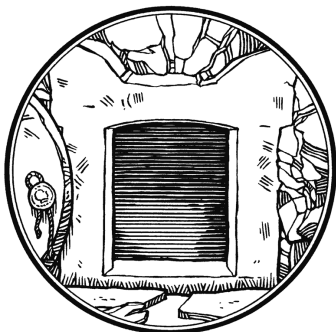


# + The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday +

April 5, Year of our Lord 2026 | DS3



## Processional Hymn: 473 Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free

*Cantors only:* 1 Our Paschal Lamb, that sets us free, Is sacrificed. O keep The feast of freedom gallantly; Let alleluias leap: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Again Sing alleluia, cry aloud: Alleluia! Amen!

*Congregation:*



2 Let all our lives now cel - e - brate The feast; let mal - ice die.  
3 Let all our deeds, u - nan - i - mous, Con - fess Him as our Lord



Let love grow strong a - new, and great, Let truth stamp out the lie.  
Who by the Spir - it lives in us, The Fa - ther's liv - ing Word.

*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A -



gain Sing al - le - lu - ia, cry a - loud: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

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## Hymn: 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
△ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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*Christ Jesus won for us the Victory over death. Alleluia!*





*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.**

### Easter Versicles

*Matthew 21:42, Psalm 118:22, 1 Cor. 15:55-56*

**P** The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**C This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**P** When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written):

“Death is swallowed up by victory.”

**C O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?**

**P** The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

**C But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Confession of Sins

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

### Absolution

*[John 20:19–23]*

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

### Easter Acclamation

**P** Alleluia. Christ is risen!

**C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## + Service of the Word +

### Introit

*Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: v. 1b*



**P** (*antiphon*) I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed | gloriously,\*  
the horse and his rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.  
The LORD is my strength | and my song,\*  
and he has become my sal- | vation.

**C** **Your right hand, O LORD, glorious | in power,\*  
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the | enemy.**

**You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you | have redeemed;\*  
you have guided them by your strength to your ho- | ly abode.**

You will bring them in and plant them on your own | mountain,\*  
the place, O LORD, which you have made for | your abode,  
the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have es- | tablished.\*  
The LORD will reign forever and | ever.

**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.**

**P** (*antiphon*) I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed | gloriously,\*  
the horse and his rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.

### Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**P** (sung) Glory be to God on high:

**C** (sung) **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**  
**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,**  
**we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**  
**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**  
**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**  
**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**  
**that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**  
**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**  
**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**  
**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**  
**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**  
**art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** (sung) The Lord be with you.

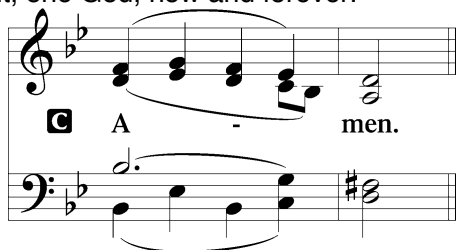


**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.



## Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 31:1–6*

“At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people.”

Thus says the LORD:

“The people who survived the sword  
found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,  
the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built,  
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines  
and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

Again you shall plant vineyards  
on the mountains of Samaria;  
the planters shall plant  
and shall enjoy the fruit.

For there shall be a day when watchmen will call  
in the hill country of Ephraim:

‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion,  
to the LORD our God.’”

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

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

**C** **Christ has risen from the dead.**

**God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.  
He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;  
he has put all things under his feet.**

**Choral Anthem** (11:00 a.m. Service only)

## Epistle

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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

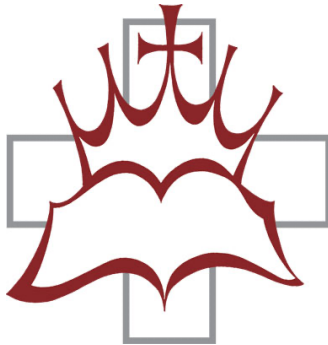
*Colossians 3:1–4*



## Verse of the Day

- P** Alleluia. [Christ Jesus] abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

*2 Timothy 1:10b*



## Triple Alleluia with Procession (please face the cross)

**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is a simple, repetitive sequence of notes: G4, A4, Bb4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with a large 'C' in a square box at the beginning of the first line.

**Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 28:1–10*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.



Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”



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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*The cross procession returns to the chancel. Please face or reverence the cross as it passes by.*

## Nicene Creed

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

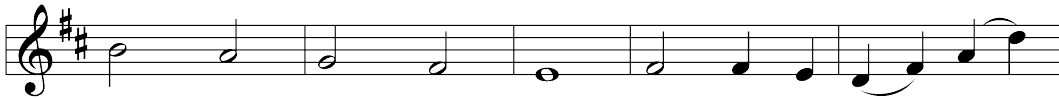
And in one Lord Jesus Christ the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and 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: 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to  
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious  
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry  
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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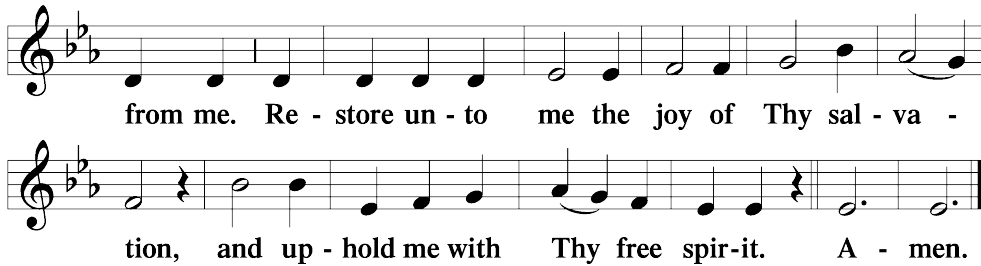
+ Sermon +

Great Joy after a Strange and Dreadful Strife

Offertory, p. 192-193

*Psalm 51:10–12*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

**Offering** Gifts and tithes also may be submitted online at [praiselutheran.com](http://praiselutheran.com). **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** (sung) The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy, p. 195 for music

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**C** (sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**P** 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  
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

### The Words of Our Lord

*Mt 26:26-30; Mk 14:22-26; Lk 22:14-23; 1 Cor 11:23-25*

**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.

Musical notation for the Pax Domini. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The treble staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics 'A - - - men.' are written below the treble staff, with a long dash under 'A' and 'men.' indicating a long note. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment.

## Agnus Dei, p. 198 for music

*John 1:29*

**C** (sung) O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

## 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: 458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands** (see hymnal)

**Distribution Hymn: 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing**

**Distribution Hymn: 467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness**

**Distribution Hymn: 488 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word**

**Distribution Hymn: 478 The Day of Resurrection**

**Choral Anthem** (8:30 a.m. Service)

## Nunc Dimittis, p. 199-200 for music

*Luke 2:29-32*

**C** (sung) Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Closing Sentences

*Psalms 107:1*

**A** (sung) O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**A** Let us pray. We give thanks ... one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

**P** (sung) The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**A** (sung) Bless we the Lord.

*Psalms 103:1*

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** (sung) The Lord bless you and keep you.

*Numbers 6:24–26*

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C** A - men, a - men, a - men.

## Recessional Hymn: 465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re-sounds In  
 Δ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And

praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!

He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and  
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our

clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly

here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"  
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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See announcements in the colored insert including the address for the annual Easter celebration at Pastor & Gretchen Roberts's home this afternoon.

Return in this blessed Eastertide each Sunday to rejoice in the Resurrection and the Life. (Pastor Roberts will be away next Sunday visiting family in Kentucky; Guest Pastor David Graves, 4th Vice President of the LCMS Mid-South District will lead the Services and Congregational Bible Study on 4/12.)

**+ Prayers +**

World: For the news and victory of **Christ's bodily Resurrection** to bring joy and comfort to many suffering tribulations. For the end of persecution and genocide of **Nigerian Christians**. For the end of the fighting between the **U.S., Israel, and Iran** and soon we pray between **Ukraine and Russia**. For **fire, flood, and hurricane** recovery.

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 the birth of **Wesley** to **Joshua & Adelaide Arguien** on 3/31. For our parents expecting children this year: **Bryan & Kaite Baer**, and **Justin & Nicole Fritts**. For the engagement of member **Rachel Vesper** to **Aiden Morrison**. For upcoming weddings in 2026 for **Patrick Jermain & Alesha Williams** (April), **Isaak Buchanan & Julliette Wilkerson** (May) 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: **Michael Strange** and **Carter Felt**. 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 the family of **Melvin Wehmeier** (Deb Wales's father) who passed away 4/1. For the family **Tom Williams** (wife Corlis) who passed away 3/26. For the family of **Ron Williams** (wife Pamela) who passed away 3/24. For family of **Mildred Balash** who passed away 3/21 (104 yrs old). For the Family of **Mavis Johnson** who passed away 2/28. For the family of Elder **Chuck Pettyohn** who died on 2/25. For the family of **Marvin Arcari** (Will Wade's and Paul Ruble's family) who passed away in Michigan. For family of **Polly Gallamore** who passed away 2/16. For **Mary Ann Furr** (mother of Pam Sokoll). For family of **Ed Hannah** who passed away 1/22. *Christ is risen!*

Health: For **Fran Wehmeier** (Deb Wales's mother) in final days, in hospice at Morning View. For **Stevie** (Auroa Stepen's son) in ICU with a rare infection. For **Joan Large** recovering after a fall. For **Larry Bembas** surgery recovery and upcoming radiation treatments in neck. **Lou Trebus** knee replacement recovery. **Lori Smith** upcoming surgery on 4/28. For **Cindy DiPasqua** recovering from heart attack, surgery, and valve replacement. For **Fred Hansen's** health (no carotid procedure due to extent of narrowing). For **Ron Dozier** (Renee Hickmon's brother) heart incident. For **Charlene Smith** (Rev. George Smith's wife) health and hospitalization (and prayers for George). For **Linda Davis** health (recovery from recent hospitalization). For **Maureen Roberts** recovering from pneumonia. For **George Walker** procedure recovery. For **Steve Clemmer** hip replacement recovery. For **Jennifer Hebar** recovering from recent hip surgery. For **Piper** (9 yr old. niece of Mary Brown) cancer diagnosis and treatment. For **Todd Stubelt** (nephew of Sharon Felker) stage 4 brain cancer. For **Anna Roberts** (Jim & Maureen's daughter-in-law) upcoming cancer treatments. For **Alan Bell** (Barbara Morsch's brother) stroke recovery. For **Al Reuer** stroke recovery. For **Catherine Boute** surgery recovery from broken shoulder. For **Sarah** (friend of Suzanne Nunnink) intensive chemotherapy. 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 **Sherrie** (Renee Hickmon's sister) health recovery. 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. **Sandy Bagley** health. For **Pat Sweet** (friend of Ole & Mavis Johnson) fragile health condition. For **June McDonnell** stability and lung health. For **Tim Smith** heart and blood pressure health. For **Lee Schuck** and **Gus** taking care of her. For **Derek Bryant** (friend of Mary Schopmann) kidney reception. 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 **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:** Adelaide Arguien (4/6), Art Poisal (4/6), Steve Keyes (4/8), Larry Moore (4/8), Steve Clemmer (4/9), Jason Collver (4/10), Lucy Nunnink 4/13, Izaak Buchanan 4/14, Matthew Hebar 4/15, Megan Morehead 4/15, Charelston Snyder 4/16, Carole Vitzthum 4/16, Leah Mohr 4/17

**Anniversaries:** Steve & Tammy Clemmer (4/16), Paul & Angela Gift (4/24)

### Church Operations & Christian Stewardship

General Fund	2026 Budget	2026 Actual	Remaining for Budget
	\$400,000	\$105,238 (3/22/26)	\$294,762
Building Fund	2025 Receipts	2026 Receipts	Total Receipts
<b>Actual</b>	\$71,247	\$6,162	\$1,257,035
<b>Pledged</b>	\$42,744	<i>Budget: \$25,000</i>	\$1,065,270
<b>Remaining</b>	\$28,503 [over]	18,838 [under]	\$191,765 [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)].

## Children and Youth Ministry

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

**Youth Catechesis** with Pastor Roberts: next class will meet on Sun, April 19 to discuss Unit 8.

**Midweek Youth Group** resumes THIS WEEK on 4/8 at 7:00 p.m. starting with Compline.

**Campfirmation.** is July 5–11 for youth ages 12 and up. Soft commitments are due NOW and can be emailed to officeadmin@praiselutheran.com. The total cost is \$115 per camper, with a \$50 deposit due April 19 and the remaining \$65 due June 1. Payments can be placed in the collection plate with note or memo “Campfirmation” or dropped off at the front office.

## Worship and Music Ministry

**Choir Practice** meets this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Join us!

**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

**Oktoberfest Shirts & Glasses** from 2024 and 2025 are available on the shelves in the Narthex, with suggested donation amounts posted. Donations go to the Youth Group for our annual *Campfirmation* (July 5-11).

**Meals of Comfort Ministry** provides meals for grieving families, easing the burden of hosting visiting loved ones and allowing them to focus on mourning and sharing Christ’s comfort. We are currently seeking a Coordinator. If you’re interested, please connect with Elissa or Pastor.

**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.

**Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)** empowers women of Praise to grow in Christ through local and global mission projects. Members gather for fellowship, devotions and service on a quarterly basis. Scheduled meetings for 2026 are on Saturdays, March 28, May 16, August 15, November 21 in the social hall from 10 am to 11:30 am. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. We welcome adult women of all age groups to be a part of LWML. Founded in 1942, the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) is the official women’s auxiliary of the LCMS.

## Today

**Congregational Bible Study** with pastries, fruit, and coffee at 9:45 a.m. in the Social Hall. Led by Pastor Roberts. Today's topic: *Resurrections in the O.T. and N.T.*

**Apr 5 (Sun) Annual Easter Celebration at The Roberts:** Come to the home of Pastor and Gretchen Roberts to continue the celebration of the Resurrection and the Life we have in Christ. Meat and drinks provided. Please bring a side-dish, salad, or dessert to share. Start time: after the 11:00 a.m. Easter Service on Apr 5 (around 1:00 p.m.). Park in the two long driveways, in the front yard, or on the street. Egg hunt for the kids. No RSVP required. 1813 Oxford Dr. in Maryville.

## This Week

**Choir Rehearsal** on Wed at 6:00 p.m.

**Youth Group** meets Wed at 7:00 p.m. starting with Compline in the Sanctuary.

**No Men's Bible Study** this week, resumes 4/15.

**No Ladies Bible Study** this week, resumes 4/16.

## Upcoming

**Second Sunday of Easter** Divine Services at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. with guest Pastor Rev. David Graves preaching at both services and leading *Congregational Bible Study* at 9:45 a.m. in the Social Hall. (Pastor Roberts will be away visiting family in Kentucky.)

**Where Praises Never End** A Hymn Festival with featured guest Rev. Dr. Stephen Starke on May 17, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. (see graphic below). Pastor Starke wrote many of the hymns in our hymnal (and Divine Service Setting Four). He will preach at both services on Sunday morning, present at Congregational Bible Study, and narrate the Hymn Festival in the afternoon. Refreshments will be available during a meet and greet following the hymn festival.



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