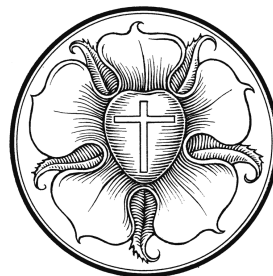


## + Reformation Sunday (Observed) +

Scripture Readings for the Commemoration  
of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles  
*October 27, Year of our Lord 2024 | DS4*



## + 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

*Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13*

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

### Confession of Sins

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

### Absolution

- P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** Amen.

## + Service of the Word +

## Introit

Psalm 89:1, 5, 15–16; antiphon: Psalm 119:46



**P** I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]\*  
and shall not be | put to shame.

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;\*  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

**C** Let the heavens praise your wonders, | O LORD,\*  
your faithfulness in the assembly of the | holy ones!

**Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,\***  
**who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,**  
who exult in your name | all the day\*  
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]\*  
and shall not be | put to shame.

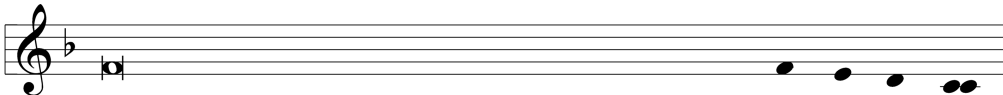
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

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

## Kyrie

Mark 10:47

### Refrain



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

**A** Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. *Refrain*

## Hymn: 941, We Praise You and Acknowledge You



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;  
3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,  
4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.  
The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.  
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry-one:  
Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.



To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,  
The mar-tys of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,  
You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,  
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,



The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:  
Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:  
Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;  
So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



“O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;  
“O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,  
Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-prieve—  
May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,



Your maj-es-ty and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!”  
And Ho-ly Spir-it, Com-fort-er— for-ev-er Three in One!”  
You o-pened heav-en's king-dom to all who would be-lieve.  
In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** **And with your spirit.**

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, You chose Your servants Simon and Jude to be numbered among the glorious company of the apostles. As they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so may we with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading (*Commemoration of Sts. Simon & Jude*) *Jeremiah 26:1–16*

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD: “Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word. It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. You shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, and to listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened, then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.’”

The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant’?” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

Then the officials and all the people said to the priests and the prophets, “This man does not deserve the sentence of death, for he has spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God.”

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

### Gradual

*Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.*

**C** **How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the | good news,\***  
**who publish peace and bring good news of sal- | vation.**  
**Their voice has gone out to | all the earth,\***  
**and their words to the ends | of the world.**

**Choral Anthem (11:00 a.m. Service): *Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* (M. Luther)**

### Epistle (*Commemoration of Sts. Simon & Jude*)

*1 Peter 1:3–9*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

### Verse of the Day

*John 15:16a*

**P** Alleluia. You did not choose me, but I chose you. Alleluia.

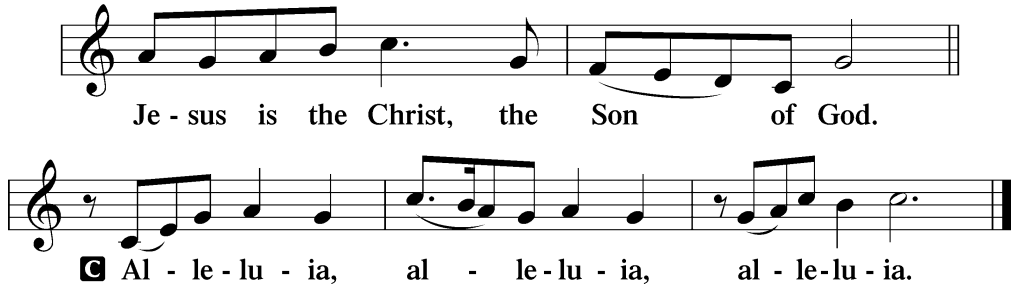
### Alleluia



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



**Holy Gospel** (*Commemoration of Sts. Simon & Jude*)

*John 15:12–21*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.”



- 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.**

**Hymn of the Day: 527 O Savior, Precious Savior** (see hymnal)

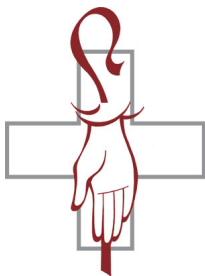
**+ Sermon +**

**The Love and Hate of Reform**

### **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 who are engaged including: **Turner Gough to Mandy Haynes**. For **children and families** dealing with difficult situations due to drugs, alcohol, violence, abuse, stress, and strife.

Loss and Mourning: For the family of **Curtis** (Joshua Bulshovich’s brother in Virginia) who passed away. 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 **Ed McGillick** persistent dizziness and tendencies to fall and for **Barbara's health** and caring for him. 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. **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:** Pam S 10/26, Phyllis B 10/27, Billye Raye S 11/1, Thomas L 11/2, Tom W 11/3, Drew H 11/4, Sandy B 11/6, Sammi McM 11/7

**Anniversaries:** Nicholas & Jamie S 11/3

**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** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with your spirit.

**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.

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

### Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### Prayer of Thanksgiving, p. 209

*p. 161 or 178*

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, ...and as He has taught us:

### 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

**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  $\text{I}$  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

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei, p. 210

*John 1:29*

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke



### 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: 583 God Has Spoken by His Prophets** (see hymnal)

**Distribution Hymn: 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee**

**Distribution Hymn: 648 Glorious Things of You Are Spoken**

**Distribution Hymn: 829 Christ the Eternal Lord**

**C** (sung) 1 O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill, The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

2 All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

### 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 Amen.**

### Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

**A** Let us bless the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

### Benediction

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

**Hymn to Depart: 657 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God** (see next page or hymnal)

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## Hymn to Depart: 657 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat'ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -  
mour us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not  
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to  
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of  
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle  
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He  
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's  
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's  
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

## Praise Lutheran Church (LCMS)

Sunday Divine Services weekly at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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Choir Director: Laura Bisconte, Choir Pianist: Susan Johnson

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Building Fund	2023 Receipts	2024 Receipts	Total Receipts
Actual	\$345,752	\$173,970	\$1,145,505
Pledged	\$277,877	\$179,106	\$1,065,270
Remaining	\$67,875 (over)	- \$5,136 (under)	\$80,235 (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.

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## 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.

**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>) and **High School Youth** (grades 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)  
Combined Halloween Party 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

**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

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

**Oktoberfest (yesterday): Thank You** for coming and making this a wonderful event! We are blessed with such a loving community. Many thanks to the many hands who helped prepare food, games, setup and cleanup, and provide at the trunk or treat. We enjoyed great homemade German food and a fantastic music show by *Smith & Cole*! Thank you! Special thanks to Tina Pierce for coordinating the event and to Seth & Tina for the brats.

**Paths to Lutheranism Series... Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to stories of guests who have come to Lutheranism from Islam, Mormonism, Atheism, Agnosticism, Eastern Orthodoxy, Roman Catholicism, Pentecostalism and more. You'll find the series at [issuesetc.org/pathstolutheranism](http://issuesetc.org/pathstolutheranism).

**Acolyte Coordinator Needed:** The Elders are seeking an adult volunteer from Praise to coordinate and facilitate Acolyte schedule and service—helping ensure scheduled youth are vested and ready (primarily for 11:00 a.m.). Please see Pastor R. or Elder Paul Ruble.

### **This Week at Praise**

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

**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.

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

**Youth Group** (Wed) combined Middle- and High School Halloween Party 5:30 – 8 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

**College/Young Adult Trivia Night** Black Horse Brewery; Contact Shelli Haynes if attending (909) 226-3179

**LWML Zone Rally** on **Sat, Nov 2** at Praise. Learn about the great things LWML is doing and show your support. For more info, contact [RMGRESE@hotmail.com](mailto:RMGRESE@hotmail.com)

### **Upcoming Events**

**ALL SAINTS' DAY** (Observed), NEXT SUN, Nov 3, wear white to match the paraments.

**Preparing teams to help restore 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.

**Nov 27 (Wed)** Thanksgiving Eve Services at 12 noon and 7:00 p.m.

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

**Dec 4, 11, 18** (Wed) Advent Midweek Services; Noon and 7:00 p.m.

**Dec 18** (Wed) Children's Christmas Service 7:00 p.m.

**Dec 24** (Tues) Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m.

**Dec 25** (Wed) Christmas Day service 10:00 a.m.