

+ Day of Pentecost +

*Divine Service with Rite of Confirmation for 8 Catechumens
June 8, Year of our Lord 2025 | DS2*

+ Confession and Absolution +

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



Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

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

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9

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

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

Confession of Sins

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

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit

Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text



P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the | faithful,*
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alle- | luia.

C O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you | made them all;*
the earth is full of your | creatures.

These all | look to you,*
to give them their food in due | season.

When you give it to them, they gath- | er it up;*
when you open your hand, they are filled with | good things.

When you send forth your Spirit, they are cre- | ated,*
and you renew the face | of the ground.

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.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the | faithful,*
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alle- | luia.

Kyrie (spoken)

Mark 10:47

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Amen.

Hymn: 947 All Glory Be to God on High



1 All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all His
2 We praise and laud and wor - ship You; We give You thanks for -
3 O Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son Be - got - ten of the
4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, our de - light And source of con - so -



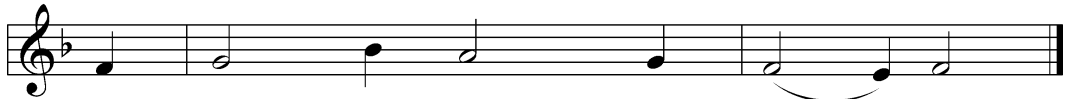
fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - ri - fy A
ev - er, O Fa - ther, for Your rule is true And
Fa - ther, Your sav - ing death has made us one With
la - tion, Pro - tect us from the dev - il's might Through



child of God for - ev - er. God shows His good and
just and chang - es nev - er. With bound - less pow'r, Your
God and with each oth - er. O Lamb of God, to
Je - sus, our sal - va - tion, Who by His death up -



gra - cious will And grants His peace, the world to fill—
might - y reign Ful - fills what - ev - er You or - dain.
You on high In our dis - tress we sin - ners cry,
on a tree Has res - cued us from mis - er - y:



All strife at last has end - ed.
Lord, grant us ev - 'ry bless - ing!
Have mer - cy on us, a - men!
To this we hold for - ev - er.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray. O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 11:1–9

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.” And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. And the LORD said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.” So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Acts 2:17b; Romans 10:10

C I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.
With the heart one believes and is justified,
and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Choral Anthem (11:00 a.m. service)

May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

Second Reading

Acts 2:1–21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the

mighty works of God.” And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;
even on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.
And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;
the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.
And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

Liturgical Text

P Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



Holy Gospel

John 14:23–31

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



Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.

“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles’ Creed (Or Rite of Confirmation at 11:00 a.m. Service)

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 ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day (8:30 a.m. service only): 498 Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

(see hymnal)

Hymn of the Day: 502 Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, the dove sent from heav - en,
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, the fire _____ ce - les - tial,
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, the unc - tion of bless - ing,
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, the wind of great pow - er,



Ev - er one with the One who is Three,
Who on Pen - te - cost came as fore - told,
Sa - cred oil of the green ol - ive tree,
Source of strength and of peace and of love,



From the Fa - ther You came, Words of peace to pro-claim,
To de - scend from on high And the Church oc - cu - py
Giv - ing heat, giv - ing light, As the tent lamps ig - nite
Tru - est Com - fort - er, plead, As You bring all our need



Come and com - fort us, speak ten - der - ly.
As the cloud filled the tem - ple of old;
And as Aar - on praised God joy - ful - ly.
To the throne of God's glo - ry a - bove.



You, the fra - grance of life we are seek - ing;
 All the bap - tized You seal with Your prom - ise,
 Bless - ed liv - ing and life - giv - ing wa - ter,
 Be the light that en - light - ens the Scrip - tures;



Fill Your tem - ple, Your al - tar make clean.
 All be - liev - ers Your gift there re - ceive,
 Now pre - serve us from e - vil with - in;
 Keep our feet from each dev - il - ish snare;



Joy - ous shel - ter of love, Gra - cious friend from a - bove,
 So that all the e - lect— All in Christ—may ex - pect
 For in Je - sus, God's Son, All be - liev - ers are one
 On - ly You can make whole All that trou - bles our soul;



In Your care we are rest - ing, se - rene.
 To en - joy what by grace they be - lieve.
 In this wash - ing that cleans - es from sin.
 By Your chris - m, Christ's tri - umph we share.

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+ Sermon +

Pentecost: What does this Mean?

Offertory, p. 176 for music

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19

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

Offering

Rite of Confirmation today for the following catechumens of Praise

Samantha Dee McMichael – Psalm 117:1-2

Charles Dean Nunnink – Colossians 3:1-2

Sarah Cate Pettyjohn – 2 Timothy 1:8-9

Justin Joseph Sebright – Hebrews 10:23

Taylor Marie Sebright – Ephesians 4:32

Boston Clark Sutherland – Acts 4:12

Blakelyn Emery Upward – Galatians 5:22-23

Charlette Josephine Scott Upward – Colossians 3:17

Following the offering [or Rite of Confirmation] (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**.

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 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: For loved ones who’ve passed away in recent months and years: **Dora Reckow** (Mavis Johnson’s 100-year-old aunt), **Cindy Crotty** (Lisa Gift’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 Hebards), **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 **Larry Wacker** (recovering from elbow surgery). For **Mona** (Angela Gift's mom) in hospice care. For **Shauna** (Laura Bisconte's friend) recovering from surgery and treatments. For **Pat Sweet** (friend of Ole & Mavis) fragile health condition. For **Kris Smith** recovering from an aortic valve replacement on 6/2. For **June McDonnell** fell and broke several bones; and for breathing. 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 **Sandy Bagley** healing of heart damage from heart attack. For **Bill Miller** recovery from knee surgery. For **Pam** (Jim Roberts's sister) hospitalized for heart and respiratory issues. For **Charlie Schopmann** (Mary's son, recovering from knee replacement). For **Derek Bryant** (friend of Mary Schopmann) upcoming kidney reception. For **Stephanie** (Larry & Cathy Wacker's daughter) for stage 4 cancer treatment and stem cell treatment for **Kevin** her husband. For **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: Steve Sherrer 6/6, Caleb P 6/8, June McD 6/10, William S 6/10, Joshua W 6/11, Iris F 6/12, Rhonda S 6/13, Rebecca J 6/15, George V 6/15, Lee S 6/16, Jeff J 6/17, Faith M 6/18, Barbara M 6/19, Levi N 6/20, Sally C 6/21

Anniversaries: Larry & Phyllis B 6/11, Julian & Emily M 6/12

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

Benediction for those worshipping via the livestream.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death and resurrection until He comes. Scripture warns that those who come forward to eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great spiritual harm. The Lord's Supper is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, any who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet to desire to receive the Sacrament (Communion), are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.

Preface

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

P (sung) The Lord be with you.



C And al-so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

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

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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

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

Pax Domini

John 20:19

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



- C** A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

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

Distribution

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

Distribution Hymn: 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee (see hymnal)

Distribution Hymn: 769 Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

Distribution Hymn: 825 Rise, Shine, You People

Distribution Hymn: 500 Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

Thank the Lord

[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10]

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

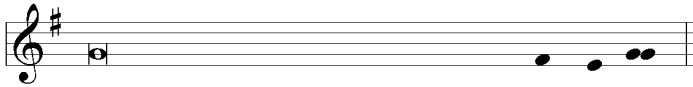
Post Communion Collect

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L Let us pray... now and forever. **C** Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



Choral Benediction (11:00 a.m. service)

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

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Choir Director: Laura Bisconte, Choir Pianist: Susan Johnson

Church Calendar: praiselutheran.com/events

Moved? Changed your email address or phone? Please let the church office know.

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Building Fund	2024 Receipts	2025 Receipts	Total Receipts
Actual	\$211,037	\$29,425	\$1,207,420
Pledged	\$179,106	\$42,744	\$1,065,270
Remaining	\$31,931 [over]	-\$13,319 [under]	\$142,150 [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: Starting June 22: 6-week parenting skills class taught by Travis Haynes, who is a commissioned Lutheran school teacher and 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.

Middle and High School Midweek Youth Middle School YUCK night will be Wednesday June 11 6-8 pm - please come and enjoy a night of messy fun! Note the TWO HOUR timeframe! This night ONLY will be just for our middle schoolers! If you haven't come yet to midweek youth, this would be a great time to check it out! Invite a friend!! Please ask Shelli if you have any questions!

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

Campfirmation at Camp Linn Haven will be July 7-11, 2025. Please watch for emails from Shelli concerning prep and packing details and remaining funds owed per camper. Theme for 2025: *The Sacraments: Signed, Sealed, and Delivered*. There are 15 youth and 8 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.

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

Thank you so much to all who participated in our Chapulines restaurant share night last Thursday! We are so blessed by your support!

Congratulations to our Confirmands Praise be to God for the 8 students being confirmed in their baptismal faith! We invite you to attend their public questioning between services today in the Social Hall. *Cake and coffee reception in the narthex today.*

TODAY 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. Cash in designated basket or checks and online gifts can be designated with the word: *District*. Thank you!

This Week

Choir Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Men's Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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

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

District Convention in Memphis Thursday through Saturday. Pastor Roberts and our lay delegate, Edler Levi Nunnink, will attend the convention.

Upcoming

NEXT SUNDAY 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. Drinks will be provided.

June 18 Men's Lunch at TC's Grill at 11:30 a.m.

June 19 Elders Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

June 22 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.*

June 22 Church Council Meeting begins at 12:30 p.m.

June 21 Baby Shower Saturday at 2:00 p.m. for Kate (nee Roberts) and Sam Bohnet's baby boy. Gift registry is on Amazon under the name *Kate Bohnet*.

June 24 Cards Creation 1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall

July 6-12 Campfirmation at Camp Linn Haven in NC

July 18-23 LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA