

+ Third Sunday in Lent +

March 3, Year of our Lord 2024 | DS1



Hymn of Invocation: 850 God of Grace and God of Glory



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple
2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils



pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;
sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us
Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion



Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this
grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these
grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's
grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -



hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
days, For the liv - ing of these days.
goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.
dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

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+ Confession and Absolution +

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

Invocation

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

Psalms 69:14–16; antiphon: v. 9



P For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,*
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.

C Deliver me from sinking | in the mire,*
 let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep | waters.
 Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swal- | low me up,*
 or the pit close its mouth | over me.
A Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast | love is good,*
 according to your abundant mercy, | turn to me.
G Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
A as it was in the be- | ginning,*
I is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
 For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,*
 and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy (*hymnal p.152*)

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. [2]
- A** For the peace of the whole world, ...Church of God, ...unity of all, let us pray... [3]
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray... [4]
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. [5]



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



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



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

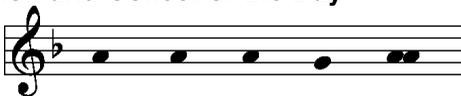


5. **C** A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis omitted during Lent

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and

steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1–17

And God spoke all these words, saying,

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

“You shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

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

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

C [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day

John 2:19

P Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

Holy Gospel

John 2:13–22

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-



changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Message (11:00 a.m. service only)

Hymn of the Day: 824 May God Bestow on Us His Grace (see hymnal)

+ Sermon +

A House of Trade

Offertory (*hymnal pg.159-160 for music*)

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19

☒ What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

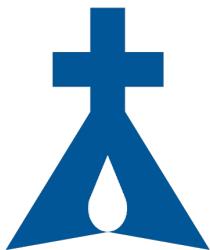
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

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.**

Rite of Installation of Officers and Boards of the church with terms starting Mar 1.

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 **Christians in Nigeria** suffering persecution and martyrdom. 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, Casey Lawson, Tyler Smith** and **William Smolter**). For **those serving in hospitals and homeless shelters**. For **teachers** in our community schools. For our circuit's seminary students: **Aaron Wade, Will Bales, Sam Bohnet, Vicar Daniel Bueckman, and Vicar Alex Ogden**. For the healthy birth of **August Johnson** (to Luke & Blair). For those expecting children including **Daniel and Monica Hendricks, Jackson and Bri Blankenbeckler**. For the recently engaged including **Sam Bohnet and Kate Roberts**.

Loss and Mourning: Family of **Kathleen Lane** who passed away on 2/27. Family of *Barbara Moyer's grand-children's mother* who passed away. Family of Deputy **Greg McCowan** (killed in the line of duty in Blount County). Family of **Gabriel** (Sharon Shower's grandson) murdered in Alaska. Family of **Jeff Ratliff** (Mark's younger brother) who passed away 2/1. Family of **Myrna Frazier** who passed away on 1/27. Family of a **friend** of Becky Hamby,

killed in an auto accident. 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 **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 **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 **Terry Gift** (Rick Gift's father) preparing to enter the Church Triumphant. For **Russ Smolter** (William's father) in hospice in Alabama. For **Andrew** (son of a friend of Laura Bisconte) treatment for a mass in the base of his brain. For **another friend** of Laura Bisconte who needs good news concerning her heart condition. For **Steve Kaiser** (severe case of cellulitis in his legs). **Julie Bullock** (Tom Wittkopp's sister) failing heart condition, now in hospice. For **Larry & Cathy Wacker's daughter** cancer diagnosis limited to lymph nodes, for treatment. For **Carol** (Alex Hick's aunt) recent diagnosis of frontal lobe dementia. For **Tim Smith** (home from hospital) heart health. For **Chuck Pettyjohn** recovering from hernia procedure. For **Jane** (Steve Kaiser's sister) suffering severe back pain. For **Adam Uebelacker** recovering from knee procedure. For **Faith** (Jerry and Jennifer Kropp's daughter) health. For **Rick Synyder** (Christopher's brother) thanksgiving for successful heart surgery. For **Tanner** speedy recovery (injured in a work accident), Tatum Smolter's fiance. For **Tom Williams** more tests on lungs. For **Matthew Flaska** elbow surgery recovery. For **Frank Davis** (Leah Mohr's father) recovering from a heart procedure. For **Gary** (friend of Matthew Flaska) thanksgiving after facial reconstruction (recovery 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 **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 **Amy Young** (cancer treatments). 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). **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. **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 Frazier'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). Steve Kaiser's mother **Louise** in Indiana. Andrew Hebar's **Aunt Kara** (struggling from cancer treatments).

Birthdays: Willie DC 3/4, Thomas McK 3/4, Teddy L 3/5, Kate R 3/6, Owen S 3/6, Gary S 3/7, Katie F 3/9, Soren M 3/10, Meagan C 3/11, Charlie N 3/12, Bob G 3/14

Anniversaries: Mark & Sonja R 3/9, Randy & Carrie G 3/14

Benediction for those worshipping on the livestream.

+ Service of the Sacrament +



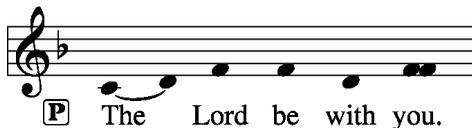
A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise

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

p. 160; 2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

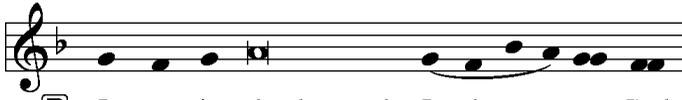




P Lift up your hearts.



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

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

Sanctus *(hymnal pg. 161 for music)*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of
Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, ...now and forever.

C Amen.

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

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."

John 20:19

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



G A - men.

Agnus Dei (*hymnal p.163 for music*)

John 1:29

G (sung) **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.

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: 427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory (see hymnal)

Distribution Hymn: 865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

Distribution Hymn: 645 Built on the Rock

Distribution Hymn: 425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Post-Communion Collect

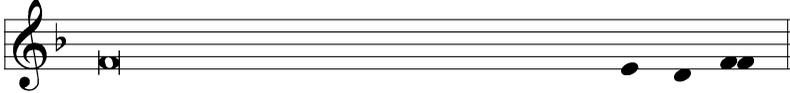
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A Let us pray.... one God, now and forever.



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.



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Prayer requests: if possible, please submit by 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays

Organist/pianists: Janice Kaiser, Susan Johnson, Gary Schauer mann

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 in the back of church.

Youth and Families

Encourage your children to attend **Sunday morning Bible study**. Younger children, ages 5 years old to 5th grade, 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. See our Sunday School teachers to see what ages we are equipped to teach and feel free to request or offer to teach something for those younger than our current setup.

Middle and High School Youth Groups on Wednesdays

Serve at Midweek Lent Suppers: arrive at 5:30 p.m. to set up, serve, and help clean up. See sign-up sheet in Narthex for your day to serve. Followed by the service at 7:00 p.m.
Please see Shelli for more information.

Youth Catechesis Schedule

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

Sun, Mar 17

The Lord's Prayer

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:

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

Screen It First A husband and wife team, with six children, who are members of Blessed Sacrament Lutheran Church in Idaho, are trying to produce a book review database for parents. They are looking for volunteers to help review books and submit their findings at screenitfirst.com. Their idea was inspired by Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." You would help thousands of parents be able to screen a book for various content before introducing it to their children. This is similar to a parent review for movies. Please join Mac and Jessica as they grow their book database and also please keep them and their volunteers in your prayers. More information in the Narthex.

Voters Meeting follow-up: We will have the Rite of Installation TODAY for all our Executive Officers, Board Members, and all servants of the church (elected and appointed) with terms starting or renewing on Mar 1.



Our address has changed: 315 Southdowne Dr., Maryville, TN 37801
Please update the church's mailing address with your broker if you give gifts through a qualified charitable distribution, etc.



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 | \$345,752 | \$29,198 | \$1,000,745 |
| Pledged | \$277,877 | \$179,106 | \$1,065,270 |
| Remaining | -\$68,378 | \$149,908 | \$63,793 |

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

Final 2 months of progress: Ceiling Lights, Millwork, Altar area (chancel, crosses, rail, kneelers), Flooring, Fixtures, Landscaping and Signage, Final (top) layer of parking lot, stained glass windows (delayed until after occupancy).



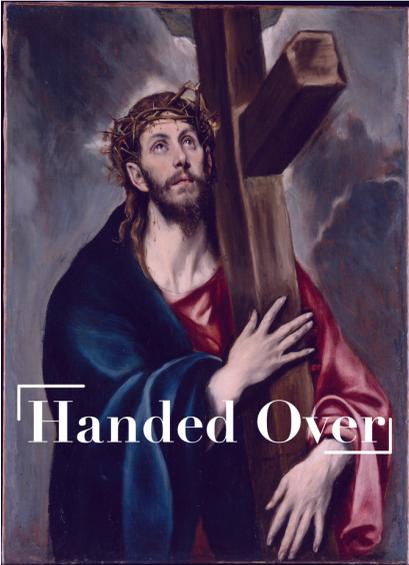
Worship chairs: *Status:* \$11,600 (116 chairs) are fully funded, ordered, and should arrive later in March. Thanks be to God. *A grant from Faith Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Oak Ridge has been announced and is forthcoming. Thank you to Mark Yoder for helping submit the grant proposal and special thank you to our friends at Faith Lutheran Church where Pastors Chase Lefort and George Smith serve the parish and encouraged us to apply.*

Help Fund Wooden Beams for the new Sanctuary. The price of these were more than originally budgeted, these were deemed worthy to do now and an important architectural and meaningful feature. Seeking gifts to the Building Fund. Amount needed: **\$30,000**. Please specify “Wooden Beams” or “Building Fund.”

Countdown until Occupancy of our New Building The goal is to be safely in our new building for worship at an appropriate time when our General Contractor can secure a temporary or final occupancy permit from the City of Maryville. We will keep you posted but sometime between Sat, Mar 30 to mid-April (with the later looking more likely), but we won't know for sure until sometime in March. Stay tuned about how you can help the church make the transition and welcome many to hear and know the crucified and living Lord Jesus.

Announcements

Planning Council Meeting TODAY after services



Midweek Lent Service every Wednesday through Mar. 20 at 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m. Theme: "Christ Handed Over." Come and worship+

Midweek Lent Supper Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Freewill donations for our Youth camps. Please sign-up in the Narthex to bring food on an upcoming Wednesday.

Memorial Service for our sister in Christ + Kathleen Lane + (wife of Thomas) will be this Thurs, Mar 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Praise. More details to come this week.

Choir Wednesdays during Lent at **5:30 p.m.**

Men's Bible Study on break until Apr. 10.

Ladies Bible Study Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in Social Hall with Barbara Morsch.

LWML Mid-South District Convention in Memphis, TN June 7-9, 2024 (28th Biennial). Please contact the church office or Pastor if you would like details for this conference.