

+ The Holy Grinity +

May 26, Year of our Lord 2024 I DS3

+ 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

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,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- 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,
- 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.
- Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit

Psalm 16:8-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text



P Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.

I have set the LORD always be- I fore me;*

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be I shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- I joices;* my flesh also I dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul I to Sheol,* or let your holy one see cor-I ruption.

You make known to me the | path of life;*

in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures for-levermore.

Glory be to the Father and I to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- I ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- I cy to us.

Kyrie (hymnal pg. 186 for music)

Mark 10:47

(sung) Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis (hymnal pg. 187-189 for music)

Lk 2:14, Jn 1:29

- P (sung) Glory be to God on high:
- 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.

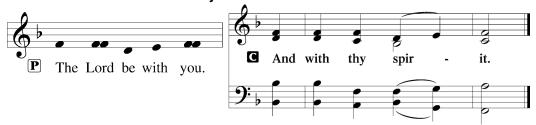
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

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



Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

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

Gradual

 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.
 On your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare your greatness.

Second Reading Acts 2:14a, 22–36

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.

You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool."

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

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

Verse of the Day Isaiah 6:3b

P Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory! Alleluia.

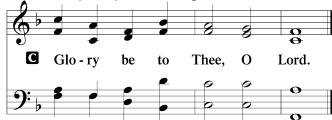




Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

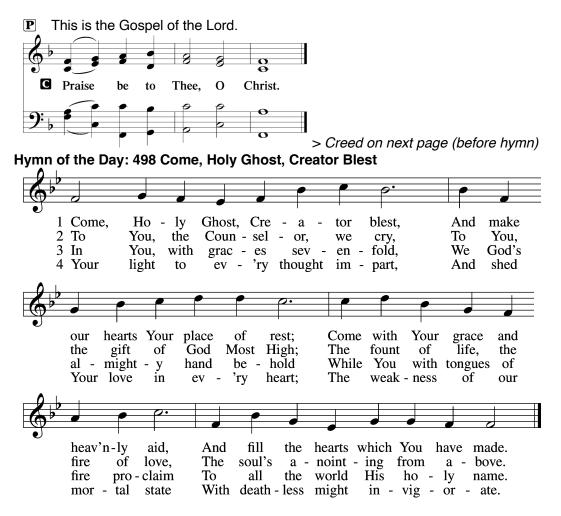
The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."



- 5 Drive far away our wily foe, And Your abiding peace bestow; With You as our protecting guide, No evil can with us abide.
- Teach us to know the Father, Son, And You, from both, as Three in One That we Your name may ever bless And in our lives the truth confess.

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Athanasian Creed

The Athanasian Creed declares that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are "the catholic faith." In other words, this is what the true Church of all times and places has confessed. More than fifteen centuries later, the Church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given Himself for our salvation.



P Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.

And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite. In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty; and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

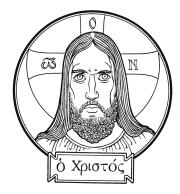
Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another:

but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity. (next...)

But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;

equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:

one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ, who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.

And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

+ Sermon +

Jesus said: We Speak of What We Know

Offertory (hymnal pg. 192-193 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**.

Church: For **Christians in Nigeria** suffering persecution and martyrdom. For **the seminaries of synod and for the Siberian Evangelical 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, Sam Bohnet, Vicar Daniel Bueckman, and Vicar Alex Ogden. For those expecting children including Jackson and Bri Blankenbeckler and Cole & Tamia Smith. For the recently engaged including Sam Bohnet to Kate Roberts and Turner Gough to Mandy Haynes. For Daniel and Monica Hendricks rejoicing in the birth of Lily 4/24. Safe travels for Rachel Vesper who is travelling in Australia. Michael and children (Flaska and Stolarcysk family) in Michigan. Birth of Shepherd (born to Madeline) the Nunninks' family. For Tony & Rhonda (Seth Pierce's cousin) healthy birth of a grandbaby boy.

Loss and Mourning: Family of **Ruth** (Rachel Ernst's beloved mother) who passed away suddenly due to a heart attack. Family of **Aunt Beverly** (Becky Hamby's Aunt) who passed away. Family of **Julie Bullock** (Tom Wittkopp's sister) who passed away. Family of **Corey Baerns** (Marleen's son, Jeff's brother) who was fatally shot on 4/26. For **Lila Reuer** (Al's wife; Rhonda Heckman's mom) who went to be with the Lord of Life on 3/26. For **Terry Gift** (Rick Gift's father) who entered the Church Triumphant. Family of **Russ Smolter** (William's father) who passed away 3/1. 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 **Jeff Ratliff** (Mark's younger brother) who passed away 2/1. Family of **Myrna Frazier** who passed away on 1/27.

Health: For June Latham (Phyllis Bemba's sister) stroke and vision recovery. For Sharon Yoder in stroke rehab in Knoxville. For Pastor Ed Maanum kidney acceptance and for Jen Maanum who donated a kidney. For Nancy (Jim Vesper's mother) in finals weeks or days in hospice care. For Fred Goddard (nephew of Mary Ellen Brown) lung cancer treatment. For niece of Mary Ellen with a massive blood clot in her leg. For Herman her brother recovering from stent procedure. For Steve Greene (friend of Jim Vesper) dealing with multiple cancers. For Gary Kubin experiencing debilitating back and leg pain and for Jessie his niece recovering from knee surgery. For Joan Large stroke recovery (now home). For Linda Davis for healing from anemia related procedure. For Mary (Ed & Sandy Bagley's daughter) health. 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 Larry & Cathy Wacker's daughter and son-in-law's health and cancer treatments. For **Carol** (Alex Hick's aunt) recent diagnosis of frontal lobe dementia. For **Tim Smith** heart health. For **Chuck Pettyjohn** (health). For **Jane** (Steve Kaiser's sister) suffering severe back pain. For **Faith** (Jerry and Jennifer Kropp's daughter) health. For **Tanner** speedy recovery (injured in a work accident), Tatum Smolter's fiance. For Tom Williams lung cancer spot treatments. For Frank Davis (Leah Mohr's father) recovering from a heart procedure. 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 Carol Ehrens diagnosed with Thyroid cancer (slow growing). Ed McGillick persistent dizziness caused by abnormal blood pressure fluctuations. **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. Bob McDermott dealing with Parkinson's symptoms. Pastor Neil Vanderbush at Immanuel, Memphis, recurrent multiple myeloma treatment. For Alan Stremsterfer's mother health issues. For Lisa Stremsterfer's father health and stability. Aurora Stevens back and shoulder pain treatments. For Barbara Moyers health. For Kathy Bigger (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. Andrew Hebar's Aunt Kara (health).

Birthdays: Gary K 5/27, Maureen R 5/30, Vicky G 5/31, Carrie G 5/31, Kenna C 6/2, Jerald J 6/4, Lily N 6/4, Caleb P 6/8

Anniversaries: George & Carole V 6/1, Eugene & Vicky G 6/5, Mark & Sharon Y 5/5, Jeff & Susan J 6/6

Benediction for those worshiping 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.



P Lift up your hearts.



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



Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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

Sanctus (hymnal pg. 195 for music)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

(sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. 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

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.

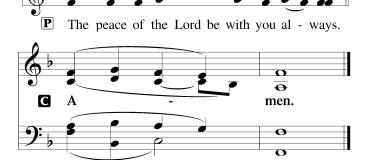
The Words of Our Lord

Mt 26:26-30; Mk 14:22-26; Lk 22:14-23; 1 Cor 11:23-25.

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



Agnus Dei (hymnal pg. 198 for music)

John 1:29

(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: 620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing (see hymnal)

Distribution Hymn: 507 Holy, Holy, Holy

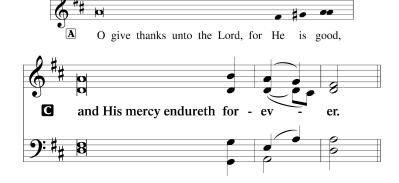
Distribution Hymn: 426 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Distribution Hymn: 949 Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship Distribution Hymn: 495 Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious

Nunc Dimittis Luke 2:29–32

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

Psalm 107:1



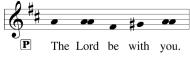
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, ... now and forever.





2 Timothy 4:22





Benedicamus Psalm 103:1

(sung) Bless we the Lord.



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.



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Sunday Divine Services weekly at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

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Organist/pianists: Janice Kaiser, Susan Johnson, Gary Schauermann

Choir Director: Laura Bisconte, Choir Pianist: Susan Johnson



Moved? Changed your email address? Changed cell phone or home phone? Please let the church office know.

Two Large Print Hymnals are available. Please ask those who are helping as ushers to locate a large print hymnal for you.

Our address: 315 Southdowne Dr., Maryville, TN 37801.



The Altar Guild kindly suggests that women who use the common cup to please remove lipstick prior to communing. The linens require hand scrubbing to remove lipstick and it is breaking down the fabric. Thank you.



Visit praiselutheran.com/build to see our build completion video!

Building Fund	2023 Receipts	2024 Receipts	Total Receipts
Actual	\$345,752	\$88,090	\$1,059,641
Pledged	\$277,877	\$179,106	\$1,065,270
Remaining	-\$68,378	\$94,593	\$5,629

Build Project total cost estimate: ~ 2.8 million (approximately 38% funded).

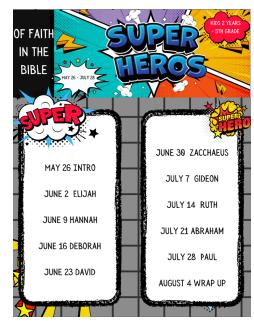
Wedding Invite: Rev. Derek and Gretchen Roberts invite you to celebrate their daughter's wedding, Kate Roberts to Samuel Bohnet, on August 17th, 2024 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at Praise Lutheran Church. Reception to follow.

Please RSVP by July 20th at www.theknot.com/bohnetandroberts

Youth and Families

Summer Sunday School
Starting Sun, May 26 Please join us for the summer to learn about all the different Heros in the bible. Meet for opening in the new nursery (some students may be directed to classrooms from there). We welcome children ages 2 years old up to those entering 5th grade. For those entering 6th grade through high school, please join Shelli Haynes for bible study (Book of Exodus)!

Middle and High School Youth Groups Wednesdays: Middle School 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Highschool 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. High School Summer Retreat: June 7-9, 2024 Campfirmation Week: Sun-Sat, July 7-13, 2024 at Camp Linn Haven, NC



Catechesis at Praise



Adult Catechesis

This Tuesday evening, May 28 at 7:00 p.m. (in the Social Hall)
Topic: *The Way of the [Apostle's] Creed* Lutheran Education brochure.

Upcoming Congregational Events

Culver's Fundraiser THIS WED, May 29, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. 10% of all proceeds given to Praise. Need volunteers to help for one hour. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please bring your family and encourage friends to eat at Culver's this Wednesday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Location: *Culver's*, 270 Hamilton Crossing Dr. in Alcoa.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner (Sign-up at mailboxes to be a host): June 2, 5:00 p.m.

This Week at Praise

Youth Group Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Middle School and 7:00 p.m. High School Choir Rehearsal on break until August.

Men's Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall

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

Young Adult Trivia Night Thursday at 8:00 p.m. Blackhorse Pub & Brewery

Wow! Dedication Day: Thank you! To everyone who helped with/as: the open house, coordinators, sign makers, greeters, ushers, table setup and decor, cookie bakers, grillers, food contributors, cleanup crew, photographers, to the ladies who worked the entire time in the kitchen, and for providing 3 delicious cakes! Tina, Phyllis, and Pastor and many others were very grateful to be wrapping up by 8:15 p.m. Praise be to God. Special thanks to Tina and Phyllis for all their extra work to make the meal and day run so smoothly. Thank you to everyone who came to the Dedication including our guests from other area churches!

Always Mercy and Deaconess Pamela Boehle-Silva extend their sincerest appreciation for the mission offering, totaling \$1,481.25, that was collected at the Dedication Service. The funds will help the recently opened palliative care center in Kenya. God's mercy endures forever!

Pastor Roberts will be away for two upcoming Sundays: June 2 (Elders will lead a service of the Word) and June 9 (with Guest Pastor: Rev. George Smith, from Faith Lutheran Church in Oak Ridge will lead the service).