

+ **Twenty-second Sunday after  
Pentecost** +

*October 20, Year of our Lord 2024 | 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,  
**C who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**Confession of Sins**

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with  
which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal  
punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I  
pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter  
sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and  
merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**Absolution**

*[John 20:19–23]*

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of  
the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the  
command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father  
and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

## + Service of the Word +

### Introit

*Psalm 34:1–4, 17; antiphon: v. 18*



**P** The LORD is near to the broken- | hearted\*  
and saves the crushed in | spirit.

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

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

**Oh, magnify the | LORD with me,\***  
**and let us exalt his name to- | gether!**

I sought the LORD, and he | answered me\*  
and delivered me from | all my fears.

**When the righteous cry for help, the | LORD hears\***  
**and delivers them out of all their | troubles.**

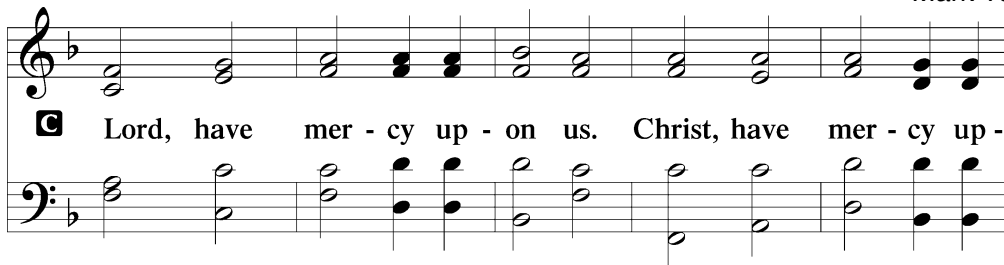
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

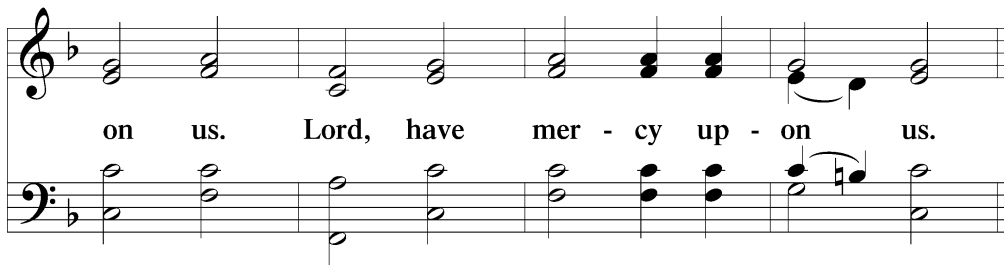
The LORD is near to the broken- | hearted\*  
and saves the crushed in | spirit.

### Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



**C** 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

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

**P** (sung) Glory be to God on high:

**C** 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** (sung) The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray. O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for 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

*Ecclesiastes 5:10–20*

He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

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

## Gradual

*Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

**C** **He will command his angels con- | cerning you\***  
**to guard you in | all your ways.**  
**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\***  
**and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!**

## Epistle

*Hebrews 4:1–13*

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

“As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest,’”

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” And again in this passage he said,

“They shall not enter my rest.”

Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.”

For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

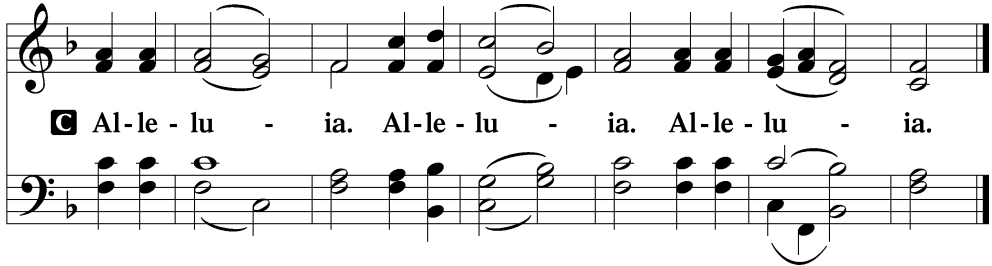
**A** This is the Word of the Lord. **G** **Thanks be to God.**

### Verse of the Day

*Mark 10:27b*

**P** Alleluia. With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God. Alleluia.

### Triple Alleluia



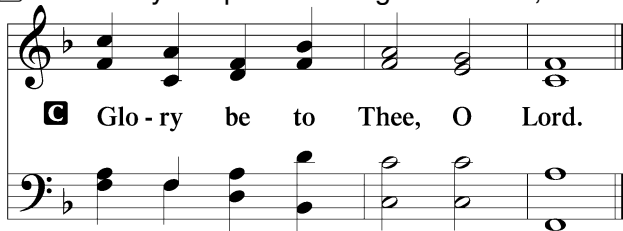
**G** Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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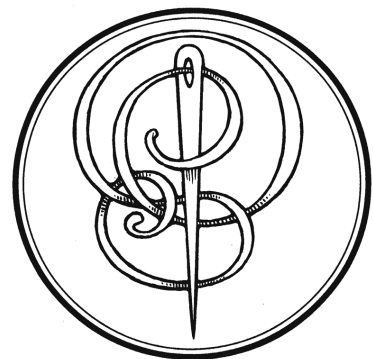
### Holy Gospel

*Mark 10:23–31*

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



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." Peter

began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

**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: 644 The Church's One Foundation

*note Choir only stanzas*



C 1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
*Choir* 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
C 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,  
*Choir* 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war  
C 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more  
 And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
 That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

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+ Sermon +

**A Wealth of Difficulty**

Offertory, p. 192

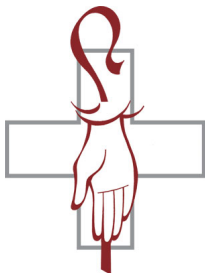
*Psalms 51:10–12*

C (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 +



World: For **Hurricanes Milton and Helene flood relief** and recovery in the Southeast. For **Camp Linn Haven** (North Carolina) flood cleanout and reconstruction. For God to cease the wars between modern-day **Israel** and the **Hamas** and the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia**.

Vocation: For **Sunday H. Smith**, daughter of Cole and Tamia, born 10/2. For **Joshua Arguien** and **Adelaide Yoder** who were married on 9/20.

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 **Cole & Tamia Smith**. For those who are engaged including: **Turner Gough** to **Mandy Haynes**.

Loss and Mourning: For family of **Robert** (dear friend of Chuck Pettyjohn) who passed away. For Family of **Bill Galamore** who passed away and whose memorial service was Oct. 8. For the family of **Phyllis Strege** who passed away 9/18 and whose memorial service was held at Praise on 9/26. For the family **John Machadow** (friend of Larry & Janet Moore) who passed away. For the family of **Nancy Vesper** (Jim's mother) who passed away 9/9. Family of **Brad Barnett** (Phil & Carol's son) who passed away and whose memorial service was 9/3. For many remembering loved ones who passed away.

Health: For **Sharon Yoder** health and hospice care. For **Sandy Bagley** recurrent stroke care. For **Chuck Pettyjohn** recently hospitalized for pain and discomfort around lung. For **Wendell** (Fred & Faye Hansen's nephew) for effectiveness of in-patient program treatment. For **Bill Frazho** (Paul Ruble's brother-in-law) lung and overall health. For **Lisa Gift** hip infection treatment (now home from hospital); For **Carol Ehrens** home recovering from pneumonia. For **Bill** who has started chemo for cancer (friend of Seth and Tina Pierce). For **Ron Williams** (back at Foothills) and for his wife Pamela. For **Barbara Moyers** recovery from back surgery (now home). For **Monia Convington** (Angela Gift's mother) pneumonia recovery and health. For **Trina Tschappat** (Gretchen Roberts's younger sister) two small brain aneurysms. For **Will Wade** knee surgery recovery. **Rowan Blankenbeckler** born early, now home from hospital. For **Larry Wacker** post-surgery recovery (broken elbow and ribs). For **Carole Vitzthum** (and **George** taking care of her). For **Ted Frazier** severe headaches treatment. For **Garrison** with ALS (student of Amy Mohr's daughter, Coleen Williams). For **Dominic Steer** (Steve Kaiser's



brother-in-law) health. For Jerry & Jennifer Kropps's mothers: **Louise Kropp** and **Marie Guinn** (both turning 90 and recently diagnosed with lung mass [Louise] and cancer [Marie]). For **Linda McMichael** (hamstring and knee fractures healing). For **Dana** (Ed & Sandy's) niece recovering from tongue and throat cancer surgery. For **Bradley Happel** (Becky Hamby's brother) open heart surgery/quadruple bypass recovery. For **Mary** (Ed & Sandy Bagley's daughter) health. Bill & Diane's son **Luke Miller** (a Lutheran pastor in the WELS) treatment after onset of seizures. For **June Latham** (Phyllis Bembas' sister) stroke and vision recovery. For **Edward Faberzak** (son of friends of Jim Vesper, former Navy serviceman) fighting cancer. For **Pastor Ed Maanum** kidney acceptance. For **Fred Goddard** (nephew of Mary Ellen Brown) lung cancer treatment. For **Steve Greene** (friend of Jim Vesper) dealing with multiple cancers. For **Gary Kubin** experiencing debilitating back and leg pain. For **Andrew** (son of a friend of Laura Bisconte) treatment for a mass in the base of his brain. 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 **Tom Williams** maintenance chemo 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. **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 **Kathy Bigger** (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. Andrew Hebar's **Aunt Kara** (health).

**Birthdays:** Keith D 10/20, Joel M 10/21, Mark Y 10/21, Angela G 10/24, Carol M 10/24, Jerry K 10/25, Pam S 10/26, Billye Raye S 11/1, Thomas L 11/2

**Anniversaries:** Larry & Cathy W 10/19, Billye Raye & Kris S 10/20, Alan & Lisa S 10/20

**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, p.194

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

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

**C** 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 ~ Holy, Holy, Holy, 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

*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** *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  $\text{✝}$  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  $\text{✝}$  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** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**Agnus Dei, p. 198**

*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: 907 God Himself Is Present** (see hymnal)

**Distribution Hymn: 730 What Is the World to Me**

**Distribution Hymn: 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing**

**Distribution Hymn: 632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee**

**Nunc Dimittis, p. 199**

*Luke 2:29–32*

**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, p. 200**

*Psalm 107:1*

**A** (sung) O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**Post-Communion Collect**

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

**C** A - men.

### Salutation, p. 201

2 Timothy 4:22

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

**C** And with thy spir - it.

Musical notation for the Salutation, p. 201. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics "And with thy spir - it." are written below the treble staff.

### Benedicamus, p. 202

Psalm 103:1

**A** (sung) Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Musical notation for the Benedicamus, p. 202. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is two sharps (F# and 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 treble staff.

### Benediction, p. 202

Numbers 6:24–26

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

**C** A - men, a - men, a - men.

Musical notation for the Benediction, p. 202. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, and G#). 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 treble staff.

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<b>Remaining</b>	\$67,875 (over)	- \$6,551 (under)	\$78,820 (over)

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

Gifts to the Build Fund are still encouraged (through at least the extended end of the Capital Campaign in December 2025). Please prayerfully (continue to) give gifts.

**Shop at Kroger?** \$128.64 was raised this last quarter! Link your account to Praise Lutheran Church in the “Community Rewards” area from your digital account for Praise Lutheran to receive community funds from Kroger. Please reach out to the church office for help: (865) 977-5810 or [tina@praiselutheran.com](mailto:tina@praiselutheran.com).

**Ride Sharing to Church** Thank you to those of you who have signed up!

## Youth and Families

### Upcoming special Youth events

**LCMS Youth Gathering** (triennial event for high school youth) is coming to New Orleans from July 19 – 23, 2025. Praise will be mailing in the deposit at the end of October. If you are planning to join us for this event, please turn in your registration form and \$50 nonrefundable deposit per person to Shelli Haynes (or you can put it in the DCE mailbox in the narthex.) We have begun fundraising for the gathering, if you haven't already, please reach out to April Torres.

- The youth are selling Tidal Wave Car Wash vouchers. We have partnered with Tidal Wave to offer you their BEST car wash (normally a \$30 wash) for \$12, or 2 vouchers for \$20.
- Our youth families are hosting the Cake Walk for the Oktoberfest on Oct 26. Please see Shelli Haynes to sign up and bring a dessert or gift card to share as a prize!
- Our October NYG meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 23 from 7:00 – 8:00pm. Please see Linda McMichael or April Torres with any questions.

**Campfirmation** (yearly event for middleschoolers and highschoolers) at Camp Linn Haven, North Carolina from July 7-11, 2025. Theme for 2025: *The Sacraments: Signed, Sealed, and Delivered*. Designated fundraising events will take place throughout the year.

**Sunday School** (weekly on Sundays) **9:45 a.m.** to 10:45 a.m.

**Ages 2 to 4:** Meet in the Nursery (new building)

**Ages 5 to 7:** Meet in the classroom across from the new library (next to Shelli's office).

**Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>:** Meet in the classroom across from kitchen

**Grades Middle- and Highschool:** Meet with DCE Shelli Haynes.

**Wednesday Evening Youth Group** (weekly on Wednesdays)

**Middle School Youth** (grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>) meets in the Social Hall for games and a devotion from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Bring your Bible and a water bottle!

**High School Youth** (grades 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>) meets in the Social Hall for games and Bible study from 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. Bring your Bible, a highlighter, a pen, and a water bottle.

**NEW: Children's Handbell Choir** We are starting a children's handbell choir (2 yrs to 7 yrs old) as a part of our Sunday morning Bible class! We have all the materials and the teacher. We would love your kids to join in making joyful music for our upcoming Advent and Christmas Services this year! Please see Kris Smith.

**Adopt a College Student:** We have a couple of students who could benefit from some love and care from you! Please see Shelli Haynes if you are willing pray for and share some love with one of our college young adults!

## Youth Catechesis with Pastor Roberts

**TODAY, Oct 20** from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Topic: The Bible; The Ten Commandments  
Sun, Nov 3 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Topic: The Bible; The Ten Commandments

### Today

**Pictures for Directory:** please see Susan Johnson between or after service TODAY or next Sun, Oct 20 to take or update your individual, couple, or family picture for the upcoming photo directory.

### This Week at Praise

**Sing with the Choir!** Special Choir request for **More Women/Ladies/Girls:** Can you sing the melody line of songs (also known as singing *soprano*)? We really need you in the choir. Rehearsals are Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. See Director Laura Bisconte, Choir Coordinator Lori Smith, or Pastor Roberts.

**Choir Rehearsal** Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

**Youth Group** Wednesdays: Middle School 6:00 p.m.; High School 8:00 p.m.

**Men's Bible Study** this Wed at 7:00 p.m. Topic: Book of James

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

**Oktoberfest** Oct. 26 (Sat) 4:00 p.m. **Please Sign-up** in Narthex TODAY; Trunk or Treat; Cake Walk fundraiser tickets \$1/ticket or \$10/15 tickets. Preorder **commemorative glass** and save money: \$15/pre-order; \$20 at the event.

**Preparing teams for service at Camp Linn Haven** (LCMS camp and church near Grandfather Mountain in NC). Please see Pastor Roberts if you'd like to go help in the recovery efforts at our beloved place for Campfirmation every summer.



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### Upcoming Events

**Oct 29 (Tus)** Cards Creation 1:00 p.m.

**Nov 2 (Sat)** Ladies, LWML Zone Rally at Praise! Learn about the great things LWML is doing and show your support. RSVP deadline Oct 23: RMGRESE@hotmail.com

**November 30 (Sat)** Advent by Candlelight, Coordinator: Shelli Haynes: (909) 226-3179