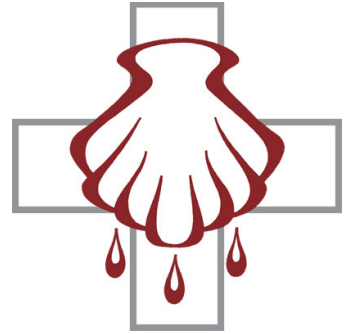


# + The Baptism of Our Lord (observed) +

January 14, Year of our Lord 2024 | DS2

## + Confession and Absolution +

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



**Invocation** (hymnal pg. 167)

*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 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*



**P** Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

**C** I will tell of the decree:

**The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.

**You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”**

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

**Serve the LORD with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling,**

for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

## Kyrie, p. 168

*Mark 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, ... Church of God, ... unity ...let us pray to the Lord.



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

**A** For this holy house ... 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.

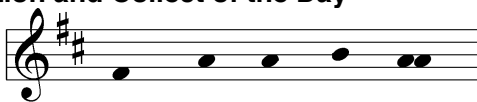
**This Is the Feast**, p. 171 for music

*Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9*

**A** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C** **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

**Old Testament Reading**

*Genesis 1:1–5*

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

### Gradual

*Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

**C** Praise the LORD, all nations!  
Extol him, all peoples!  
For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

### Epistle

*Romans 6:1–11*

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

### Verse of the Day

*Mark 1:11b*

**P** Alleluia. You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased. 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**

*Mark 1:4-11*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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



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

**Nicene Creed (9:00 a.m. service only)**

**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

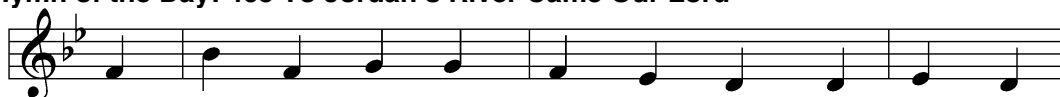
suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and 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.

Rite of Holy Baptism (11:00 a.m. service only)

Alora Mae Baer

Choral anthem: *See This Wonder in the Making, see hymnal pg. 593 for words*

Hymn of the Day: 405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom  
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of  
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -  
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the  
 God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the  
 tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.  
 Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.  
 heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.  
 His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
 As God's own choice, from Adam's fall To save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute; This man is Christ, our substitute!  
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream, Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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+ Sermon +

He will Baptize You with the Holy Spirit

Offertory, p. 176 for music

*Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19*

☐ 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 a quick end to the war between modern-day **Israel** and the **Hamas**. For an end of the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia**. All areas and peoples around the world affected by fires, flood, earthquakes, and the like. Residents and businesses in northern **Nashville** and **Clarksville**, Tennessee recovering from tornado damage.

Church: For **missionaries, teachers, and evangelists**. 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** and **William Smolter**). 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**. For **Larry and Phyllis Bembas** celebrating birth of new grandson. For **Kate Roberts** is engaged to **Sam Bohnet**.

Loss and Mourning: Family of **Bill Colver** (Al Collver's brother) passed away 1/6. **Family of Michael Brown** funeral was 1/6 and **Alice Brown** passed away 1/6 (Joan Large's nephew and sister-in-law), Family of **Ed Scarano** (former member of Praise, wife: JoAnn). Family of **Delora Roth** who passed to be with Christ on 11/13. Family of **Greg Nunnink** (98 yrs old, father of Tim Nunnink) who passed on 10/25, 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 Lindenfelser** (78 yrs old, passed away 10/3). 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.

Health: For **Matthew Flaska** having elbow surgery on Tuesday. For **Jim Roberts** consultation for lower back degeneration. For **Gary and Nancy** (friends of Matthew Flaska) broken face bones from fall. For **Doug Hammond** (Joan Large's son) home on 1/10 recovering from heart surgery. **Heather Schopmann** (Mary's daughter) for recovery from back surgery. For **Brad** (Phil & Carol Barnett's son) lung blood clots treatment. For **Billye Raye Smith** to build back immunity after multiple myeloma treatments. **Myrna Frazier** cancer treatment and health. For **Faith** (Jerry and Jennifer Kropp's daughter) health. For **Bill Miller** recovery from ruptured appendix surgery. For **Jackson Blankenbeckler** (Blair Johnson's brother) recovery from appendix surgery. For **Tom Williams** procedure in January for a spot on the lung. For **Rick Gift** (recovering from shoulder surgery). **Aunt Janeen** healing for physical and mental health (Maureen Roberts' sister and Pastor Roberts' Aunt). For **Jerald Johnston** and **Deborah Johnston** recovering from flu. For **Frank Davis** (Leah Mohr's father) health. For **Pete Gay** (Catherine Boute's brother-in-law) terminal cancer. For **Marty Smith** (Tyler [and Megan] Smith's father) rapidly advancing cancer treatment. For **Victor Sebahar** (friend of Fred Hansen), cancer in brain, lungs, and bone. For **Pastor Phil Young** (gall bladder removal) and his wife **Amy** (cancer treatments). For **Jeff Ratliff** (Mark's younger brother in Florida) cancer, kidney removal, and cancer in the back. For **Bob Goodrich** adjusting to new pacemaker. For **Steve Clemmer** hip replacement recovery. **Alan Tokar** shoulder surgery recovery. Charleston Snyder's grandmother **Nancy** (Sarah Thaemert's mother) in Knoxville, health. For **Lyndsie** (Levi & Suzanne's neighbor) cancer treatments. **Ronnie Riggs** (friend of Paul Ruble) declining health. **David** (friend of Jerald Johnston's brother) congestive heart failure. **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) valve replacement. **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). **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. **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. **Lee Schuck** at home, for her health and mobility. **Gary Moehling** recovery of balance and stability. **Adam Uebelacker** knee injury rehab. **Debbie Johnston** kidney



health. **Mary** (Ed & Sandy Bagley's daughter) Legionnaires' disease treatment. **Bob McDermott** dealing with Parkinson's symptoms. For **Judy Kalkitis** health and Judy's son in law, **Larry** (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. **Al Reuer** 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). Clients and friends of Jim Vesper: **Myron Farmer** (needing liver transplant), **Debbie Buckner** (peace and restoration), **Steve Phipps** (recovery from fall that broke

**Birthdays:** Randy G 1/13, Camden S 1/13, Rhonda H 1/14, Jules F 1/17, Hannah K 1/21, David C 1/24, Robbie M 1/25, Jonathan H 1/26

**Anniversaries:** Alan & Jeanne H 1/19, Gus & Lee S 1/19, Jim & Valarie V 1/20

**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.



**C** And al-so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**Proper Preface ~ Altar Book (appropriate to the day or season)**

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

**Sanctus**

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



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



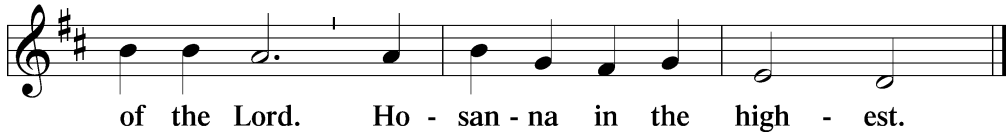
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



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



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*p. 161 or 178*

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

**Lord's Prayer**

*Matthew 6:9–13*

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.**

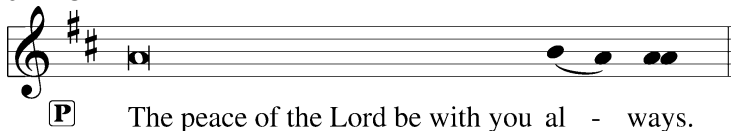
**The Words of Our Lord**

- 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 ✠ 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*





**C** A - men.

**Agnus Dei, p. 180 for music**

*John 1:29*

- C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
- Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
- Lamb of God, You take away 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: 404 Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered**

**Distribution Hymn: 594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It**

**Distribution Hymn: 596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized**

**Distribution Hymn: 595 O Blessed Spring**

**Nunc Dimittis, p. 182 for music**

*Luke 2:29–32*

- C** Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

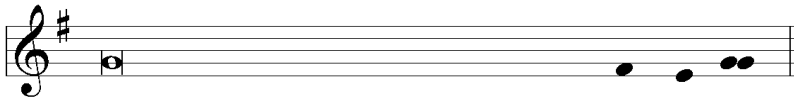
**Post Communion Collect**

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- L** Let us pray... now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26



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



**C** A - - - - - men.

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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.

## 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.

### Middle and High School Youth Groups on Wednesdays

**Jan 17, COMBINE Middle and High School Student/Parent Meeting** 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
please join us, discussing events and activities for the upcoming year.

**Jan 24, Middle School 6 p.m.** A little Blind Man's Bluff and learn about God's word together in devotion and prayer. **Highschool 7 p.m.** Mafia and Bible Study!

### Middle School Youth Retreat

**Feb 16-18**, Friday – Sunday, in Wear's Valley. Cost is \$60 per student. Sign-up deadline: Wednesday, Feb 14. Hope you can make it!

### Youth Catechesis Schedule

with Pastor Roberts after church, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Sun, Jan 28	Apostles' Creed
Sun, Feb 11	Apostles' Creed
Sun, Feb 25	Apostles' Creed



## Progress on our build

Visit [praiselutheran.com/build](https://praiselutheran.com/build) to see a video on the progress! Current projects:  
Electrical in Sanctuary ceiling, drywall, steeple installation.

Building Fund	2023 Receipts	2024 Receipts	Total Receipts
<b>Actual</b>	\$342,538	<i>not yet available</i>	\$968,333
<b>Pledged</b>	\$277,877	\$179,106	\$1,065,270
<b>Remaining</b>	-\$65,173	\$179,106	\$97,005

*Build Project total cost estimate: ~ 2.8 million (approximately 36% funded).*

### Final 3 months of progress:

- Exterior siding (in-progress) and exterior block treatment
- Sidewalks (after siding completed)
- Ceiling Lights and Beams
- Millwork
- Altar area (chancel, crosses, rail, kneelers)
- Flooring
- Fixtures
- Landscaping and Signage
- Final (top) layer of parking lot
- Stained glass windows



## Announcements

**Please check** your **mailbox** in the Narthex for cards, letters, etc.

*Related Note: 2023 Contribution statements* are coming soon.

**Ladies Bunco** (18 years and up) at Praise on Sat, Jan 27, from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. join us in the Social Hall for an afternoon of silly fellowship and laughs. RSVP to Shelli Haynes at (909) 226-3179. Bring own drink and a snack to share plus \$5 to play.

**Father Alexey Stretslov** and **Elena** his wife will be visiting Praise on **NEXT Sun, Jan 21**. Father Alexey will be preaching for both services and presenting during Bible Class. He is rector of the seminary in Novosibirsk, Russia and Elena is a frequent translator for visiting pastors and professors. Both are bilingual. Pastor Roberts traveled with the Stretslovs throughout Siberia in 2009 on a trip to teach at their church body's summer seminars.

**Planning Council** meets TODAY Sun, Jan 14

**Youth Group** Wednesday Combine Middle & High Sch Student/Parent mtg 6:00 – 7:00 p.m

**Choir** Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

**Men's Bible Study** Wednesday 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary

**Ladies Bible Study** Thursday 10:00 a.m. in Social Hall with Barbara Morsch

**Elders** meet Thurs, Jan 18 at 7:00 p.m.

**Lutheran Witness 2024 Subscription** Sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please submit check or gift of \$15 and indicate *Lutheran Witness*. **Deadline: TODAY**, Jan 14

**Adopt a College Student or Young Military servant** (members of Praise): please see Linda McMichael or Pastor Roberts

**One of our goals** this coming year is to mirror the progress of our physical church sanctuary by providing opportunities to build up the body of Christ here at Praise! Check your weekly bulletin and the bulletin board in the Narthex for more specific event details. Please mark your calendars and make sure to make these events part of your schedule:

January 27 3:30 - 6:00 p.m. Ladies Bunco event (18 yrs and up)

February 10 4:30 p.m. Great Date Night

April 27 6:00 p.m. Church-wide Trivia Night

May 17 6:30 p.m. Ladies' Potting Party

June 2 5:00 p.m. Guess Who's Coming To Dinner event

**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. *Please specify: Worship Chairs with your gift.* Status: \$4,600 (46 chairs) have been given to date.