

+ Passion Sunday with Palm Procession +

Holy Week

Apr 13, Year of Our Lord 2025 | DS4

Greeting and Collect

P The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C Amen.**

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

P Let us pray. Most merciful God, as

Holy Gospel

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

P The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

"Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of the Lord.

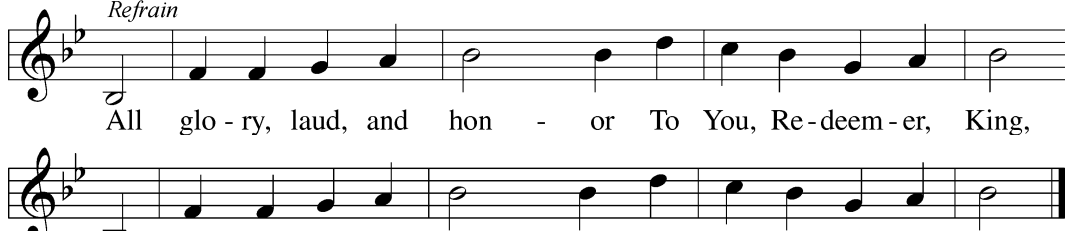
the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

John 12:12-19



Processional Hymn: 442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor


Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re-deem - er, King,
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;
4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;
5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.
To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulf of Orléans, c. 762–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt. Tune: Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, alt.
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When all have arrived at their places, the procession concludes with the following:

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. **C** Hosanna in the highest.

A time of silence to highlight the contrast between Jesus' triumphal entry and His passion.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit

Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26



P Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*

We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

C Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King of | glory?*

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in | battle!

**Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.**

Who is this King of | glory?*

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of | glory!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*

We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

A (sung) In peace let us pray to the Lord.

refrain



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*

The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted in Lent (returns in the season Easter)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 32:36–39

The LORD will vindicate his people
and have compassion on his servants,
when he sees that their power is gone
and there is none remaining, bond or free.
Then he will say, “Where are their gods,
the rock in which they took refuge,
who ate the fat of their sacrifices
and drank the wine of their drink offering?
Let them rise up and help you;
let them be your protection!
“See now that I, even I, am he,
and there is no god beside me;
I kill and I make alive;
I wound and I heal;
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a

C [Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood,
thus securing an eternal redemption.
Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,
so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.
He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.

Choral Anthem

Blessed are Those

Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Verse of the Day

Philippians 2:8b

- P** He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Holy Gospel

Luke 23:1–26

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**



Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.” And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no guilt in this man.” But they were urgent, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.”

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he belonged to Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. I will therefore punish and release him.”

But they all cried out together, “Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas”— a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him.” But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: 432 In Silent Pain the Eternal Son



1 In si - lent pain the e - ter - nal Son Hangs der - e - lict and still;
2 He died that we might die to sin And live for righ - teous - ness;
3 For strife He came to bring a sword, The truth to end all lies;



In dark - ened day His work is done, Ful - filled, His Fa - ther's will.
The earth is stained to make us clean And bring us in - to peace.
To rule in us, our pa - tient Lord, Un - til all e - vil dies:



Up - lift - ed for the world to see He hangs in strang - est vic - to - ry,
For peace He came and met its cost; He gave Him - self to save the lost;
For in His hand He holds the stars, His voice shall speak to end our wars,



For in His bod - y on the tree He car-ries all our ill.
He loved us to the ut - ter - most And paid for our re - lease.
And those who love Him see His scars And look in - to His eyes.

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+ Sermon +

Laid on Him the Cross

Offering *Following the offering (when announced), 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 **LA fires** recovery. **Hurricanes Milton and Helene flood relief** and recovery in the Southeast. For **Camp Linn Haven** (North Carolina) reconstruction after flood. 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 **Joshua & Adelaide Arguien** whose marriage blessing took place on 4/12. For **Elijah & Faith Miessler** expecting a boy (in Sept). For **Sam & Kate Bohnet** expecting a boy (in August). For **Samual and Sarah Kropp** expecting a girl (in Sept). For **Turner and Mandy Gough** who were married on 12/30. 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 the family of **Rev. Edward Balfour** (Becky Hamby’s former pastor in Maine) who passed away 4/3. For the family of **Sharon Yoder** who passed on 2/10. For the family of **Rev. John Schulz** (Pastor Emeritus at First Lutheran, Knoxville) who passed on 3/12. For the family of **Louise Kropp** (Jerry Kropp’s mother) who passed on 2/20. For the family of **Darrel Wehmeier** (Deb Wales’s brother) who passed on 2/15. For family of **Marty Smith** (Tyler and Megan Smith’s father[-in-law]) who passed on 2/3. For the family of **Brian** (56 yr. old son of Fred & Faye Hansen) who passed away in Texas in his sleep. 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. For many remembering loved ones who passed away.

Health: For **Sandy Bagley** hospitalized, health and heart attack damage treatment. For **Stephanie** (Larry & Cathy Wacker's daughter) for stage 4 cancer treatment and stem cell treatment for **Kevin** her husband. For **Tim Smith** blood pressure health, hospitalized this past week. For **Linda McMichael** knee surgery scheduled for 4/15. For **Fred Hansen** recovery of strength after receiving aortic valve replacement. For **Bob Goodrich** health. For **Chuck Pettyjohn** for lung and heart health. For **George Vitzthum** cataract surgery recovery and for **Carole**. For **June McDonnell** recovery from pleurisy. For **Tim Gift** (Rick & Lisa's son) lung test. For **Ken Kropp** recovering from heart surgery. Alan **Bell** healing and recovery from surgery on 3/17. **Gary** (possible thyroid cancer) and **Kolene** (heart issues) **Lucht** (Joel and Barbara Morsch's bother and their son-in-law's parents). For **Linda Davis** thanksgiving for and recovery from aortic valve replacement on 2/25. For **Kim Smolter** health. For **Tom Wittkopp** recovering from knee surgery on 2/24. For **Kris Smith** upcoming aortic valve replacement. 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 **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 **Bill** undergoing stem cell procedure 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 **Garrison** with ALS (student of Amy Mohr's daughter, Coleen Williams). For **Marie Guinn** (Jennifer Kropp's mother) cancer treatment and health. 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 **Tom Williams** maintenance chemo treatments. For **Janeen Meier** healing for physical and mental health (Maureen Roberts' sister and Pastor Roberts's 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. **Aurora Stevens** back and shoulder pain treatments. For **Kathy Bigger** (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. Andrew Hebar's Aunt **Kara** (health).

Birthdays: Lucy N 4/13, Amy M 4/14, Matthew H 4/15, Megan M 4/15, Charleston S 4/16, Carole V 4/16, Leah M 4/17, Fred H 4/18, Catherine B 4/21, Hannah H 4/22, Cole S 4/22, Ann B 4/23, Avery T 4/23, Lily H 4/24, Rachel V 4/24

Anniversaries: Lawrence & Linda MM 4/15, Steve & Tammy C 4/16, Paul & Angela G 4/24

Benediction for those worshipping via 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 (spoken) 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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus, p. 208 for music

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C (sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

p. 161 or 178

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

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei, p. 210 for music

John 1:29

C (sung) 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, 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: 560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed (see hymnal)

Distribution Hymn: 767 Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom. *repeat*

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Distribution Hymn: 527 O Savior, Precious Savior

Distribution Hymn: 428 Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

Distribution Hymn: 539 Christ Is the World's Redeemer

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: 438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The
2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the
Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes
chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -
forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren



out com-plaint, That spot-less life to of - fer, He bears the
from their dread Of guilt and con-dem - na - tion. The wrath and



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and
stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion



yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."
they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."

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Choir Director: Laura Bisconte, Choir Pianist: Susan Johnson

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	\$22,014	\$1,200,009
Pledged	\$179,106	\$42,744	\$1,065,270
Remaining	\$31,931 [over]	-\$20,730 [under]	\$134,739 [over]

Build Project total cost: \$2,973,613 (approximately 38% funded).

Gifts to the Build Fund are still encouraged (the extended Capital Campaign ends on December 31, 2025). Our total monthly mortgage payments to Lutheran Church Extension Fund: \$11,413 [breakdown: \$10,309 (new building) + \$1,104 (older building)]

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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, DCE or Linda McMichael with questions on specific meeting places for each group.

Middle and High School Midweek Youth WILL NOT meet Wednesdays during Lent so families can worship together. We will resume youth nights after Easter!

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.

- **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.
- **Looking for a sweet gift or a fun treat?** Swig—the beloved dirty soda shop—has teamed up with Praise to offer \$10 gift cards, perfect for the Swig fans in your life! If

you haven't had a chance to try it yet, now's the perfect time—grab a gift card and sip something new! Our awesome students will be in the narthex every Sunday, ready to help you get yours with a smile!

Cleaning Out Your Closets?



Praise Lutheran Church is collecting shoes to support our youth attending the National Youth Gathering. Help us raise funds by donating gently worn, used, and new shoes!

Youth Shoe Drive Fundraiser: Support Our Journey to the National Youth Gathering! Shoes can be brought to the bin in the narthex or reach out to any of our NYG Youth for help. Help Us Reach Our Goal! Every pair of shoes brings us one step closer to our national youth gathering. Your support makes a difference! Any Questions: Reach out to Sammi or Linda McMichael. Thank You for Your Generosity!

Campfirmation at Camp Linn Haven will be July 7-11, 2025. All parents and students interested in being part of this wonderful week of learning, please make sure to submit your deposits of \$50.00 per participant. Theme for 2025: *The Sacraments: Signed, Sealed, and Delivered*. Currently there are 11 youth and 7 adults attending.

Get a Lutheran mug! Mugs are \$25 and order forms are available in the narthex and are custom-made by Suzanne Nunnink! See Suzanne with any questions. Supports Youth Campfirmation this summer.



Easter Lily Dedication Sign-up DUE TODAY in the Narthex. Suggested donation of \$17 to cover the cost of plant; please earmark as *Easter Lily*.

Please join the Roberts family in celebrating **Pastor / Derek's 50th birthday** on Tuesday, **April 29 from 5-8 p.m.** at Schulz Bräu Brewing Company, 126 Bernard Ave. Knoxville. Great German food and beer available to purchase, and we'll celebrate with something sweet in the outdoor biergarten. No gifts please, but do bring a card with your very best advice on how he should be living his next half century :)

Upcoming Events

Apr 23 (Wed) Men's Lunch at Blackhorse Pub & Brewery 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Apr 29 (Tues) Cards Creation (last Tuesday of the month) 1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

May 1 (Thurs) Elders' Meeting 7:00 p.m.

May 3 (Sat) 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Holy Smokers** sponsored event at Grace Lutheran Church (LCMS), Knoxville: "Meat Preparation and Servant Leadership for the Whole Family." Learn from a nationally known industry expert Dr. Lyda Garcia, PhD. Cost is \$20/family, bring a covered dish for supper and enjoy beef fajitas. RSVP by Apr 27 to Brian Strobel (515) 509-5443.

May 10 CPR Training (Sat) The Board of Church Safety has set up a CPR training at Praise 9:00 a.m. to Noon in the Social Hall. Cost for the class is \$30 collected at the event *payable to the instructor*; scholarships available if needed, please contact Tim Nunnink. You will be trained for Adult/Child/Infant CPR, AED, obstructed and unobstructed choking. Sign-up sheet located in the Narthex.

Needed: Sunday Ride Share Drivers please contact Mark Ratliff at (865) 724-5657 or Sonja Ratliff at (423) 802-9955. Provide rides to and from church on Sundays for members near you. Many thanks.

This Week

Choir Rehearsal Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Middle and High School Youth Wednesday evenings (attending Lent Midweek Services)

Men's Bible Study (on break) resumes after Easter

Ladies Bible Study Canceled this Thursday, will resume after Easter

Holy Thursday Divine Service with the Lord's Supper at Noon and 7:00 p.m. with Rite of First Communion

Good Friday Service of the Word at Noon and 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) Service of Light, Readings, Holy Baptism, and Confirmation at 6:00 p.m.



Apr 20 (Sun morning) **Resurrection of our Lord**

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

Easter Breakfast served 9:00 a.m. for those attending Second Service extending through 11:30 a.m. for those who attend the First Service. Freewill offerings help support the Youth attending the National Youth Gathering this summer.

Willing to bring a breakfast casserole? Please write your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet and take the recipe off the table in the narthex. Thank you!

Apr 20 (Sun afternoon) **Continue the celebration of Easter** at Pastor & Gretchen Roberts's home (meat and drinks provided, bring a side or dessert to share).

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