

**+ Tenth Sunday after Pentecost +**

*August 6, Year of our Lord 2023 | DS1 | Rally Day*

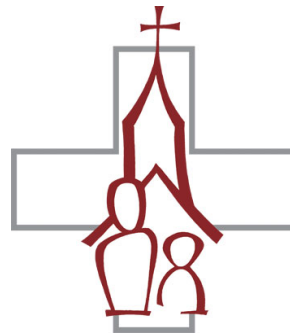


**Building Up the Priesthood at Praise**



## + 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 105:39–43; antiphon: v. 1*



**P** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;\*  
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

**C** He spread a cloud for a | covering,\*  
and fire to give | light by night.

They asked, and he | brought quail,\*  
and gave them bread from heaven in a- | bundance.

He opened the rock, and water | gushed out;\*  
it flowed through the desert like a | river.

For he remembered his holy | promise,\*  
and Abraham, his | servant.

So he brought his people | out with joy,\*  
his chosen ones with | singing.

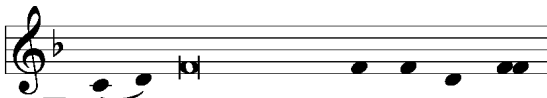
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;

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

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;\*  
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

### Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy, p. 152

*Mark 10:47*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. [2]

**A** For the peace of the whole world, ...Church of God, ...unity of all, let us pray... [3]

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray... [4]

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. [5]



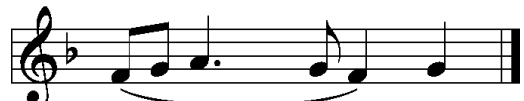
2. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



5. **C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis ~ hymnal p. 154 for music

Luke 2:14, John 1:29

- A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
- C** Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:  
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:  
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.  
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



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

- P** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 55:1-5

“Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.  
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
Incline your ear, and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live;  
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.  
Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,  
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.”

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

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

### Gradual

*Romans 11:33, 36*

**C** **Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!  
For from him and through him and to him are all things.  
To him be glory forever. Amen.**

### Epistle

*Romans 9:1–13*

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call— she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

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

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

### Verse of the Day

*Psalms 78:25*

**P** Alleluia. Man ate of the bread of the angels; he sent them food in abundance. Alleluia.

## Alleluia and Verse

*John 6:68*



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

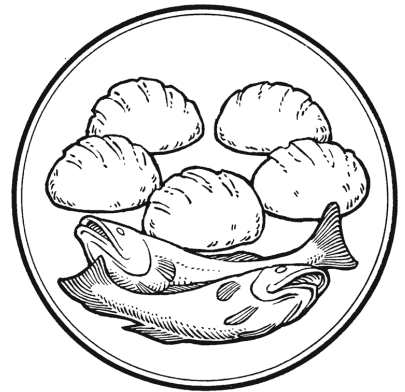
## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 14:13–21*

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.



Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## **Nicene Creed**

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

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

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

## Hymn of the Day: 642 O Living Bread from Heaven



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You  
 2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most  
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can  
 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly



feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en  
 ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me  
 death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed  
 food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,



Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of  
 The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly  
 The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not  
 To serve with ho - ly fear. And when You call my



bles - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this  
 giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of  
 mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my  
 spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,



gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.  
 life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.  
 soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.  
 through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

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+ Sermon +

Multiplying Loaves and Fish



## Offertory

*Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19*



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## 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

World: Praying for the end of the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia**.

Church: For the **Holy Spirit's work** to bring about repentance and faith in Jesus. For **safety and protection** for all who will excavate our land and lay foundation for our new Sanctuary, narthex, and parking lots. For **safety for our friends in Kenya** (Pastor Jasper and family).

Vocation: For **the unemployed**. For **veterans and our military**. For **those serving in hospitals and homeless shelters**. For **parents with children and those expecting**. For **those travelling** this summer. **Luke Johnson** starting new job in security at Oak Ridge National Labs. **Start of School season** in our communities. For **those who serve as officers of the court in our judicial system**.

Mourning: Family of **Brooks** (friend of Paul Ruble) who passed away and for his wife Julie. For family of **Buster** brother in law of a friend of Paul Ruble. For family of **Mary Croes** (member of First Lutheran, Knoxville), 98 years old, who passed away on 6/21.

Health: **Albert Caspers** (Sally Collver's father in MI) 97 years old, hospitalized. **Jeannie Lindenfelser** for lung cancer treatments. **Myrna Frazier** cancer treatments and treating recurrent pain caused by cancer. **Billye Raye Smith** chemo treatment for multiple myeloma. **Rick Gift** recovering after a cycling accident. **Ed McGillick** persistent dizziness caused by abnormal blood pressure fluctuations. **Carolyn Dickie** weakness (now home). **Janice Kaiser** health (thankful to be back home). **Larry Wacker** thanksgiving for heart cath. and replaced stent, for sustained heart health. **Lee Schuck** at Morningview. **Adam Uebelacker** knee injury at work. **Delora Roth** thankful for recent procedure for her leg. **Fred Hansen** recovering from follow-up back procedure. **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. **Carol Webb** (cousin of Linda Davis) recovering from fall from window. **Tim Smith** watchman heart procedure recovery. **Gary Moehling** (thanksgiving that he is doing better) recovery of balance and stability, further tests in October with a specialist. **Chuck Pettyjohn** recovering from open heart surgery. **Gary Kubin** recovering from back surgery. **Ole Johnson** recovery and good outcome of recent surgery. For **Alan Tokar** (Judy's husband) recovery from back surgery. **Lori Smith** hole in her eardrum, slow to heal. **Mary** (Ed & Sandy Bagley's daughter) Legionnaires' disease treatment. **Bob McDermott** dealing with Parkinson's symptoms. For **Karen** (Larry & Janet Moore's niece) recovering from surgery. **Theresa Lindsay** recovering from knee replacement. **Jesse** (friend of Laura Bisconte) health and mourning loss of her mother. For **Judy Kalkitis** health. **Sharon Yoder** recovering from tricuspid valve procedure. **Pastor Neil Vanderbush** at Immanuel, Memphis, recurrent multiple myeloma treatment. **Kay & Dwight** (Myrna's sister and Brother-in-law) for health and Dwight's cancer treatments. Rick



& Lisa Gift's family, **Terry & Ann Gift** (both with cancer). **A Teacher at Justin Gift's school**, fighting cancer. **Mary Schopmann** for strength and health. **Pastor Ed Maanum** of First Lutheran Knoxville, kidney function. For **June McDonnell** (lung health). **Jennifer Morsch** (Joel & Barbara's daughter) health. **Rachel Ernst's mother**: cancer treatments. For **Alan Stremsterfer's mother** health issues. For **Lisa Stremsterfer's father** health and stability. **Sheila Schnepf** (friend of Tom & Lois Schering) back pain. **Nancy** (Jim Vesper's mother) health. **Aurora Stevens** back treatments. For **Barbara Moyers** health. For **Kathy Bigger** (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. For all suffering from mental health issues. **Al Reuer** health. **Gregory Strege** (Phyllis's son, health). **Ken Payne's** health (friends of a friend of Jim Vesper). Kenna Chorney's mother: **Gail Rieman** (wound care). **Tim Smith** (heart and back health). Steve Kaiser's mother **Louise** (age 92) in Indiana. Andrew Hebar's Aunt **Kara** (struggling from cancer treatments). **Connie** (Andrew Hebar's friend) brain and lung cancer. **Bill** (Cathy Wacker's father) dementia, health. **Janeen Meier** (Maureen's sister) health.

**Birthdays:** Diane M 8/7, Chuck P 8/7, Carmella L 8/8, Corlis Williams 8/8, Janet M 8/10, Tonie H, 8/15, Jayden C 8/16, Kayla Del C 8/16, Carol E 8/17

**Anniversaries:** Tom & Lois S 8/7, Chris & Rose B 8/8, Jason & Megan C 8/8, Bob & Theresa McD 8/8, Travis & Shelli H 8/10, John & Courtney B 8/12

**Benediction** for those worshipping on 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 Tim. 4:22; Col. 3:1, Psalm 136





**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 God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
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.

### 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  $\text{✠}$  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."

### Proclamation of Christ

*1 Cor. 11:26*

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and grant us Your peace.

**Pax Domini**

*John 20:19*



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

**C** A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

*John 1:29*



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; 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: 641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart**

**Distribution Hymn: 774 Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy**

## Distribution Hymn: 602 The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

## Distribution Hymn: 584 Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing

### 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 all who seek the Lord re - jice 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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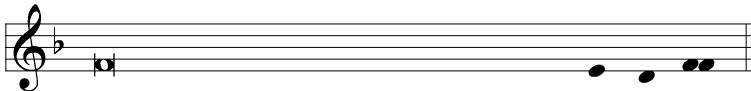
**A** Let us pray.  
... one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

### 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.



**C** A - men.

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## Youth and Families Announcements

**Middle and High School students**, buckle up for an end of summer slate of youth activities!

The next four Wednesdays are planned for both groups to savor the end of summer.

Begins at 7:00 p.m. and will end at 9:00 p.m.

- **August 9: City Scavenger Hunt:** Meet at church at 7:00 p.m. for a fun night of clues and competition to see who can complete the Scavenger Hunt first! We will be back to church by 9:00 p.m. for pick up.
- **August 16: Welcome & Goodbye Night:** This is our move-up event of the year! If you are a rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade student, this is your formal invitation to join us at church at 7:00 p.m. We will have special activities planned and will say “so long” to our rising 9th graders. Ninth graders you will be able to enjoy BOTH hours, the first as a farewell to middle school and the second as a welcome to high school! This event will be at church at normal times (Middle school 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. and High school 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)

**High School Camp Out** on Sept 1-3 at the woods of +Dick+ and Amy Mohr’s home. Please see Shelli Haynes for details. Shelby and

## Announcements

**Rally Day** sign-up sheets available TODAY for fall events: Bible Studies, Ladies Bible Study, Women's Retreat, Men's Bible Study, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, Youth Group, Sunday School, Choir, Altar Guild, Hospitality help, Boards, Mowing, and more! Please fill out and return to church or use this link to fill out electronically:

<https://forms.gle/tGNJwf3P5Zp7tid89>

**The Henkel Conference** starts TOMMOROW **Aug 7-8, 2023**: great speakers and more at Ascension Lutheran Church in Madison, TN. Visit [www.ascensionmadison.com/henkel](http://www.ascensionmadison.com/henkel) for more info. Pastor will be away at the conference on Monday and Tuesday.



**Progress on our build:** our land is being prepared for parking and footers for the new building are being poured. Soon contractors will pour the base layers of our parking lots, then we will simply transition from parking to the new lots (minus the top layer until after the building is completed). Visit [praiselutheran.com/build](http://praiselutheran.com/build) to see a video on the progress!

**Mowing Party** at the church this week, TBD. See Jim Roberts.

**Women's Retreat** sponsored by Ladies Bible Study at Praise will be held Fri-Sun, Nov 3-5 at the Bear Lodge at Tuckaleechee Retreat Center <https://tuckaleecheeretreatcenter.com> Stay overnight or come just for the day (Friday evening and/or Saturday). Topic: The Road to Emmaus. See Kris Smith and Barbara Morsch for details.

**\*\*\* sign-up TODAY \*\*\* Guess Who's Coming to Dinner event: Sun, Aug 20** from 6:00 (to 8:00 p.m.) Childcare provided at church begins at 5:30 p.m. (provided by our Youth Group). Hosts have volunteered and we are now ready for you to sign up TODAY. You will be matched with other Praise adults for dinner at one of the host locations! You do not need to bring anything, except love, joy, humor, peace, patience, kindness, and thanksgiving! Youth and babysitting will be offered at the church; this is an adult event. See Shelli Haynes for questions.

### *This Week*

**Youth** meet Wednesday (Middle School from 7 to 8 p.m.; High School from 8 to 9 p.m.)

**Choir** on break for the summer

**Ladies Bible Study** at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays with Barbara Morsch

**Capital Campaign reminder:** please review your personal commitments made to the capital campaign for the build to help keep our borrowing costs low as the build soon begins. Consider a "ground-breaking" gift to our building fund.