

## + Fifth Sunday of Easter +

May 18, Year of our Lord 2025 / DS2

## + Confession and Absolution +

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



*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

*Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5*

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**  
**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

### Confession of Sins

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

### Absolution

*[John 20:19–23]*

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 98:2–6; antiphon: v. 1*



**[P]** *[antiphon]* Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!\*

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\*

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

**[C]** He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.\*

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;\*

break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

Sing praises to the LORD | with the lyre,\*

with the lyre and the sound of | melody!

With trumpets and the sound | of the horn\*

make a joyful noise before the | King, the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

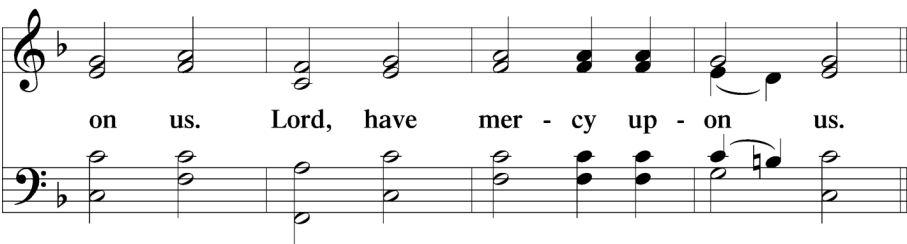
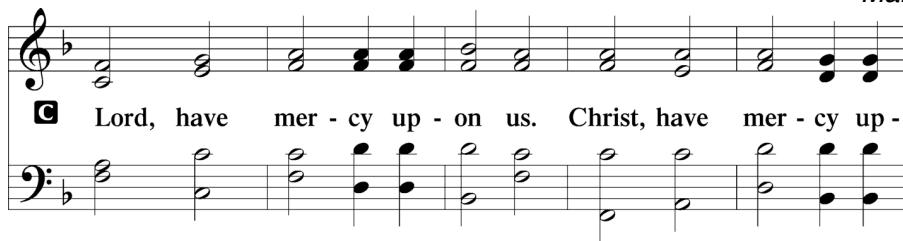
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

*[pastor will repeat the antiphon]*

### Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



### Gloria in Excelsis, p. 170 for music

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

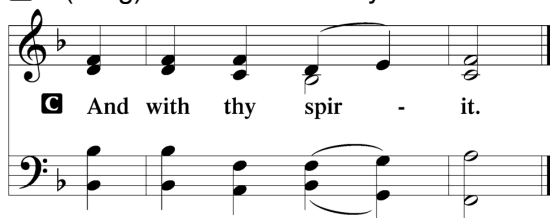
**[P]** (sung) Glory be to God on high:

**[C]** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

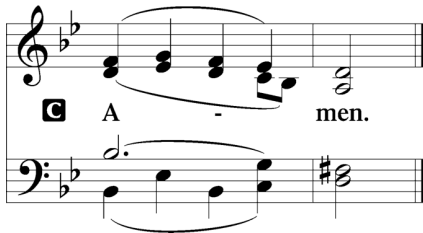
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
 O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
 O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
 For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

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



**P** Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### First Reading

*Acts 11:1–18*

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." But Peter began and explained it to them in order: "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But the voice answered a second time

from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Proper

*Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b*

**C** Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.  
On your wondrous works, I will meditate,  
and I will declare your greatness.

## Epistle

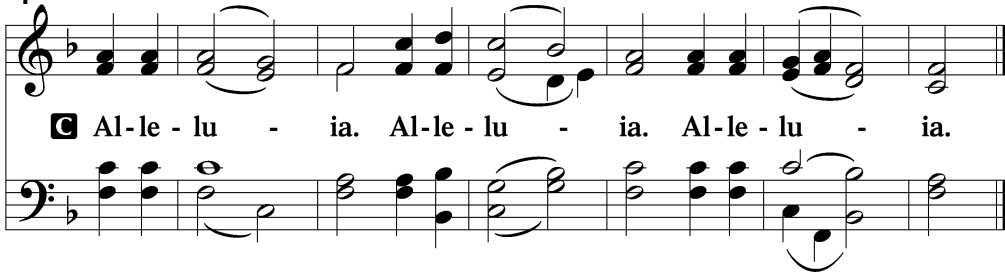
*Revelation 21:1–7*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

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

## Triple Alleluia



## Holy Gospel

*John 16:12–22*

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



[Jesus said:] “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

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



## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Hymn of the Day: 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

1	At	the	Lamb's	high	feast	we	sing	Praise	to
2	Praise	we	Him,	whose	love	di -	vine	Gives	His
3	Where	the	pas -	chal	blood	is	poured,	Death's	dread
4	Praise	we	Christ,	whose	blood	was	shed,	Pas -	chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—  
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go  
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
 You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;  
 You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;  
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,  
 Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

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**+ Sermon +**

**I will See You Again**

**Offertory, p. 176 for music**

*Psalm 51:10–12*

**☞ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
 Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
 Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
 Amen.**

**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 **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 **Laura Bisconte** procedure recovery. For **Kris Smith** upcoming aortic valve replacement on 6/2. For **Bill Miller** recovery from knee surgery and some temporary difficult breathing—likely a reaction to pain medicine. For **Barbara Morsch** who is dealing with shingles. For **Pam** (Jim Robert'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 Pettyjohn** for lung and heart health. For **George Vitzthum** cataract surgery recovery and for **Carole**. For **Jeffrey Happel** (Becky Hamby's brother) recent hospitalization. For **June McDonnell** recovery from pleurisy. 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. 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** 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). **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 **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:** Eugene G 5/20, Liam H 5/20, Shelby H 5/21, Charley U 5/21, Blair J 5/22, Deb W 5/22, Marleen B 5/23, Mary Ellen B 5/24, Gary K 5/27, Maureen R 5/30, Vicky G 5/31, Carrie G 5/31

**Anniversaries:** none for two weeks

*Benediction for those worshipping via the livestream.*

**+ Service of the Sacrament +**

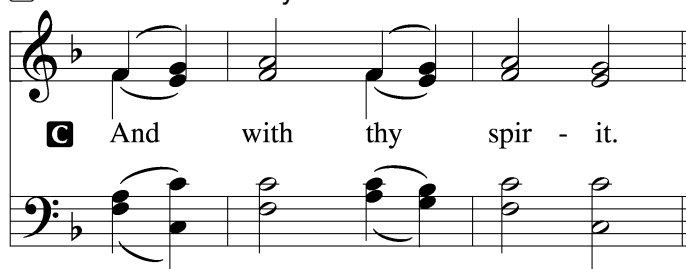
## A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise

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]*

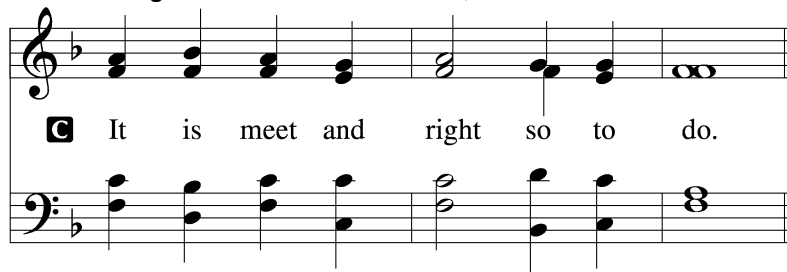
**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



## Proper Preface (Full)

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... and saying:

## Sanctus, p. 178 for music

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**C** (sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**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 *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 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  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

## Pax Domini

*John 20:19*

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



## Agnus Dei, p. 180 for music

*John 1:29*

**C** (sung) **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the**

world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

### 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: 672 Jerusalem the Golden** (see hymnal)

**Distribution Hymn: 837 Lift High the Cross**

**Distribution Hymn: 335 O Bride of Christ, Rejoice**

**Distribution Hymn: 803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

**Nunc Dimittis**, p. 182 for music

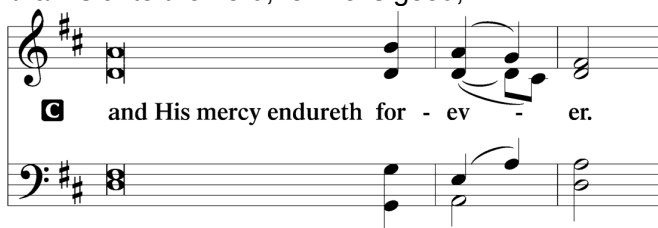
*Luke 2:29–32*

**C** (sung) **Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### Thanksgiving

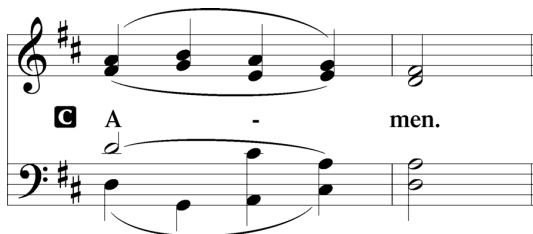
*Psalms 107:1*

**A** (sung) O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



### 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.



## Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

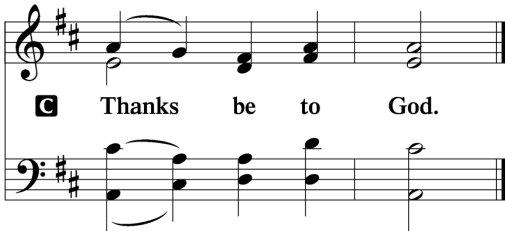
**P** (sung) The Lord be with you.



## Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

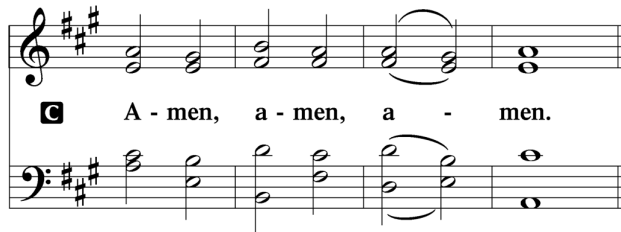
**A** (sung) Bless we the Lord.



## Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

**P** (sung) The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



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Visit [praiselutheran.com/build](http://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

**Sunday School** (weekly) 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.

**Exciting News!** We're thrilled to again 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 **June 1 through August 10**.

Sunday School classes will meet during the Education Hour from **9:45 – 10:45 AM** each Sunday. This is a wonderful opportunity for your kids and teens to stay connected, learn more about God's Word, and build meaningful friendships all summer long!

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!

Let's make this summer one to remember!

**Middle and High School Midweek Youth** this Wednesday! Please make plans to join us for community building activities and devotions that are geared to life in Middle School (6:00 – 7:00 p.m.) and High School (7:00 – 8:00 p.m.)! 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!

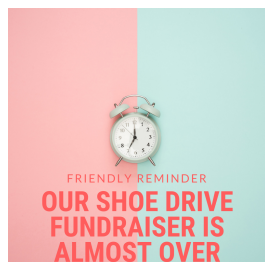
**Thanks for supporting their faith journey!**

### **Swig Gift Cards—Perfect for Moms, Dads, Grads & Teachers!**

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, grads, and teacher appreciation!**

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



### **Please Support our Students With SHOES!**

Praise Lutheran Church is collecting gently worn, used, and new shoes! Your shoes will support our youth attending the National Youth Gathering. We only have a few weeks left and still need to collect more shoes. Please bring your donations to the bin in the narthex. Every pair of shoes brings us one step closer to our national youth gathering. 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 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 (followed by June 1)

**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. **Thank you** to everyone who came and/or helped out with the Faith & Family Coalition event

this past Friday at Praise. What a blessing to hear author and nationally known speaker **Mary Eberstadt**. If you missed the and want to watch and listen to her presentation, listen for details after today's service during the announcements.

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

### **This Week**

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

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

**Men's Bible Study** Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Narthex

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

**Lectors** by Friday, please let Tom Schering, (865) 681-785, know dates you are unavailable to read from June through November. Thank you.

**Pastor Roberts's Family** will be away for vacation (and celebrating Sophia's High School graduation) from Fri, 5/23 to Sat, 5/31. Please contact Chuck Pettyjohn or your assigned Elder for pastoral emergencies. **Pastor Kent Dockery** will be serving for Pastor Roberts on 5/25 for services and Bible Study.

### **Upcoming**

**Cards Creation** on Tues, 5/27 at 1:00 p.m.



Congratulations to our graduates! Please keep them in your prayers.

High School Graduation (this week for)

Sophia Roberts  
Chloe Pettyjohn

Maryville High School  
William Blount High School

Maryville, TN  
Maryville, TN

*Others? College graduation or advancement this year? Please let the church office know.*