

+ Third Sunday after Epiphany +

January 25, Year of Our Lord 2026 | 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 22:27–31; antiphon: v. 22



P I will tell of your name to my **I** brothers,*
in the midst of the congregation I will **I** praise you.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn **I** to the **LORD**,*
and all the families of the nations shall worship be- **I** fore you.

C For kingship belongs **I** to the **LORD**,*
and he rules over the **I** nations.

All the prosperous of the earth eat and **I** worship;*
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not
keep him- **I** self alive.

Posterity shall **I** serve him;*
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- **I** ation;

they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people **I** yet unborn,*
that he has **I** done it.

Glory be to the Father and **I to the Son***
and to the Holy **I** Spirit;
as it was in the be- **I** ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. **I** Amen.

I will tell of your name to my **I** brothers,*
in the midst of the congregation I will **I** praise you.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn **I** to the **LORD**,*
and all the families of the nations shall worship be- **I** fore you.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



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

Gloria in Excelsis

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-shiped 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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C And with your spirit.

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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 9:1–4

There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined.
You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

Gradual

Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8

C **Praise the LORD, all nations!**
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

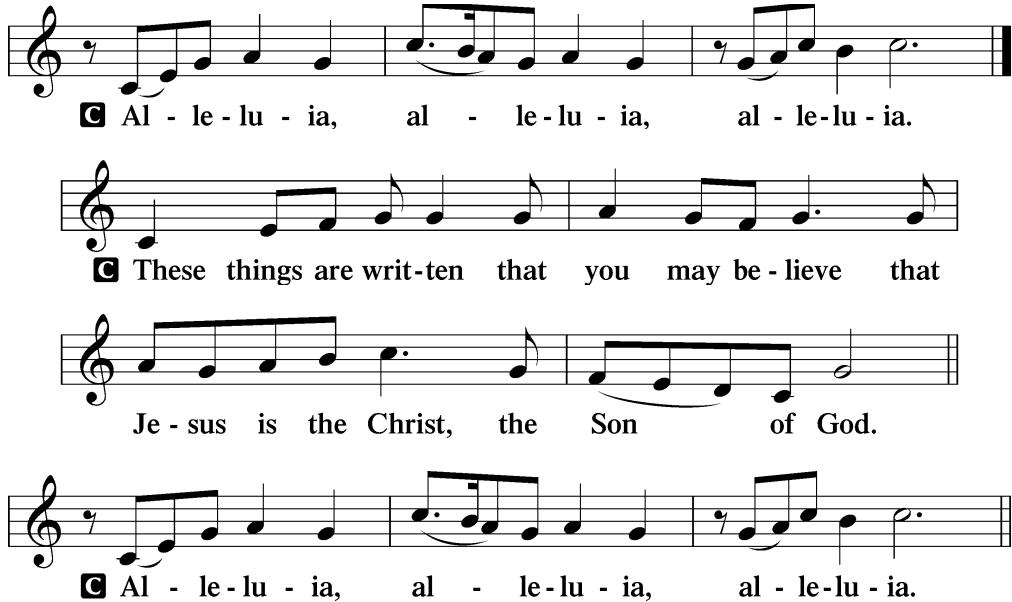
A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day

Matthew 4:17

P Alleluia. From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Alleluia.

Alleluia and Verse



Music notation for the Alleluia and Verse. The music is in common time with a treble clef. The lyrics are:

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

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

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

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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:12-25

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of
the Gentiles—
the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of
death,
on them a light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to



them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

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 \dagger everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day: 839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light

Matthew 21:33-46



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now
 3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may
 4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the
 5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
 lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose
 find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science
 wan - d'lers to Your fold. U - nite all those who
 won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.
 in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
 sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
 walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
 You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

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+ Sermon +

Announcement of Offering and Greetings of Peace

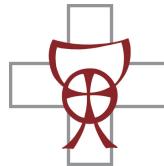
The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Prayer of the Church - see colored insert

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

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 ~ (see altar book)

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, p. 210

John 1:29

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: 644 The Church's One Foundation (see hymnal)

Distribution Hymn: 643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Distribution Hymn: 412 The People That in Darkness Sat

Distribution Hymn: 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



Nunc Dimittis

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis, p. 211

Luke 2:29–32

C (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 ~ (see altar book)

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 give you peace.
C Amen.



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Additional Information: Please submit prayer requests by 9:00 a.m. each Thursday to ensure they are included in the upcoming service. If your contact information has changed, kindly notify the church office. Large-print hymnals are available upon request. Please speak with an usher for assistance.

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+ Prayers +

World: For the end of persecution and genocide of **Nigerian Christians**. For the end of the fighting between modern-day **Israel** and the **Hamas** and soon we pray between **Ukraine** and **Russia**. For **fire, flood, and hurricane** recovery. Warmth and safety for many affected by **winter storms**.

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 birth of **Finn to Luke & Blair Johnson**. For the Holy Baptism of **Silas Hicks** today. For our parents expecting children this year: **Joshua & Adelaide Arguien, Bryan & Kaite Baer, and Justin & Nicole Fritts**. For the recent engagement of member **Rachel Vesper** to **Aiden Morrison**. For upcoming weddings in 2026 for **Patrick Jermain & Alesha Williams** (April) and for **Jack Nunnink & Rachel Holst** (June). For **veterans and our military** for **Mason Burkett** (Mary Schopmann's grandson-in-law) deployed to Poland. For military servants: **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, Sam Bohnet** (vicarage placement in Louisville, KY). For **children and families** dealing with difficult situations due to drugs, alcohol, violence, abuse, stress, and strife.

Recent Loss and Mourning: For **Donald Thorson** (Susan Johnson's uncle). For family of **Cheryl Dunnington** (cousin of Sharon Felker). For the family of **Jeffrey** (Becky Hamby's brother) who passed away in Chattanooga. For the family of **Jessica Woldt** (Rev. Adam Woldt's sister, who passed away suddenly on Christmas Eve). For family of **Carol Ehrens** who passed away 12/9. For family of **Mike** (June McDonnell's son who passed away in December). For family of (former member) **Don Wuethrick** who passed away. For the Family of **Debra** (Billye Raye's sister) who passed away 10/25. For family of **Bob McDermott** who passed away on 10/17.

Health: For **Catherine Boute** having surgery this week to repair a broken shoulder. For **Lou Trebus** recovering from knee replacement surgery. **Chuck Pettyjohn** recovering from procedure for home dialysis. For **Sydney Pierce** recovering from broken ankle surgery. For **Tom Williams** health and upcoming chemo treatments. For **Sarah** (friend of Suzanne Nunnink) starting intensive chemotherapy. For **Lori Smith** infection recovery (now home). For **Linda Davis** anemia and health. For **Kathi Hawn** (friend of Faye Schauerman) recovering from surgery for a double lung transplant. For **John Reese** (Mary Ellen Brown's niece's husband) recovery of health. For surgery recovery for **Emily** (Tom & Nadine Wittkopp's daughter). For **Carolyn Howard** (friend of Paul Ruble) pneumonia recovery and for her daughter **Jane** who suffered a stroke. For **Ann** (Rick Gift's stepmother) leukemia and health. For Maryville Police officer **Justin Brown**. For **Tonia Latham** (Phyllis Bembas's niece) health recovery. For **Ed McGillick** dizziness spells. For **Todd Stubelt** (nephew of Sharon Felker) stage 4 brain cancer. For **Fred Hansen** carotid artery procedures. For **Renee Hickmon** home treating multiple blood clots [and for sister **Sherrie** who broke her foot in two places]. For **Joan Large** health. For **Matt** (Becky Hamby's son) recovery from fall and leg surgery (long road ahead). For **Brenda** (Laura Bisconte's aunt) cancer surgery recover and treatments. For **George Gorghis** (friend of Donna Wall) treatment for Lymphoma cancer, stage 4. For **Janeen Meier** healing for physical and mental health (Maureen Roberts' sister and

Pastor Roberts's Aunt). For **Bob Heckman's** health. For **Don Hammond** heart a-fib (Joan Large's son). For **Cole Hammond** (Joan Large's grandson) comfort in dealing with epilepsy. For **Marvin Arcari** (Paul Ruble's cousin, Will Wade's brother-in-law) cancer. For **Sandy Bagley** health. 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 **Lee Schuck** and **Gus** taking care of her. For **Pam** (Jim Roberts's sister) heart and respiratory issues. For **Derek Bryant** (friend of Mary Schopmann) kidney reception. For **Ken Kropp** recovering from heart surgery. For **Gary Kubin** back and leg pain. For **Haley Jenkins** (Ed & Sandy Bagley's niece) esophageal issues. For **Margarete** (neighbor to Jim & Maureen Roberts) dealing with advancing cancer. For **Ron Williams** (at Foothills) and for his wife Pamela. For **Barbara Moyers** health. 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 **Carol** (Alex Hick's aunt) frontal lobe dementia. **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. For **Alan Stremsterfer's mother** health. **Aurora Stevens** pain and health. Andrew Hebar's Aunt **Kara** (health).

Birthdays: Phillip Bu (1/25), Robbie M (1/25), Jonathan He (1/26), Rick G (1/28), Kathleen D C (1/29), Judy Ka (1/29), Luke J (1/30), Jennifer Fr (2/5), Lisa Stre (2/5), Judy D (2/6)

Anniversaries: Chuck & Candace Pettyjohn (2/4)

Church Operations & Christian Stewardship

General Fund		2026 Receipts	Remaining for Budget
Jan 1 to Jan 15, 2026		\$17,744	\$382,256
Building Fund	2025 Receipts	2026 Receipts	Total Receipts
Actual	\$71,247	\$240	\$1,249,483
Pledged	\$42,744	Budget: 25,000	\$1,065,270
Remaining	\$28,503 [over]	24,760 [under]	\$184,213 [over]

Thank you to all who gave or fulfilled commitments to the Capital Campaign, which ended Dec. 31, 2025. Gifts to the Building Fund are still encouraged to help reduce principal and/or for future repairs and projects. More reports and details will be presented at our February Voters Meeting. As of 12/31/25 the new loan balance is \$1,861,079. The Build Project total cost was \$2,973,613 (approximately 41% funded). Special gifts are encouraged to help paydown the principal.

Visit praiselutheran.com/build to see our build completion video! Gifts to the Build Fund are still encouraged. Our total monthly mortgage payments to Lutheran Church Extension Fund: \$11,413 [breakdown: \$10,309 (new building) + \$1,100 (extra mortgage payment monthly)].

Contribution Statements are now available in your church mailbox.

Children and Youth Ministry

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday for all children and students age 2 on up. *Confirmed youth are encouraged to join the Congregational Bible Study with Pastor Roberts in the Social Hall.*

Midweek Youth Group will take place on Wed, January 28th at 7:00 p.m. starting in the Narthex with Compline, then move to the Social Hall. Open to all middle and high school students.

Worship and Music Ministry

Make a Joyful Noise Vocal Workshop is a two-part series designed to inspire singers of all skill levels through the music of the Church, presented by Caleb Hesse, Director of Worship Arts. The first session will be held at 1:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Oak Ridge THIS SATURDAY, Jan 31. The second session will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wed, Feb. 11, at Praise Lutheran Church.

Choir Practice is this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. For updates and announcements, join PLC Choir on GroupMe (see Caleb for details). Instrumentalists are also invited to reach out to Caleb about opportunities, which will be tailored to your availability.

Piano and Organ lessons are available at Praise with our Director of Music, Caleb Hesse. Anyone age 6 and up (with a parent/guardian for children) is welcome to sign up. For additional information, please reach out to Caleb at caleb@praiselutheran.com.

Congregational Life & Fellowship

A diaper collection for baby Silas Hicks is underway in the Narthex. If you would like to participate, please bring diapers to help welcome the newest baby of Praise. The collection will run through Sun, Feb 8. (*For families welcoming another baby, the Ladies Bible Study will coordinate a collection following the baby's birth, while first-time mothers will be honored with a baby shower.*)

Baby Shower for Baby Arguien will take place following the late service on Sun, Feb 22. Adelaide is registered through Amazon and all are welcome to attend and celebrate.

Cards Creation will meet in the Social Hall on Tuesday, Jan 27, beginning at 1:00 p.m. to work on cards for the month of February.

Seeking Help: Transportation Ministry is seeking volunteers to help give rides to church. This commitment is just one Sunday a month. Please contact Mark Ratliff if you'd like to help. Also, **additional Greeters** are needed to help welcome attendees on Sunday mornings. Please contact Catherine Boute for more information.

Donations for the Veterans Pantry may be placed in the basket in the Narthex. They are delivered on a regular basis to the Blount County Office of Veterans Affairs.

Voters Meeting will be held **Sun, Feb 1 at 9:45 a.m.** in the Social Hall. Elections and year-end

financial report plus a special presentation from LCMS Mid-South District President, Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola concerning our recently awarded *Grow Grant*.

Today

Issues Class with Pr. Roberts will meet today in the Social Hall at 9:45 a.m. Today's topic: *More Differences between Lutherans and...*

This Week

January 27 (Tue) Cards Creation in the Social at 1:00 p.m.

January 28 (Wed) Choir rehearsal at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

January 28 (Wed) Youth Group at 7:00 p.m. beginning with Compline.

January 28 (Wed) Men's Bible Study (Gospel of Mark) at 7:00 p.m. beginning with Compline.

January 29 (Thu) Ladies Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall with Barbara Morsch.

January 31 (Sat) 1:00 p.m. *Make a Joyful Noise vocal workshop* at 1:00pm at Faith, Oak Ridge
4:00 p.m. Meeting with Pres. Roger Paavola with church leaders in Social Hall.

Upcoming

February 1 (Sun) Holy Baptism of Silas James Hicks, newborn son of Alex & Shelby Hicks.

February 1 (Sun) Voters Meeting at 9:45 a.m. in the Social Hall with District President Paavola

February 1 (Sun) Youth Catechesis at 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

February 11 (Wed) *Make a Joyful Noise Vocal Workshop*, Part 2, at 7:00 p.m. at Praise Lutheran

February 15 (Sun) *Transfiguration of Our Lord* and final Sunday of the Epiphany Season

February 18 (Wed) *Ash Wednesday* and the beginning of Lent