## + Ascension of Our Lord (observed) +

June 1, Year of our Lord 2025 I DS1

Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. Ps. 147:1

## + Confession and Absolution +

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.



- ightharpoonup In the name of the Father and of the ightharpoonup Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation 1 John 1:8–9

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 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.
- 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 +



P God has gone up with a shout,\*

the LORD with the sound of a I trumpet.

The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my I right hand,\* until I make your enemies your I footstool."

■ The LORD has sworn and will not I change his mind,\*

"You are a priest forever after the order of Mel- I chizedek."

The Lord is at your I right hand;\*

he will shatter kings on the day I of his wrath.

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

as it was in the be- I ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

God has gone up | with a shout,\* the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.

The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my I right hand,\* until I make your enemies your I footstool."

## Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy, (hymnal p. 152 for music)

Mark 10:47

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



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



A For the peace of the whole world, ... Church of God, and ... unity... let us pray to the Lord.



A For this holy house and for all .... let us pray to the Lord.



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



### Gloria in Excelsis ~ (hymnal p. 154 for music)

Luke 2:14, John 1:29

- (sung) Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
- Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
  We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
  Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
  You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
  You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
  For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
  You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
  in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**



Let us pray. Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



First Reading Acts 1:1–11

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

#### Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle Ephesians 1:15–23

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

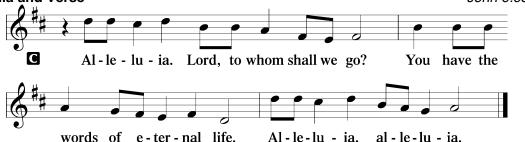
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- Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

Matthew 28:20b

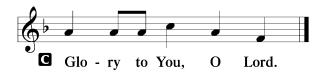
P Alleluia. Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Alleluia.

Alleluia and Verse John 6:68



Holy Gospel Luke 24:44–53

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



Then [Jesus] said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day



rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

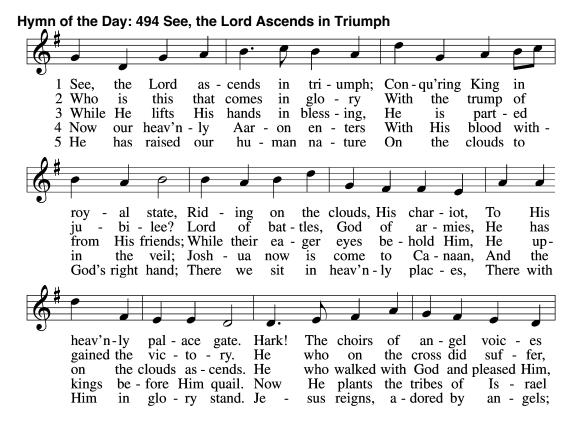


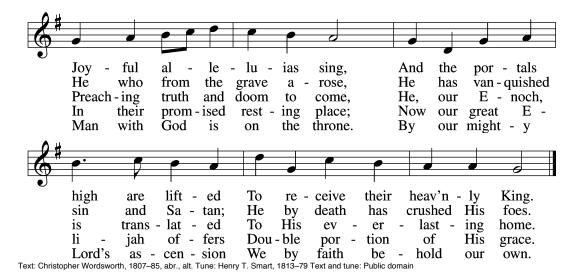
Nicene Creed (1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea this year)

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.





+ Sermon +

The Heavenly Minister

Offertory

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 **protection** and **peace**. For **fire**, **flood**, **and hurricane** recovery. 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 Alex & Shelby Hicks expecting! 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 (vicarage placement in Grabill, IN), Sam Bohnet (vicarage placement in Louisville, KY), Daniel Bueckman, and Alex Ogden (call placements). Michael Saxton was placed as a convertible vicar at Grace Lutheran, Knoxville. For children and families dealing with difficult situations due to drugs, alcohol, violence, abuse, stress, and strife.

Loss and Mourning: For the family of **Dora Reckow** (Mavis Johnson's 100-year-old aunt) who passed away. For the family of **Cindy Crotty** (Lisa Gift's friend) who passed away. For the family of **Michael Blizzard** (son of Sandy Bagley) who passed away. For the family of **Stella Tharpe** (wife of Phyllis Bembas's departed brother Jimmy) who passed away 4/17. For the family of **Pat Dettmer** (wife of Pastor Linsey Dettmer) who passed away 4/14. For the family of **Jeremy McGee** (friend of the Hebars) who passed away. 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. Family of **Brad Barnett** (Phil & Carol's son) who passed away. For many remembering loved ones who passed away.

Health: For Kris Smith upcoming aortic valve replacement on 6/2. For June McDonnell fell and broke several bones; and for breathing; now at Foothills. For **Ted Frazier** headaches and blood pressure drops. For **Carol Ehrens** recovering from pneumonia (now home after hospitalization). For Lee Schuck who fell and broke her back (and Gus taking care of her). For Sandy Bagley healing of heart damage from heart attack. For **Bill Miller** recovery from knee surgery. For **Pam** (Jim Roberts's sister) hospitalized for heart and respiratory issues. For Charlie Schopmann (Mary's son, recovering from knee replacement). For **Derek Bryant** (friend of Mary Schopmann) upcoming kidney reception. 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. For **Linda McMichael** knee surgery recovery. For **Fred Hansen** recovery of strength after receiving aortic valve replacement. For **Bob Goodrich** health, For **Chuck Pettviohn** for lung and heart health. For George Vitzthum cataract surgery recovery and for Carole. For Jeffrey Happel (Becky Hamby's brother) recent hospitalization. For **Becky Blankenbeckler** (mother of Blair Johnson) broken ankle recovery. For Tim Gift (Rick & Lisa's son) lung test. For Ken Kropp recovering from heart surgery. Gary Lucht (Joel and Barbara Morsch's bother and their son-inlaw's parents) possible thyroid cancer. For Linda Davis recovery from aortic valve replacement on 2/25. For **Kim Smolter** health. For **Tom Wittkopp** recovering from knee surgery on 2/24. For Emma Lu Kerekes health and hospice care (in Oak Ridge). For Gary Kubin hip surgery rehab (now home). 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 Margarete (neighbor to Jim & Maureen Roberts) dealing with advancing cancer. For Bill Frazho (Paul Ruble's brother-in-law) lung and overall health. 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 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:** Vicky G 5/31, Kenna C 6/2, Jerald J 6/4, Lily N 6/4, Caleb P 6/8, June McD 6/10, William S 6/10, Joshua W 6/11, Iris F 6/12

**Anniversaries:** Dell & Carol A 6/1, George & Carole V 6/1, Eugene & Vicky G 6/5, Jeff & Susan J 6/6, Larry & Phyllis B 6/11, Julian & Emily M 6/12

Reminder for those watching at home to pray **The Lord's Prayer**.

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.



P Lift up your hearts.

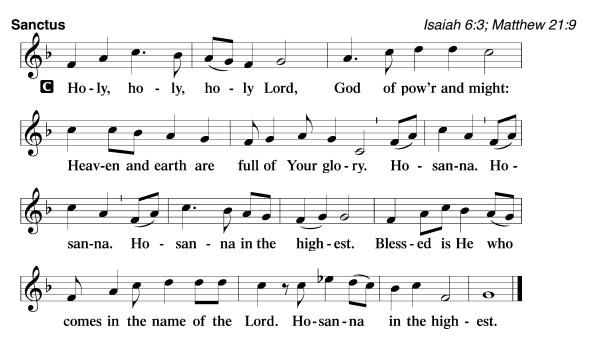


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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

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



## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

p. 161 or 178

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

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9–13

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



Agnus Dei John 1:29

(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

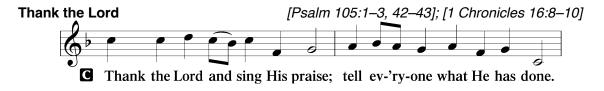
Please see our pastor for details about baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation of our church's teachings prior to taking the Lord's Supper (Communion) at Praise.

**Distribution Hymn: 537 Beautiful Savior** (see hymnal)

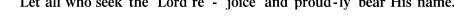
**Distribution Hymn: 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns** 

Distribution Hymn: 492 On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

Distribution Hymn: 477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven







He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

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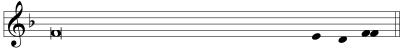
A Let us pray.

... one God, now and forever.



#### **Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26



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

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.



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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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Church Calendar: praiselutheran.com/events

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

Building Fund	2024 Receipts	2025 Receipts	Total Receipts
Actual	\$211,037	\$27,950	\$1,205,945
Pledged	\$179,106	\$42,744	\$1,065,270
Remaining	\$31,931 [over]	-\$14,794 [under]	\$140,675 [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)]

#### Youth and Families

**Exciting News!** We're thrilled to offer a **Summer Sunday School Series** for all children and students, age 2 through 12th grade! Join us for a fun-filled and faith-growing summer, starting **TODAY June 1 through August 10**.

We warmly encourage every child, student, and adults to attend and grow with us. If you have any questions about specific meeting locations for each group, please reach out to Shelli Haynes or Linda McMichael—we're happy to help!

Please make plans to join us at **Chapulines** for dinner **THIS Thurs**, **June 5** from **6:00-8:00 p.m**. Just by bringing family and friends to enjoy a delicious dinner, you will be helping our NYG students raise needed money for the Gathering! Our group will be serving and bussing tables – all we need is you! Please tell your friends and neighbors! Chapulines is located at 2428 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway in Maryville.

**Middle and High School Midweek Youth** meets Wednesdays! Please make plans to join us for community building activities and devotions that are geared to life in Middle School (6 - 7pm) and High School (7-8)! Please wear clothes that you can move in, your water bottle, and Bible!

Support Our NYG Students & Shine Up Your Car! Help our students get to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July—buy a **Tidal Wave Car Wash ticket** for just \$12 (or 2 for \$20) and get a \$30 top-tier wash!

- Grab yours after service—let's send them off in style and sparkle!
   Thanks for supporting their faith journey!
- Swig Gift Cards—Perfect for these summer days!
   Looking for a sweet gift or fun treat? Grab a \$10 Swig gift card—perfect for fans (or first-timers!) of the beloved dirty soda shop.

Great for Father's Day, Confirmands, and for you!

Our awesome students will be in the narthex every Sunday—stop by and grab yours with a smile!

**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 adult leaders 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.

**Youth Catechesis** with Pastor Roberts **TODAY** Sunday from 12:30-1:30 p.m., large Sunday School Room

**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 for members. Many thanks.

**YouTube** was recently added to our service livestreams. Visit and subscribe to our page: youtube.com/@PraiseLutheran

#### This Week

Choir Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Men's Bible Study Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Middle and High School Youth Wednesday Middle School (6-7 p.m.) and High School (7-8 p.m.)

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

**Chapulines Youth Fundraiser** Thurs, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Address: 2428 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway in Maryville

## **Upcoming**

**June 8 Special Door Offering** for the LCMS Mid-South District (over and above our regularly scheduled gifts). Our pastoral and lay delegate will take the gift to the Convention in Memphis on June 12-14 for the Divine Service on Thursday evening.

**June 8 Pentecost and Confirmation Day** wear red and come to the questioning of the Confirmands in between services.

**June 15 Potluck Breakfast** between services on Holy Trinity Sunday (and Father's Day). *Please bring food to share.* Suggestions: breakfast bake, meat, fruit, side dish, and muffins or pastries. Please take you leftovers home and any help cleaning up is much appreciated. Drinks will be provided.

**June 22 Baby Shower** Sunday after second service to celebrate the upcoming birth of Kate (nee Roberts) and Sam Bohnet's baby boy. Gift registry is on Amazon under the name *Kate Bohnet*.