

## + Fifth Sunday in Lent +

*April 6, Year of our Lord 2025 / DS1*

## + 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

*1 John 1:8–9*

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

### Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

### Absolution

*[John 20:19–23]*

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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 3:3–6; antiphon: v. 8*



**P** Salvation belongs | to the LORD;\*  
your blessing be on your | people!  
**C** But you, O LORD, are a shield a- | bout me,\*  
my glory, and the lifter | of my head.  
I cried aloud | to the LORD,\*  
and he answered me from his | holy hill.  
**I lay | down and slept;\***  
**I woke again, for the LORD sus- | tained me.**  
I will not be afraid of many thousands of | people\*  
who have set themselves against me | all around.  
**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.**  
Salvation belongs | to the LORD;\*  
your blessing be on your | people!

## Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy

*Mark 10:47*

- A** (spoken) In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.  
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.  
**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.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.  
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.  
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C** Amen.

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

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** (spoken) The Lord be with you. **C** And with your spirit.  
**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 43:16–21*

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Hebrews 12:2*

**C** [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,  
the founder and perfecter of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,  
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

## Epistle

*Philippians 3:8–14*

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Verse of the Day

*Luke 20:17b*

**P** The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 20:9–20

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

[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:



‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone’?

Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

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

## Nicene Creed (*1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Nicea*)

- 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 of the Day: 430 My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My	song	is	love	un -	known,	My	Sav -	ior's	love	to
2 He	came	from	His	blest	throne	Sal -	va -	tion	to	be -
3 Some -	times	they	strew	His	way	And	His	sweet	prais -	es
4 Why,	what	hath	my	Lord	done?	What	makes	this	rage	and



me,	Love	to	the	love -	less	shown	That	they	might	love -	ly
stow;	But	men	made	strange,	and	none	The	longed -	for	Christ	would
sing;	Re -	sound -	ing	all	the	day	Ho -	san -	nas	to	their
spite?	He	made	the	lame	to	run,	He	gave	the	blind	their



be.	Oh,	who	am	I	That	for	my	sake
know.	But,	oh,	my	friend,	My	friend	in -	deed,
King.	Then	"Cru -	ci -	fy!"	Is	all	their	breath,
sight.	Sweet	in -	ju -	ries!	Yet	they	at	these



My	Lord	should	take	Frail	flesh	and	die?
Who	at	my	need	His	life	did	spend!
And	for	His	death	They	thirst	and	cry.
Them -	selves	dis -	please	And	'gainst	Him	rise.

*hymn continues on the next page*

- 5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful He To suff'ring goes  
That He His foes From thence might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heav'n was His home  
But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise  
I all my days Could gladly spend!

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+ Sermon +

This Parable Against Them

Offertory, p. 159-160 for music

*Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19*

 (sung) What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

**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 Arguien** and **Adelaide Yoder** upcoming blessing of their marriage on 4/12. For **Elijah & Faith Miessler** expecting. For **Sam & Kate Bohnet** expecting (in August). 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 **Fred Hansen** recovery of strength after receiving aortic valve replacement. For **Bob Goodrich** health. For **Sandy Bagley** 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 **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 **Linda McMichael** upcoming knee surgery 4/15 or sooner. 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 **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'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:** Adelaide A 4/6, Art P 4/6, Steve K 4/8, Larry M 4/8, Steve C 4/9, Jason C 4/10, Carley L 4/10, Faye H 4/11, 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

**Anniversaries:** Lawrence & Linda MM 4/15, Steve & Tammy C 4/16

*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

*p. 160; 2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

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



**C** And al - so with you.

**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.

### **Proper Preface ~ Altar Book (appropriate to the day or season)**

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

### **Sanctus, p. 161 for music**

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**C** (sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*p. 161 or 178*

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

**C** Amen.

### **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 ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

## **Pax Domini**

*John 20:19*

**P** (sung) The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## **Agnus Dei, p. 163 for music**

*John 1:29*

**C** (sung) **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**



### **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: 644 The Church's One Foundation** (see hymnal)

**Distribution Hymn: 427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

**Distribution Hymn: 543 What Wondrous Love Is This**

**Distribution Hymn: 431 Not All the Blood of Beasts**

## **Post-Communion Collect**

*p. 166*

**A** Let us pray. ... one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **Benediction**

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**P** (sung) 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.

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## **Praise Lutheran Church (LCMS)**

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

Sunday Bible Study and Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

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Choir Director: Laura Bisconte, Choir Pianist: Susan Johnson

Church Calendar: [praiselutheran.com/events](https://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!

<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>2024 Receipts</b>	<b>2025 Receipts</b>	<b>Total Receipts</b>
<b>Actual</b>	\$211,037	\$14,345	\$1,192,340
<b>Pledged</b>	\$179,106	\$42,744	\$1,065,270
<b>Remaining</b>	\$31,931 [over]	-\$28,399 [under]	\$127,070 [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 10 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.

### Upcoming Events

**Apr 12** (Sat) Public Blessing of Joshua & Adelaide Arguien for those who've RSVP'd

**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.

**CPR Training** on **May 10** (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.

**Spring Cleaning** A huge thank you to all those who helped clean the church and social hall inside and out. We could not do this without you!

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

**Deadline to sign-up** is NEXT Sun Apr 13. Dedications will appear in the Easter bulletin. Contact [tina@praiselutheran.com](mailto:tina@praiselutheran.com) with questions.



## Holy Week Schedule



**Apr 13 (Sun) Passion Sunday with Palm Procession** Divine Service at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Bible Study for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

**Apr 17 (Th) Holy Thursday** Divine Service with the Lord's Supper at Noon and 7:00 p.m.

**Apr 18 (Fr) Good Friday** Service of the Word at Noon and 7:00 p.m.

**Apr 19 (Sat) 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.

**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).

## Today

**Youth Catechesis** with Pastor Roberts Sun, Apr 6, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. (followed by Apr 27)

**Christian Education Meeting** 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. in the Social Hall

## This Week

### **FINAL Adult Catechesis Class: This Tuesday**

Adult Catechesis class leading to Membership or a great review of the chief parts of the faith using *Luther's Small Catechism*: **April 8, Tues at 3:30 p.m.** Meet in person at church or via Google Meet.

### **FINAL Midweek in Lent: This Wednesday**

**Lent Midweek Services:** Noon and 7:00 p.m. on Apr 9 (Wed). Enjoy **Soup and Sandwich Supper** (free) at 6:00 p.m. Theme for Midweek Lent Services: *The Saints and their Songs*. Come learn about the Saints of old and their songs of Christ and our Redemption. Sign-ups are in the Narthex. See Suzanne Nunnink if any questions.

**Lent Midweek Service** on Wednesday at Noon and 7:00 p.m.

**Soup and Sandwich Supper** in the Social Hall on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

**Choir Rehearsal** Wednesdays at 5:30 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** Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall with Barbara Morsch

**Cards Creation** make-up day, this Thurs, Apr 10 at 11:30 p.m. after Ladies Bible Study

**Reminder for those who RSVP'd: Blessing of Marriage** Service for Joshual & Adelaide (Yoder) Aguien on Sat, Apr 12 at 2:00 p.m. <https://www.theknot.com/us/joshua-arguien-and-adelaide-yoder-apr-2025>

**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.