuckaleechee Retreat Center:  
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 25 Middle School:** Come ready to play Zip Bong and learn together in devotion and prayer. **High School:** Join us for Ultimate Ninja 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.

Sun, Oct 29

Sun, Nov 12

Sun, Dec 3

Sun, Dec 10

10 Commandments (6-7)

10 Commandments (8-9)

10 Commandments (10 and close)

Apostles' Creed

## Announcements (see also previous page)

**Reformation Day** will be observed next Sunday. Please wear **RED** in honor of the Spirit of our God who calls us back to the Scriptures and the eternal truths of: by grace alone (*sola gratia*), through faith alone (*sola fide*), on account of Christ alone (*solus Christus*), and by the Scriptures alone (*sola scriptura*). *All Saints' Day (observed) will be the following Sun, Nov 5.*

**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](http://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	\$268,534	\$893,825
Pledged	\$277,877	\$1,065,270
Remaining	\$9,343	\$171,521

*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 are in the process of ordering **116 new chairs** in the same fabric and similar frame to complete the new Sanctuary. Cost is approximately **\$100 per chair** with shipping, etc. *Please specify: Worship Chairs with your gift.*

*Special call for more volunteers to help*

**Cards Creation** on Tues, Oct. 31. The work is expanding to send handmade cards and an occasional gift card to our college students and members serving in the military. Thank you to Lois Schering and all who come to create handcrafted cards for loved ones dear to us.

**Gifts for Foster Children** we have received our list from Susan Spaulding of Foster Families of Blount County. This year we have 20 foster children (12 boys and 8 girls) to buy Christmas gifts and offer our prayers. Soon we'll have envelopes for you to pick up and bring gifts back to church by Sun, Dec. 3 for the blessing and distribution later that week.