

## + Fifth Sunday after Epiphany +

*February 8, Year of our Lord 2026 / DS2*

Guest Officiant: Rev. Paul Becker

*Pastor Roberts is travelling with Gretchen and will be back Wed, Feb. 11.*



## + 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 119:9–16; antiphon: v. 12*



**P** Blessèd are you, | O LORD;\*  
teach me your | statutes!

**Q How can a young man keep his way pure?\***  
**By guarding it according to your word.**

With my whole heart I | seek you;\*

let me not wander from your com- | mandments!

**I have stored up your word **I** in my heart,\*  
that I might not sin a- **I** gainst you.**

Blessèd are you, | O LORD;\*  
teach me your | statutes!

**With my lips I declare\*  
all the just decrees of your mouth.**

In the way of your testimonies | I delight\*  
as much as in all | riches.

**I will meditate on your | precepts\*  
and fix my eyes | on your ways.**

I will delight in your statutes;<sup>\*</sup>  
I will not forget your word.

**Glory be to the Father and I to the Son\*  
and to the Holy I Spirit;**

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Blessèd are you, | O LORD;  
teach me your | statutes!

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*

**P** (sung, p. 168) In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



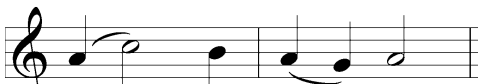
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** 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 mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

**This Is the Feast, p.171**

*Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9*



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and

hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -  
 lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of  
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** (sung p. 172, or spoken) The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** (sung or spoken) Let us pray. O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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

*Isaiah 58:3–9a*

“‘Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’ Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD?

“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

**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 2:1–16*

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the heart of man imagined,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Verse of the Day

*Matthew 5:16b*

**P** Alleluia. Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Alleluia.

## Alleluia and Verse

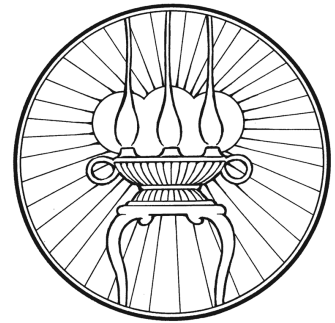
*John 6:68*



## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 5:13–20*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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



## Nicene Creed

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

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

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

Hymn of the Day: 411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (see hymnal)

+ Sermon +

Guest: Pastor Paul Becker

Offertory, p. 176 for music

*Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19*

**C** (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.

## Announcement of Offering and Greetings of Peace

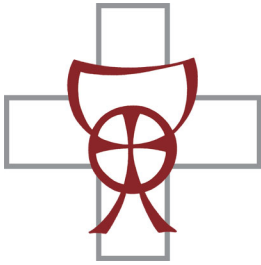
The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5; Eph. 4).

**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. **P** *The Lord Bless you and keep you...*





## + 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, p.177) 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, p. 178**

*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**

*p. 178*

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, (*see Altar book p. 178*)...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  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

**Pax Domini**

*John 20:19*

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



**C** A - men.

**Agnus Dei, p. 180**

*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: 728 How Firm a Foundation** (see hymnal)

**Distribution Hymn: 563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness**

**Distribution Hymn: 637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord**

**Distribution Hymn: 555 Salvation unto Us Has Come**

**Thank the Lord, p. 181**

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

**☐** (sung) **Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Post Communion Collect**

*p. 183*

**☐** Let us pray... (p. 183) now and forever. **☐ Amen.**

**Benediction**

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**☐** 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.





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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 family of **Ed Hannah** who passed away 1/22. For family of **Barney** (Darlyn Burch's brother) who passed away. 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 **Alan Bell** (Barbara Morsch's brother) hospitalized for stroke. For **Al Reuer** stroke recovery. 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 **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 **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:** August Joh (2/8), Ed Bag (2/18), Johsua Key (2/21), Sarah Key (2/23), Betty Go (2/26), Lincoln Hen (2/28), Henry Joh (2/28)

**Anniversaries:** Tim & Lori Smith (2/12), Willie Del C. & Laura B (2/14), Tony & Jennifer Fr (2/14), Bob & Rhonda Heckman (2/18), Luke & Blair Johnson (2/22)

**Church Operations & Christian Stewardship**

General Fund		2026 Receipts	Remaining for Budget
Jan 1 to Jan 22, 2026		\$23,565	\$376,435
Building Fund	2025 Receipts	2026 Receipts	Total Receipts
Actual	\$71,247	\$440	\$1,249,683
Pledged	\$42,744	Budget: 25,000	\$1,065,270
Remaining	\$28,503 [over]	24,560 [under]	\$184,413 [over]

*Thank you to all who gave or fulfilled commitments to the Capital Campaign, which ended Dec. 31, 2025. As of 12/31/25 the new loan balance is \$1,861,079. Gifts to the Building Fund or Loan Principal Fund are encouraged to help reduce principal and for future projects.*

Visit [praiselutheran.com/build](https://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, Feb 11 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 at 7:00 p.m. on Wed, Feb. 11, at Praise Lutheran Church. *Come for supper at 6:00 p.m.* Then, sessions 1 and 2 will be held at Faith Lutheran Church in Oak Ridge on Sat, 2/28 *with lunch at 12:00 noon* (session 2 will start at 12:30 p.m. and will end by 2:00 p.m.).

**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](mailto:caleb@praiselutheran.com).

## **Congregational Life & Fellowship**

**Thank you** to everyone who has contributed to the **diaper collection for baby Silas**.

**A diaper collection for baby Finn Johnson** (Luke & Blair Johnson) has begun in the narthex and is available through Sunday, February 22. For those wanting to participate, the parents have shared that Pampers work best due to skin sensitivity, and newborn sizes are not needed. Thank you so much for your kindness and support.

**Baby Shower for Baby Arguien** will take place following the 11:00 a.m. service on Sun, Feb 22. Adelaide is registered through Amazon and all are welcome to attend and celebrate.

**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.

### 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

**Feb 11 (Wed)** *Make a Joyful Noise Vocal Workshop*, Part 2, at 7:00 p.m. at Praise Lutheran  
**(Wed)** Youth Group at 7:00 p.m. beginning with Compline.  
**(Wed)** *NO Men's Bible Study this week—on break until after Easter.*

**Feb 12 (Thu)** Ladies Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall with Barbara Morsch.

### Upcoming

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

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

**February 22 (Sun)** *Baby Shower of Baby Arguien* following the 11:00 a.m. service.