

+ Third Sunday after the Epiphany +

January 21, Year of our Lord 2024 | DS3

Special Guests: Father Alexey Stretslav and Elena Stretslav
Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church, Novosibirsk, Russia
Dr. Timothy Quill and Annette Quill, Concordia Theological Seminary



+ Confession and Absolution +

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

Invocation (hymnal pg. 184)

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 113:1–2, 4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 3



From the rising of the sun to its | setting,*
the name of the LORD is | to be praised!
Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants | of the LORD,*
praise the name | of the LORD!
Blessèd be the name | of the LORD*
from this time forth and for- | evermore!
The LORD is high above all | nations,*
and his glory above the | heavens!
He raises the poor | from the dust*
and lifts the needy from the | ash heap,
to make them sit with | princes,*
with the princes of his | people.
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.
From the rising of the sun to its | setting,*
the name of the LORD is | to be praised!

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.

Gloria in Excelsis, p. 187 for music

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

P (sung) Glory be to God on high:

C (sung) **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.

P Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh

believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . .

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

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

1 Corinthians 7:29–35

This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

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

Verse of the Day

Mark 1:15

P Alleluia. The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel. Alleluia.

Triple Alleluia

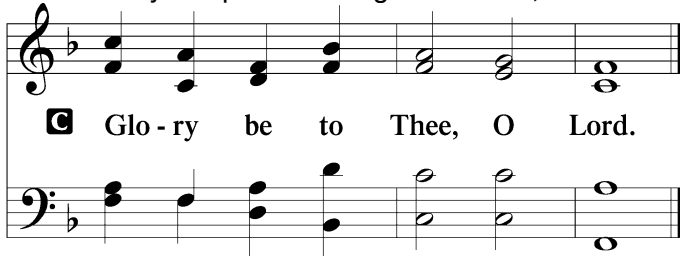
C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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, aligned with the notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:14–20

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



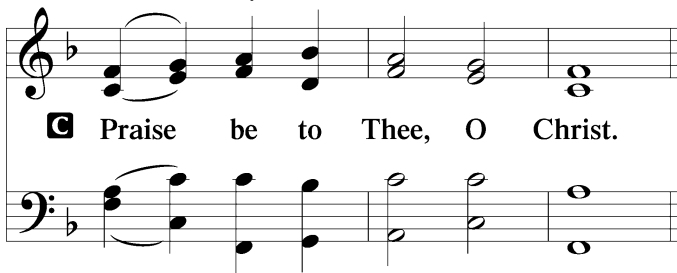
C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.



After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



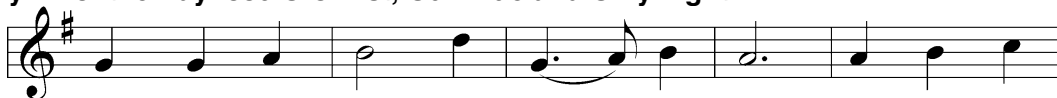
C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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: 839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now
 3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may
 4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the
 5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
 lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose
 find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science
 wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who
 won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - jice.
 in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
 sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
 walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
 You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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+ Sermon +

Guest: Father Alexey Stretslov
 Rector of Theological Seminary,
 Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church

Offertory, p. 192 for music

Psalm 51:10–12

☐ (sung) 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**. Safety for **those travelling in these winter months**.



Church: For **the seminaries of synod and for the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church**. For **safety and protection** for those building our new Sanctuary, narthex, and facilities for Praise Lutheran Church. For **safety for our friends in Kenya** (Pastor Jasper and family).

Vocation: For **veterans and our military** (including **Carter Felt** and **Tyler Smith** and **William Smolter**). For **those serving in hospitals and homeless shelters**. 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 parents with children and those expecting including: **Luke and Blair Johnson**. For the recently engaged including **Sam Bohnet** and **Kate Roberts**.

Loss and Mourning: Family of **Charlotte Kaiser** (aunt of Steve & Janice Kaiser) who passed away in Indiana. 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 **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: **Myrna Frazier** cancer treatments and health. For **Faith** (Jerry and Jennifer Kropp's daughter) health. For **Tom Williams** recovering from lung surgery. For **Matthew Flaska** elbow surgery. For **Frank Davis** (Leah Mohr's father) recovering from a heart procedure. For **Jim Roberts** consultation for lower back degeneration. For **Gary** (and wife Nancy, friends of Matthew Flaska) broken face bones from a fall. For **Doug Hammond** (Joan Large's son) recovering from heart surgery. **Heather Schopmann**

(Mary's daughter) recovering 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. For **Bill Miller** recovery from ruptured appendix surgery. For **Jackson Blankenbeckler** (Blair Johnson's brother) recovery from appendix surgery. For **Rick Gift** (recovering from shoulder surgery). For **Janeen Meier** healing for physical and mental health (Maureen Roberts' sister and Pastor Roberts' Aunt). 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 **Rick Synyder** (Christopher's brother) heart surgery on 1/30). For **Amy Young** (cancer treatments). For **Jeff Ratliff** (Mark's younger brother in Florida) cancer, kidney removal, and cancer in the back. 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). **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 both legs).

Birthdays: Hannah K 1/21, David Ch 1/24, Robbie M 1/25, Jonathan H fp1/26, Rick G 1/28, Kathleen D 1/29, Judy K 1/29, Luke J 1/30

Anniversaries: Jim & Valarie V 1/20

Benediction for those worshipping on the livestream.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

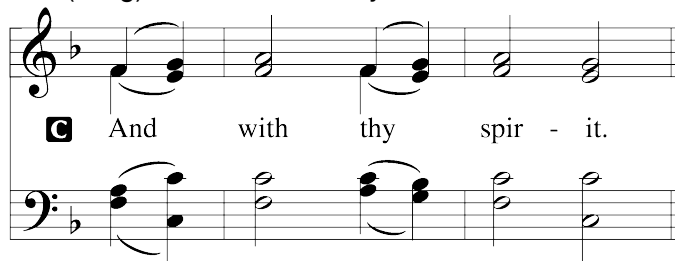
A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise

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.

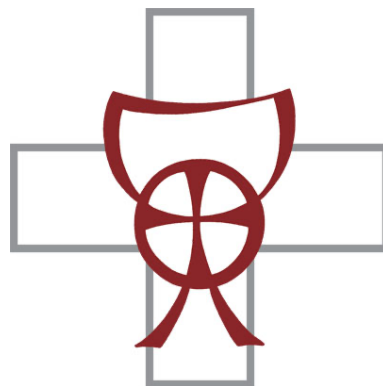
Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P (sung) The Lord be with you.



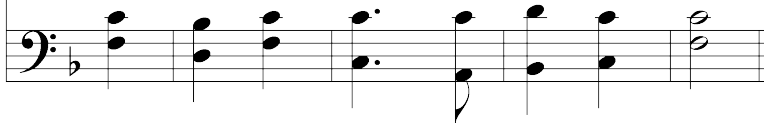
And with thy spir - it.



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 (Abbreviated)

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus, p. 195 for music

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C (sung) **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. 196 for music

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 (sung) **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.**
Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Mt 26:26-30; Mk 14:22-26; Lk 22:14-23; 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.



Agnus Dei, p. 198 for music

John 1:29

C (sung) **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: 856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

Distribution Hymn: 688 "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

Distribution Hymn: 730 What Is the World to Me

Distribution Hymn: 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

- C** (sung) 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.

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The upper staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The lower staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The lyrics 'and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.' are written below the notes.

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.

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Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

- P** (sung) The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

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Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

A (sung) Bless we the Lord.

Musical notation for the song 'Benedicamus'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Thanks be to God.' are written below the bass line.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

P (sung) 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 \dagger give you peace.

Musical notation for the benediction. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' are written below the bass line.

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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.

Ash Wednesday Services: Feb 14 at Noon and 7:00 p.m. (Lent begins)

Voters Meeting: Feb 18 at 10:00 a.m. Agenda: election of officers, committees, and reports.

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 24 (rescheduled due to weather last week) 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 31, 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.
NEXT Sun, Jan 28	Apostles' Creed
Sun, Feb 11	Apostles' Creed
Sun, Feb 25	Apostles' Creed



Progress on our build

Visit praiselutheran.com/build to see the latest on our build including videos and info on how you can help.

Building Fund	2023 Receipts	2024 Receipts	Total Receipts
Actual	344,752	\$1,590	\$972,137
Pledged	\$277,877	\$179,106	\$1,065,270
Remaining	-\$67,378	\$179,106	\$93,201

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

Final 2.5 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

Rearranging current Sanctuary this week. This is the next step for construction in our current building to install a door for a walkway to the new building and transfer chancel rail.

2023 Contribution statements will be available next week.

Ladies Bunco (18 years and up) at Praise THIS 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 today along with **Dr. Timothy Quill** and **Annette**. 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.

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

College/Young Adult Thursday 8:30 p.m. Trivia Night Blackhorse Brewery

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.