

+ Reformation Day (Observed) +

Sunday, October 29, Year of Our Lord 2023 | DS3



Processional Hymn: 909 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (see hymnal)

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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

Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46



P I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | O Lord,*
and shall not be | put to shame.

G I will bless the LORD at | all times;*
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;*
let the humble hear | and be glad.

Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;*
I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.

The LORD redeems the life of his | servants;*
none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.

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 speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.

Gloria Patri



G 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 is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us." The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

P (sung) Glory be to God on high:

C (sung, hymnal p. 187-189 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,

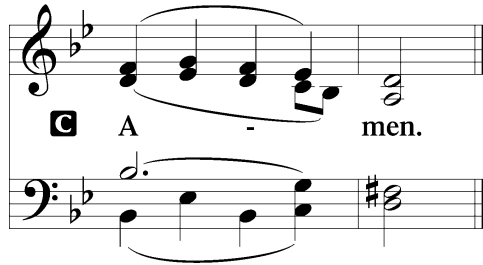
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. And with thy spir - it.

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P Let us pray: Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



First Reading

Revelation 14:6–7

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

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

Gradual

Psalms 48:1a, 12–14a

C Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!
Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,
consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,
that you may tell the next generation
that this is God, our God forever and ever.

Choral Anthem at 11:00 a.m. Service

O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

Epistle

Romans 3:19–28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This

was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

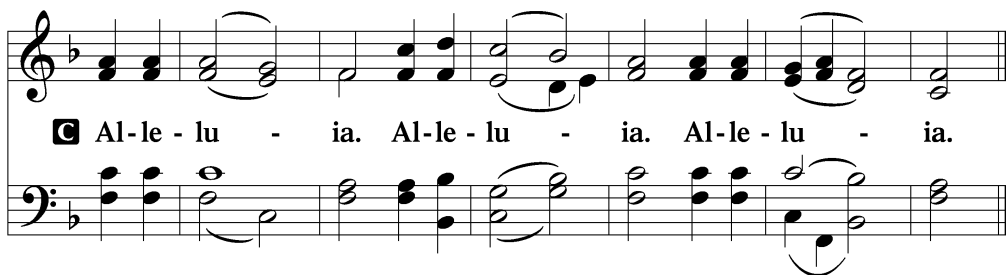
A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

Luke 12:32

P Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

Triple Alleluia



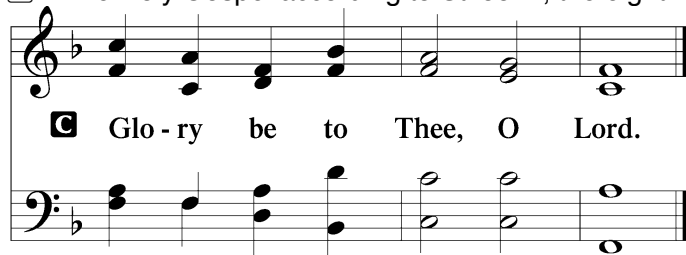
C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for a triple alleluia. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Holy Gospel

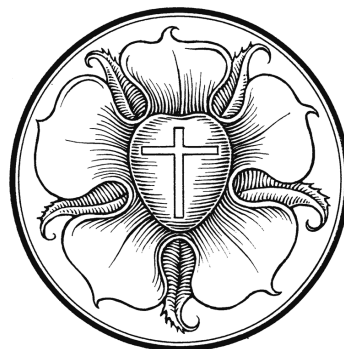
John 8:31–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The image shows a musical score for the Holy Gospel. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.



So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’”

Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: 657 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (choir sings stz. 1)



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat - ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
 vour us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
 fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
 self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
 o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
 of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
 hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
 we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
 child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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+ Sermon +

Free Indeed

Offertory

Psalm 51:10–12

☐ (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**. 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 our **Women's retreat this coming Fri-Sun** 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 **Joan Hoffman** (90 yrs old, faithful friend of Steve & Janice Kaiser) who passed away in Indiana. Family of **Jeanette** (Deb Wales's sister-in-law) who passed away on 10/7. Family of **Jeanne Lindenfesler** (78 yrs old, passed away 10/3). 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** in comfort care and blessings of good days of health. For **Victor Sebahar** (friend of Fred Hansen), cancer in brain, lungs, and bone. **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. For **Lyndsie** (Levi & Suzanne's neighbor) cancer treatments. **Myrna Frazier** cancer treatment and health. **Lawrence McMichael** thanksgiving for prognosis from tests and good treatment plan to

come. **Bill Solomon (Amy Mohr's brother)** eye condition. For **Marge** (Ted Wilson's former wife) who has a heart cath on Friday and valve replacement in a few weeks. **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: Phyllis B 10/27, Billye Raye 11/1, Thomas L 11/2, Tom W 11/3, Drew H 11/4, Sandy B 11/6, Sammi M 11/7

Anniversaries: Nicholas & Jamie S 11/3, Gary & Faye S 11/11

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.

And with thy spir - it.

The musical notation consists of a treble and bass clef staff in G major. The treble staff has a melody of quarter notes: G4, B4, D5, G4, B4, D5, G4, B4, D5, G4. The bass staff has a accompaniment of quarter notes: G2, B2, D3, G2, B2, D3, G2, B2, D3, G2.

P Lift up your hearts.

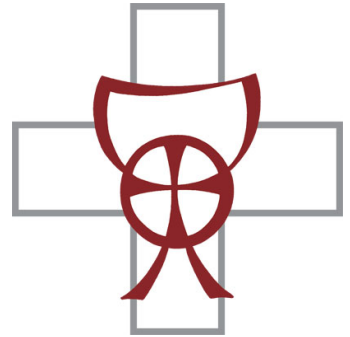
We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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

It is meet and right so to do.

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Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly meet, ... 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

Matthew 6:9–13

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

Mt. 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ 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.”

Pax Domini

John 20:19

P (sung) The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Musical notation for the first part of the hymn. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on the treble staff, and the bass line is on the bass staff. The lyrics 'A - - - men.' are written below the treble staff. A square box containing the letter 'C' is placed below the first measure of the treble staff.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

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 Hymn: 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

Distribution Hymn: 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Distribution Hymn: 645 Built on the Rock

Distribution Hymn: 578 Thy Strong Word

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

C (sung, hymnal p.199-200 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 (sung) O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

Musical notation for the first part of the hymn. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written on the treble staff, and the bass line is on the bass staff. The lyrics 'and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.' are written below the treble staff. A square box containing the letter 'C' is placed below the first measure of the treble staff.

Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P 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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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.



Daylight Saving Time ends next week; **Saturday, Nov. 4**, set your clocks **BACK** one hour.

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 THIS week (Fri-Sun), Nov 3-5 at the Bear Lodge at Tuckaleechee Retreat Center. We will return for church at Praise. Topic: The Road to Emmaus. See *brochure*.

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

Praise is updating our member information please find one of the packets located in the Social Hall or in the Narthex. Thank you.

Potluck on Sun, Nov 19 after 11:00 a.m. service in celebration of Aiden Gorman's baptism. Please bring something to share.

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.

1st through 5th grades are studying the upcoming Sunday readings

6th – 12th 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

Nov 1 Middle School: Come ready for an All Saints themed youth group and learn together in devotion and prayer. **High School:** Join us for an All Saints Event 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, 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 previous page as well)

All Saints' Day (observed) will be NEXT Sun, Nov 5. Wear **WHITE** in honor of the vision in Revelation 7. | **Blessing of Hats** next Sun, Nov 5: please bring Knitted Hats for area children.

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

Elders meet this Thurs, Nov 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Women's Retreat Friday-Sunday, Nov 3-5; will return for Divine Service on Sunday



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	\$268,534 \$269,718	\$895,001
Pledged	\$277,877	\$1,065,270
Remaining	\$8,159	\$170,337

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 approx. **\$100 per chair** with shipping, etc. *Please specify: Worship Chairs with your gift.*

Special call for more volunteers to help

Cards Creation THIS 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 This year we have 20 foster children (12 boys and 8 girls) to buy Christmas gifts and offer our prayers. See the **sign-up sheet** and **envelopes** in the Narthex.

Planning Council budget meeting on Nov 19 (enjoy the potluck and then meet in Sanctuary)