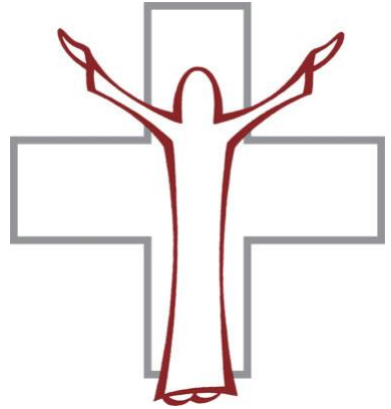


+ Sixth Sunday of Easter +

May 25, Year of Our Lord 2024 | DS4

*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.*

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Exhortation

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

- C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

+ Service of the Word +

Introit

Psalms 55:4, 16–18; antiphon: v. 22

P Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

C **My heart is in anguish within me;
the terrors of death have fallen upon me.**

But I call to God,
and the LORD will save me.

**Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan,
and he hears my voice.**

He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage,
for many are arrayed against me.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis (Setting Four)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



☐ 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

P Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 16:9–15

A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

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

C 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

Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

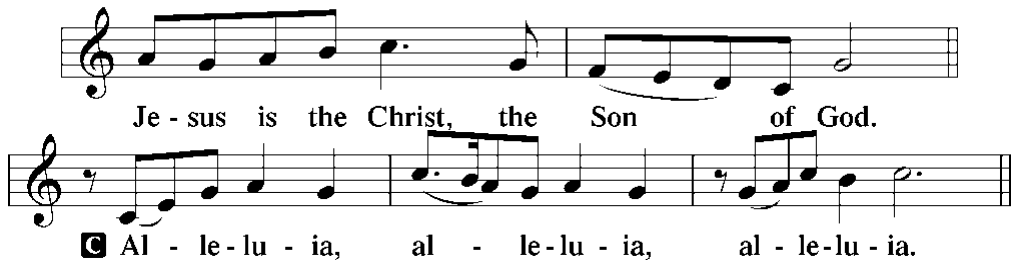
John 16:33b

P Alleluia. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.

Alleluia and Verse

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Holy Gospel

John 16:23–33

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”



His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

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 T everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: 906 O Day of Rest and Gladness



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
2 This day at earth's cre - a - tion The light first had its birth;
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;
△ 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,



O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
This day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.
At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.



This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,
This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heav'n,
We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,
We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



Sing, “Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,” The tri - une God con - fess.
And thus this day most glo - rious A three - fold light was giv’n.
From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.
The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.

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+ Sermon +

Guest: Pastor Kent Dockery

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 **Memorial Day** and the remembrance of those who died serving U.S. Armed Forces. 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 **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 **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 **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 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 **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-in-law'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: Mary Ellen B 5/24, Gary K 5/27, Maureen R 5/30, Vicky G 5/31, Carrie G 5/3, Kenna C 6/2, Jerald J 6/4, Lily N 6/4

Anniversaries: Mel & Fran Wehmeier 5/27, Dell & Carol A 6/1, George & Carole V 6/1, Eugene & Vicky G 6/5, Jeff & Susan J 6/6

*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

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P 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.

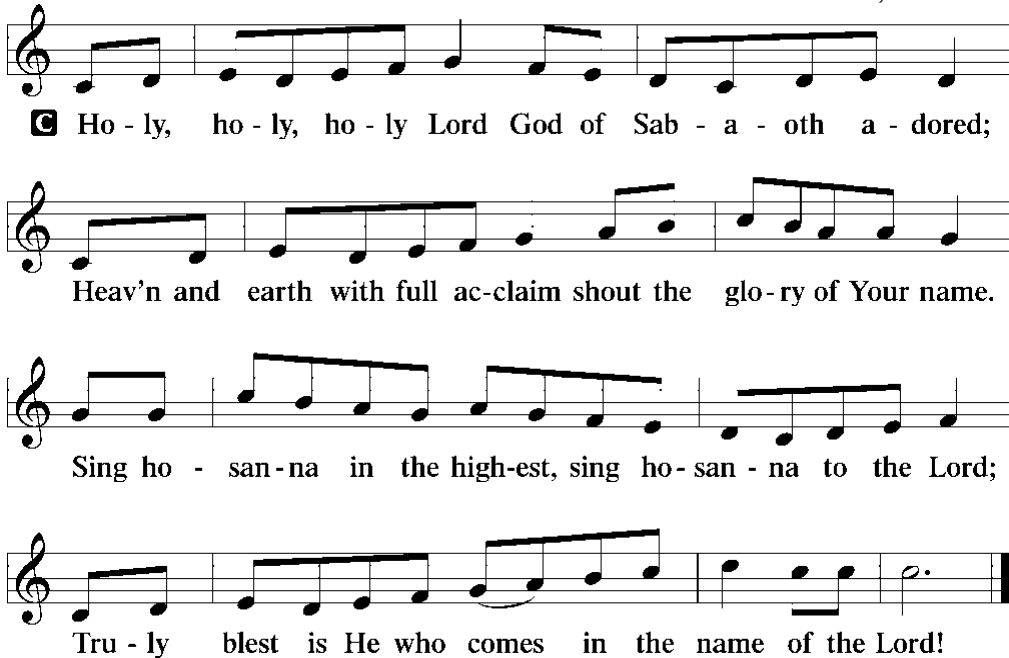
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly 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 T 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 T 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

John 1:29

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
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: 673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home (see hymnal)

Distribution Hymn: 469 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Distribution Hymn: 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

Distribution Hymn: 680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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 T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

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Choir Director: Laura Bisconte, Choir Pianist: Susan Johnson

Church Calendar: praiselutheran.com/events

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Three Large Print Hymnals are available. Please check with an usher if you would like one.

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Building Fund	2024 Receipts	2025 Receipts	Total Receipts
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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 NEXT WEEK 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!

Please make plans to join us at **Chapulines** for dinner **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.

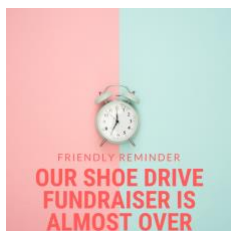
Great for Father's Day, Confirmands, and for you!

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

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 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

June 1 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

Cards Creation Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall

NO Choir Rehearsal *our pianist, Susan Johnson will be out of town, resumes June 4*

NO Men's Bible Study *on break this week, resumes June 4*

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

Pastor Roberts's Family is away for vacation (and celebrating Sophia's High School graduation). Please contact Chuck Pettyjohn or your assigned Elder for pastoral emergencies.

Upcoming

June 5 (Thurs) from 6 – 8 p.m. Chapulines Youth Fundraiser Enjoy some street tacos (and more) for dinner and a percentage of the sales will go to Praise for the National Youth Gathering.

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 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*.