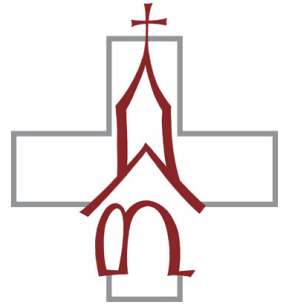


+ Second Sunday after Pentecost +

June 22, Year of Our Lord 2025 | DS4

+ 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

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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit

Psalm 71:20–24; antiphon: v. 3



P Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may contin- | ually come; *
you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my | fortress.

C **You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive | me again; *
from the depths of the earth you will bring me | up again.**

You will increase my | greatness *
and comfort | me again.

**I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, | O my God; *
I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of | Israel.**

My lips will shout for joy, when I sing prais- | es to you; *
my soul also, which you | have redeemed.

**And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all | the day long, *
for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to | do me hurt.**

**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.**

Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may contin- | ually come; *
you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my | fortress.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



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

Gloria in Excelsis (Setting Four)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



C 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, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; 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 65:1–9

I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here am I, here am I," to a nation that was not called by my name. I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. Behold, it is written before me: "I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their

bosom both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their bosom payment for their former deeds." Thus says the LORD: "As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Romans 10:8b, 10

C The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart,
the word of faith that we proclaim.
For with the heart one believes and is justified,
and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Epistle

Galatians 3:23—4:7

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

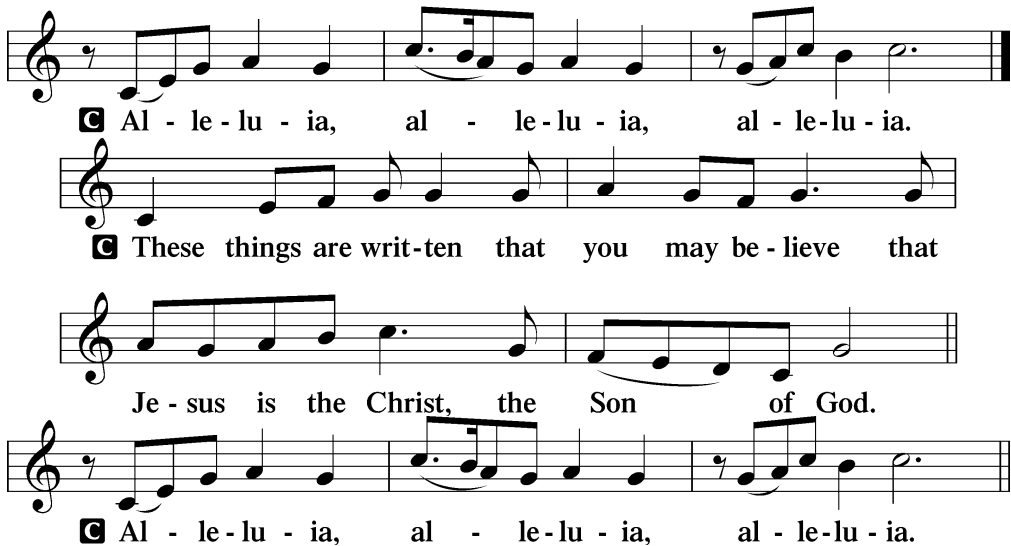
C Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

Luke 8:39a

P Alleluia. Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you. 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

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

Holy Gospel

Luke 8:26–39

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

Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me.” For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how



the demon-possessed man had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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

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 of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: 521 Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken



1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, un - shak - en By the dev - il's
 2 Mi - chael fought the heav'n - ly bat - tle, God - ly an - gels
 3 Long on earth the bat - tle ra - ges, Since the ser - pent's
 4 Je - sus came, this word ful - fill - ing, Tram - pled Sa - tan,



seeth - ing rage, Thwarts the plan of Sa - tan's min - ions;
 by his side; Warred a - gainst the an - cient ser - pent,
 first de - ceit; Twist - ed God's com - mand to Ad - am,
 death de - fied; Bore the brunt of our temp - ta - tion,



Wins the strife from age to age; Con - quers sin and
 Foiled the beast, so full of pride, Cast him earth-bound
 Made for - bid - den fruit look sweet. Then the curse of
 On the wretch - ed tree He died. Yet to life was



death for - ev - er; Slams them in their steel - y cage.
 with his an - gels; Now he prowls, un - sat - is - fied.
 God was spo - ken: "You'll lie crushed be - neath His feet!"
 raised vic - to - rious; By His life our life sup - plied.

5 Swift as lightning falls the tyrant From his heav'nly perch on high,
 As the word of Jesus' vict'ry Floods the earth and fills the sky.
 Wounded by a wound eternal Now his judgment has drawn nigh!

6 Jesus, send Your angel legions When the foe would us enslave.
 Hold us fast when sin assaults us; Come, then, Lord, Your people save.
 Overthrow at last the dragon; Send him to his fiery grave.

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+ Sermon +

A Man who had Demons

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 God to cease the wars between modern-day **Israel** and the **Hamas** and the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia**. For **fire, flood, and hurricane** recovery. For **Camp Linn Haven** (North Carolina) reconstruction after flood.

Concern for the Lost: For family and friends who do not know or have fallen away from the truth, grace, and love of the Savior, Christ Jesus.

Vocation: For **those newly elected** at our Mid-South District Convention. For **churchworkers** including **DCEs** (our synod's emphasis and encouragement to appreciate for the month of June). For our singles, parents, grandparents, and families. For our families expecting a baby: **Alex & Shelby Hicks**, **Luke and Blair Johnson**, **Elijah & Faith Miessler** (boy in Sept.), **Sam & Kate Bohnet** (boy in Aug.), and **Samual and Sarah Kropp** (girl in Sept.). 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: **Mona** (Angela Giff's mother) who passed away in Alabama. **Ruth** (Phil & Carol Barnett's sister-in-law) who passed away in WI. **Rev. Paul Meunch** retired LCMS pastor and missionary, 6/15. **Dora Reckow** (Mavis Johnson's 100-year-old aunt), **Cindy Crotty** (Lisa Giff's friend), **Michael Blizzard** (son of Sandy Bagley), **Stella Tharpe** (wife of Phyllis Bembas's departed brother Jimmy [4/17], **Pat Dettmer** (wife of Pastor Linsey Dettmer, 4/14), **Jeremy McGee** (friend of the Hebars), **Rev. Edward Balfour** (Becky Hamby's former pastor in Maine, 4/3), **Sharon Yoder** 2/10, **Rev. John Schulz** (Pastor Emeritus at First Lutheran, Knoxville, 3/12, **Louise Kropp** (Jerry Kropp's mother, 2/20), **Darrel Wehmeier** (Deb Wales's brother, 2/15), **Marty Smith** (Tyler and Megan Smith's father[-in-law]), 2/3, **Brian** (56 yr. old son of Fred & Faye Hansen), **Brad Barnett** (Phil & Carol's son). For many remembering loved ones who passed away.

Health: For **Kris Smith** (dealing with pneumonia and recovering from heart valve). For **Sandy Bagley** recovering from procedure to clear 3 blockages and 2 stents. For **Larry Wacker** (recovering from elbow surgery). For **Charlotte** (newborn great-granddaughter to Mary Schopmann) in the NICU (born a little early) and for her mother **Alexis**. For **Cole Hammond** (Joan Large's grandson) comfort in dealing with epilepsy. For **Margaret** (Justin Giff's great grandma) in ICU. For **Shauna** (Laura Bisconte's friend) recovering from surgery and cancer treatments. For **Pat Sweet** (friend of Ole & Mavis) fragile health condition. For **June McDonnell** recovering from falls and lung health. For **Tim Smith** heart and blood pressure health. 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 **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 **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 **Ken Kropp** recovering from heart surgery. For **Kim Smolter** health. 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: Sally C 6/21, Laura Bi 6/22, Jonathan R 6/24, Joan L (95 years young!) 6/25, Christopher S 6/26, Al Collver 6/28, Linda D 6/29, Bill M 6/29, Kimberly S 7/1

Anniversaries: Levi & Suzanne N 23, Steve & Debra S 6/23, Justin & Nicole F 6/25, Al & Sally C 6/27, Keith & Cheryl D 6/27, Tom & Corlis W 6/28, Chris & Katie F 7/1, Jerry & Jennifer K 7/1, Andrew & Jennifer H 7/3

*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 ... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus, p. 208 for music

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

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

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

p. 161 or 178

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

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,

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

The Words of Our Lord

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

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

Pax Domini

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

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



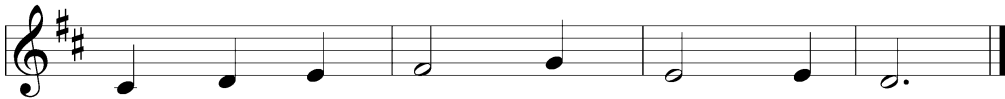
C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



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: 570 Just as I Am, without One Plea (see hymnal)

Distribution Hymn: 744 Amazing Grace

Distribution Hymn: 557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way

Distribution Hymn: 908 Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

Nunc Dimittis, p. 211 for music

Luke 2:29–32

☐ (sung) 1 O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

**2 All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Collect

☐ 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.

☐ Amen.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

☐ Let us bless the Lord.

☐ Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

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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
Actual	\$211,037	\$32,055	\$1,210,050
Pledged	\$179,106	\$42,744	\$1,065,270
Remaining	\$31,931 [over]	-\$10,688 [under]	\$144,780 [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

Summer Sunday School Series for all children and students, age 2 through 12th grade! Join us for a fun-filled and faith-growing summer! We will drop off and pick up in the nursery.

Did you know? Our church has implemented a cohesive Christian education system! This summer our middle and high school students have been trained to take the lead on our summer lessons (under the guidance of early childhood education expert, Linda McMichael).

NEW: Parenting Skills Class starting June 22 and taught by Travis Haynes, who is a commissioned Lutheran school teacher. Travis has prepared a great course geared toward helping families in all life stages incorporate faith routines and rhythms into daily life as we live out faith daily. This class will start June 22 and go weekly through July 27 in the larger classroom off the kitchen.

We are hopeful parents of all ages will enjoy the summer opportunities for Christian education offered by Pastor Roberts or Travis Haynes.

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 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.

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

Campfirmation is coming up July 6 - 12! Participants should have received a final email from Shelli with all details, packing lists, medical forms, and payment information - if you did not receive an email, please let her know!

Be sure to buy your **specialty mug!** Mugs are \$25 and order forms are available in the narthex! See Suzanne Nunnink with any questions.

THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart for your love, prayers, and support for me and Travis, for our family, and for the ministry of God's church! What a blessing it is to serve here as **DCE**! Reading your cards and being blessed by your gifts is such a beautiful gift to me! – Shelli and Travis (and family!)

THANK YOU to all who came to the **Trivia Night** in support of the Youth from Praise attending the National Youth Gathering this summer.

THANK YOU to Sonja Ratliff for organizing and all who came for the **Baby Shower** yesterday for Sam & Kate Bohnet. Their baby boy is due in August and will be born in Louisville, KY where Sam will be serving as the first Vicar of Faith Lutheran Church.

Stained Glass Window Brochure now available. **Thank you** to Shelby Hicks, Tina Pierce, and Levi Nunnink for their roles in creating this congregational resource!

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

Church Council Meeting today at 12:30 p.m. in the Social Hall

New Sunday morning Bible Study series on *Christian Issues* (schedule of topics to come) with Pr. Roberts in the Social Hall. *Plus see Youth & Families classes.* Starts today!

Ushers Needed Looking for 4 volunteers to usher at the 8:30 a.m. service. Please contact Chris Broyles, broyleslawn@gmail.com, to sign up or ask questions. Thank you.

Open: Admin Position Our Office Admin at Praise, Tina Pierce, is taking a position as middle school Math and Science teacher at First Lutheran Church and School. Congratulations, Tina! We are now seeking (internally from the congregation) names for possible candidates for our open office admin position. Please contact Pastor Roberts or President Tom Wittkopp, or Vice President Tim Nunnink, or Elder Mark Ratliff.

This Week

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

Choir on break resumes in August

Men's Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m. (last one before break until August)

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

Pregnancy Resource Center in-service in Praise's Social Hall on Thurs, 9—2 p.m.

Ladies Bible Study on break this week (to allow for the PRC in-service)

Upcoming

July 6-12 Campfirmation at Camp Linn Haven in NC

July 18-23 LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans

September 26-28 Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) Fall retreat in Tallassee, TN. Find more information in the coat closet in the Narthex to the right of the mailboxes. Not to be confused with our own Praise Lutheran Ladies Retreat (see below).

October 24-26 Ladies Fall Retreat *A Heart After the Lord's Own Heart* at the Tuckaleechee Retreat Center in Townsend. Our presenter this year is Stella Beabout. She studied in the Old Testament Exegetical Studies Ph.D. program at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO. Stella has lead numerous Bible studies and retreats for pastors wives, DCEs and various churches. She has five children and is married to Pastor John Beabout, Crossville, TN. There is flexibility in which days you wish to attend. Scholarships available. Pick up a brochure in the Narthex. See Kris Smith or Barbara Morsch for more details.