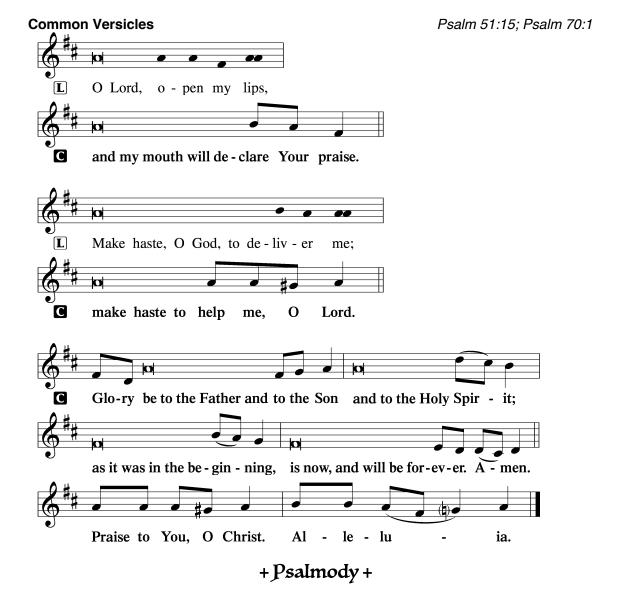
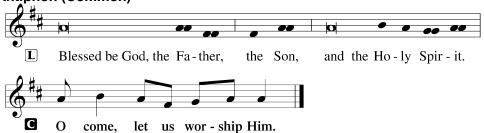
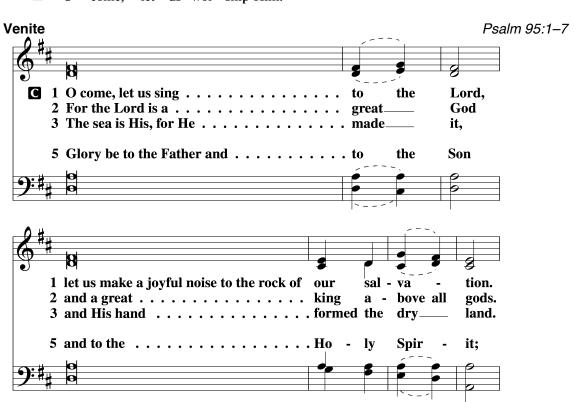
# + Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany +

February 9, Year of our Lord 2025 | Matins Pastor Roberts is out of town today; Praise's Elders are leading the Service. Liturgist at 8:30 a.m. Elder Paul Ruble; Liturgist at 11:00 a.m. Elder Levi Nunnink



## **Antiphon (Common)**







Sit



# + Readings +

Reading Isaiah 6:1–8

L A reading from Isaiah, chapter 6.

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."

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

Reading 1 Corinthians 14:12b–20

L A reading from 1 Corinthians, chapter 14.

Since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.

Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say "Amen" to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

**Choral Anthem (Ladies of our Choir)** 

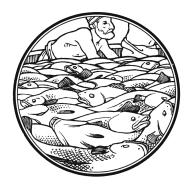
Amazing Grace

Reading Luke 5:1–11

L A reading from Luke, chapter 5.

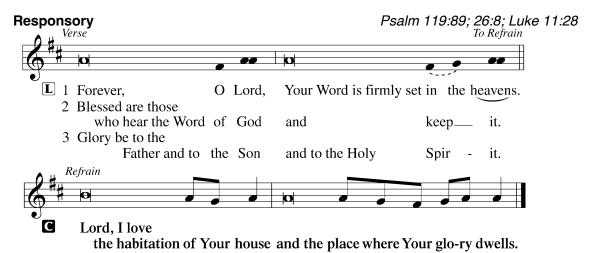
On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the

fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signaled to their partners



in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.



#### + Sermon +

### Nothing but the Word of Christ on the Boat

Written by Pastor Roberts and read by Elder Andrew Hebar at 8:30 a.m. and Elder Ben DeHaven at 11:00 a.m.

+ Canticle +



### Offering

# + Prayer +

The Prayer with responses begin with the Kyrie on page 9 (use the below for your prayers this week).



World: For the families of the Reagan Airport plane and helicopter collision. For LA fires (damage victims). 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 our singles, parents, grandparents, and families. For **Elijah** & Faith Miessler expecting! For Sam & Kate Bohnet expecting (in

August)! For Turner and Mandy Gough who were married on 12/30. For Joshua Arguien and Adelaide Yoder upcoming blessing of their marriage on 4/12. 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 children and families dealing with difficult situations due to drugs, alcohol, violence, abuse, stress, and strife. Birth of Hudson Hamby, born 12/12 (Great-grandson of Becky Hamby).

Loss and Mourning: For Family of **Marty Smith** (Tyler and Megan Smith's father[-in-law]) who passed 2/3. For the family of **Alan Morton** (John Johnson's cousin) who passed away on 2/2. For the Family of **Brian** (56 yr. old son of Fred & Faye Hansen) who passed away in Texas in his sleep. For the family **Dana Husky** (niece of Ed & Sandy Bagley) who passed away 1/20. For the family of **Peggy Gullickson** (Tom Wittkopp's sister in Spokane, WA). 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 at home. For **Darrel Wehmeier** (Deb Wales's brother) multiple internal lesions, cancer tests. For **Fred Hansen** (upcoming aortic valve replacement). For **Linda Davis** (upcoming aortic valve replacement). For **Neil Gulas** recovering from open-heart surgery (Suzanne Nunnink's father). For **Emma Lu Kerekes** health and hospice care (in Oak Ridge). For **Gary Kubin** hip surgery rehab (now home). **Ted Frazier** recovery of strength after hospitalizations. For **Linda McMichael** (upcoming knee surgery). For **Tom Wade** (Will Wade's brother) recovering from surgery. For **Nadine** 

Wittkopp recovering from stomach surgery. Pastor **Kent Dockery** knee surgery recovery. For Sandy Bagley knee pain and stroke recovery. For Ed & Barbara McGillick health, pain and dizziness management. For **Haley Jenkins** (Ed & Sandy Bagley's niece) esophageal issues. For Katie Felt's uncle, **Tim** in Florida, final months. For **Don Hammond** heart a-fib (Joan Large's son). For **Rachel Ernst** upcoming rescheduled surgery. For **Bill Frazho** (Paul Ruble's brother-in-law) lung and overall health. For **Steve Pierce** recovery from bladder cancer surgery on Friday (uncle of Seth and Tina Pierce). 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 Carole Vitzthum (and George taking care of her). For Garrison with ALS (student of Amy Mohr's daughter, Coleen Williams). 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 **Bradley Happel** (Becky Hamby's brother) open heart surgery/quadruple bypass recovery. For Mary (Ed & Sandy Bagley's daughter) health. For June Latham (Phyllis Bembas' sister) stroke and vision recovery. For Fred Goddard (nephew of Mary Ellen Brown) lung cancer treatment. For **Steve Greene** (friend of Jim Vesper) dealing with multiple cancers. 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 Tom Williams maintenance chemo treatments. For Janeen Meier healing for physical and mental health (Maureen Roberts' sister and Pastor Roberts' Aunt). Debbie Johnston kidney health. Bob McDermott dealing with Parkinson's symptoms. 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: August J 2/8, Ed B 2/18, Joshua K 2/21

**Anniversaries:** Tim & Lori S 2/12, Willie & Laura B 2/14, Bob & Rhonda H 2/18, Luke & Blair J 2/22



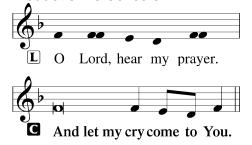
Lord's Prayer

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.

### Introduction to Collects

Psalm 102:1



## **Collect of the Day**

- O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

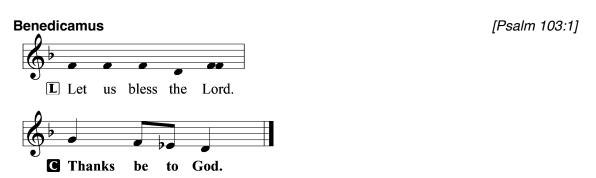
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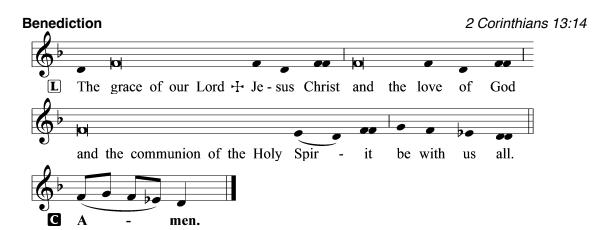
- O Lord, You showed great compassion and power in the ministry of Your Son, the Great Physician, therefore bless the sick (those listed in our bulletin today), bless those in hospice care, bless the dying, and bless and comfort the families of loved ones who have passed away. Likewise, O Lord, bless those having birthdays and couples with anniversaries among us. Bless those who serve in the church and in schools and all those care for others. Bless those who travel and those who serve to bring peace and security in our land all our days, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### **Collect for Grace**

- L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G Amen.

### Stand





## Hymn to Depart: 917 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise



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

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Church Calendar: praiselutheran.com/events

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.

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

Building Fund	2024 Receipts	2025 Receipts	Total Receipts
Actual	\$211,037	\$5,360	\$1,183,355
Pledged	\$179,106	\$42,744	\$1,065,270
Remaining	\$31,931 [over]	-\$37,384 [under]	\$118,085 [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**

**Sunday School** (weekly on Sundays) for 2 year olds - 12th grade kids will meet during the Education hour from 9:45 - 10:45. Please see Shelli Haynes or Linda McMichael with questions on specific meeting places for each group.

Middle and High School Midweek Youth meet Wednesdays (6-7pm Middle School and NEW TIME 7-8pm High School)

**The LCMS Youth Gathering** is coming to New Orleans July 19-23! Praise will send a group of 11 to the gathering. Please see Linda McMichael or April Torres for details.

- **BINGO** fundraising event Feb 15. Cost to play is \$10 per person (additional cards are \$3). Drinks and snacks available for purchase.
- **Tidal Wave Car Wash Vouchers** available now. Secure their BEST car wash (normally a \$30 wash) for \$12, or 2 vouchers for \$20. Purchase from our Youth.

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

 All parents and students interested in being part of this wonderful week of worship, catechesis, hiking, serving, campfires, and (s)more(s) please make sure to submit your deposit of \$50 in by March 1, 2025.

#### Youth Catechesis with Pastor Roberts

Feb 16 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. in the large Sunday School Room (followed by Mar 2)

**Personalized Lutheran Mugs Available** (member made by Suzanne Nunnink) See order forms in Narthex; suggested donation \$25 each; use, wash, and store here at church or take home if you want. Funds benefit Youth Campfirmation this summer.

Joshua & Adelaide Arguien request your presence at their Blessing of Marriage at Praise Lutheran Church on Sat, April 12 at 3:00 p.m. Please RSVP by visiting: https://www.theknot.com/us/joshua-arguien-and-adelaide-yoder-apr-2025

### **Upcoming Events**

**Feb 16** (Sun) at 9:45 a.m. Present updates to Constitution & Bylaws since the last Voters Meeting, Facility Use Policy, and Marriage, Gender, and Appropriate Behavior Policy

Feb 19 (W) Men's Lunch 11:30 am at El Jimador

Feb 20 (Thurs) Elders Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Feb 23 (Sun) Voters Meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Feb 25 (Tues) Cards Creation at 1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. All welcome!



What does this Mean?

**Adult Catechesis** Class leading to Membership or a great review of the chief parts of the faith using *Luther's Small Catechism*: **Starting Tues**, **Feb 18 at 3:30 p.m.** and lasts 6-8 weeks. Contact Pastor Roberts to sign up. Meet in person initially and via Google Meet for some classes.

Little Children in Church. We love our little children and how blessed we are to have them present in the Divine Service! It is wonderful to hear them learning to pray, sing, and speak the parts of the Divine Liturgy. Thank you, faithful parents, for bringing your children to the House of the Lord to hear and participate! No child is too young or too old. We are all learning and hearing the Word of God and participating in age-appropriate ways. The Spirit is at work. *Concerning noise-levels and what to do:* Most often, members can withstand the occasional sounds of children being children and can still focus on the service. However, when sounds go beyond what is good for your neighbor to hear of focus well, then please remember that the nursery/children's room may be helpful. Then bring them back into the Sanctuary as soon as seems right. It can be an unintended "reward" for a child to get to go play for being disruptive, yet you may discern how long is just right and what's best to help a child reset. The room can serve as a place to encourage calming and being caring for others in church and reminding them why we are here: to hear and honor Jesus.

### Today



**Mardi Gras Bake Sale** today! Help support those going to the National Youth Gathering.

Get ready for a *sweet* and *savory* treat this morning! Our youth are hosting a Mardi Gras-themed bake sale featuring a delicious assortment of goodies, perfect for your morning snack or Super Bowl spread! From tasty sweets to savory bites, there's something for everyone.

Plus, don't miss the chance to bid on a stunning handcrafted clock, generously donated by Phil Barnett! It will be up for Highest Bid Wins Auction during the sale.

All proceeds will support our group of 11 youth attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July! Mark your calendars, spread the word, and come ready to indulge for a great cause!

#### This Week

Please sign the Birthday Card (in the Narthex on the tall table)

Youth Group Middle School 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., High School NEW TIME 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. (both men and women this week)

Men's Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

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

Also don't miss...



**Bingo at Praise!** THIS Sat, Feb 16, Youth fundraiser for National Youth Gathering: \$10 to play, \$3 each additional card

Drinks and snacks available for purchase.

See Linda McMichael or April Torres with any questions.