

# + Last Sunday of the Church Year +

November 26, Year of Our Lord 2023 | DS4

## + Confession and Absolution +

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



### Invocation *(pg. 203 in hymnal)*

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

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

### Exhortation

*Psalms 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

- 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 (spoken)

*Psalms 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV*

**P** In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

**C** **O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;  
let me know how fleeting I am!**

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,  
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

**And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?  
My hope is in you.**

Deliver me from all my transgressions.

Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

**Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears!**

**For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

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

In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

### Kyrie (spoken)

*Mark 10:47*

**C** **Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.**

### Te Deum (music p. 941 in hymnal)

**C** (sung) **We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting.  
To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs therein.  
To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory.  
The glorious company of the apostles praise You.  
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You.**

**The noble army of martyrs praise You.**

**The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You:**

The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable,  
true, and only Son;  
also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

You are the king of glory, O Christ;  
You are the everlasting Son of the Father.

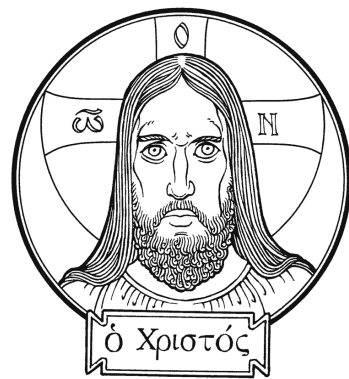
When You took upon Yourself to deliver man,  
You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin.  
When You had overcome the sharpness of death,  
You opened the kingdom of heaven to all  
believers.

You sit at the right hand of God  
in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that You will come  
to be our judge.

We therefore pray You to help Your servants,  
whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with Your saints  
in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage.  
Govern them and lift them up forever.  
Day by day we magnify You.  
And we worship Your name forever and ever.

Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.  
O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.



### Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

**P** Let us pray. Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24*

“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

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

## Gradual

*Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

**C** These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

**They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.  
Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 15:20–28*

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

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

## Verse of the Day

*Revelation 22:13*

- P** Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 25:31–46*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**



[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## 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 of the world to come. Amen.

**Hymn of the Day: 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is**



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

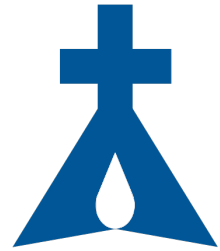
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**+ Sermon +**

**Separating the Sheep from the Goats**

## 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 a quick end to the war between modern-day **Israel** and the **Hamas**. For an end of the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia**. All areas and peoples around the world affected by fires, flood, earthquakes, and the like.

Church: For **missionaries, teachers, and evangelists**. For **safety and protection** for all who will be building a new Sanctuary, narthex, and parking lots for Praise Lutheran Church. For **safety for our friends in Kenya** (Pastor Jasper and family).

Vocation: For **foster children in our community**. For **veterans and our military** (including **Carter Felt** and **Tyler Smith** and **William Smolter**). For **those serving in hospitals and homeless shelters**. For **parents with children and those expecting**. For **teachers** in our community schools. For seminary students at CTSFW: **Aaron Wade, Will Bales, and Sam Bohnet**.

Loss and Mourning: Family of **Delora Roth** who passed to be with Christ on 11/13. Family of **Greg Nunnink** (98 yrs old, father of Tim Nunnink) who passed on 10/25, Family of **Joan Hoffman** (90 yrs old, faithful friend of Steve & Janice Kaiser) who passed away in Indiana. Family of **Jeanette** (Deb Wales's sister-in-law) who passed away on 10/7. Family of **Jeanne Lindenfesler** (78 yrs old, passed away 10/3). Family of the **Brekke family's Papa Gary**. Family of **Carylon Dickie** (91 yrs old, passed away 9/24). Family of **Maggie McCarty** (two-year old daughter of Pastor Nathan McCarty from camp) who passed away. Family of **Daidan Lance** (friend of Adam Uebelacker) who died from a motorcycle accident. Family of **Dwight** (Myrna's brother in law) who passed away, especially for Kay (Myrna's sister). Family of **Albert Caspers** (Sally Collver's father in MI) 97 years old who passed away.

Health: **Billye Raye Smith** (now home from UT hospital) recuperation and build back immunity after multiple myeloma treatments. For **Pete Gay** (Catherine Boute's brother-in-law) terminal cancer. For **Pastor Phil Young** (gall bladder removal) and his wife **Amy** (cancer treatments). For **Jeff Ratliff** (Mark's younger brother in Florida) cancer, kidney removal, and cancer in the back. For **Bob Goodrich** surgery recovery and adjusting to new pacemaker. For **Steve Clemmer** hip replacement recovery. For **Marty Smith** (Tyler [and Megan] Smith's father) rapidly advancing cancer treatment. For **Victor Sebahar** (friend of Fred Hansen), cancer in brain, lungs, and bone. **Alan Tokar** shoulder surgery

recovery. Charleston Snyder's grandmother **Nancy** (Sarah Thaemert's mother) in Knoxville, health. For **Lyndsie** (Levi & Suzanne's neighbor) cancer treatments. **Myrna Frazier** cancer treatment and health. **Ronnie Riggs** (friend of Paul Ruble) declining health. **David** (friend of Jerald Johnston's brother) congestive heart failure. **Lawrence McMichael** thanksgiving for prognosis from tests and good treatment plan to come. **Bill Solomon (Amy Mohr's brother)** eye condition. For **Marge** (Ted Wilson's former wife) valve replacement. **Gary Kubin** experiencing debilitating back and leg pain. **Sharon Yoder** recovering from mitral valve prosthesis trial (thanksgiving!). **Carol Ehrens** diagnosed with Thyroid cancer (slow growing). **Bronson Butcher** (Mary Schopmann's great-grandson) thanksgiving for successful robotic kidney tract stent and soon follow-up procedure. **Deb Wales's father** (health). **Anna Strege** broke arm in three places. **Landen** (family of Brian and Anna Strege) treating a rare virus. Rick & Lisa Gift's family, **Terry & Ann Gift** (both with cancer), Terry also fell and fractured his hip. **Jules Felt** recovery of health. **Harvey Booher** (Lori Smith's brother) recovering from heart attack and 3 stents. **Steve** (Lainey from Bible Study's husband) hip surgery recovery. **Ed McGillick** persistent dizziness caused by abnormal blood pressure fluctuations. **Janice Kaiser** health. **Larry Wacker** for sustained heart health. **Lee Schuck** at home, for her health and mobility. **Gary Moehling** recovery of balance and stability. **Rick Gift** recovering after a cycling accident. **Adam Uebelacker** knee injury rehab. **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. **Chuck Pettyjohn** recovering from open heart surgery. **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. For **Judy Kalkitis** health. **Pastor Neil Vanderbush** at Immanuel, Memphis, recurrent multiple myeloma treatment. **Kay** (Myrna's sister) for 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. **Al Reuer** health.). **Ken Payne's** health (friends of a friend of Jim Vesper). **Tim Smith** (heart and back health). Steve Kaiser's mother **Louise** (age 92) in Indiana. Andrew Hebar's Aunt **Kara** (struggling from cancer treatments). **Bill** (Cathy Wacker's father) dementia, health. **Janeen Meier** (Maureen's sister) health. Clients and friends of Jim Vesper: **Myron Farmer** (needing liver transplant), **Debbie Buckner** (peace and restoration), **Steve Phipps** (recovery from fall that broke both legs).

**Birthdays:** Rachel E 11/28, Steve K 11/29, Valerie V 11/29, Suzanne N 12/2

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

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also 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.

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

### Sanctus

*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

*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  $\text{✠}$  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**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

**Agnus Dei**

*John 1:29*



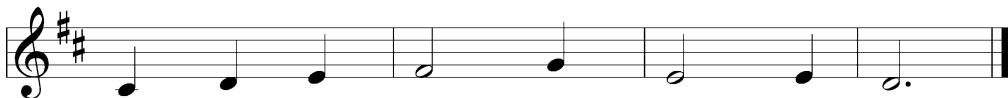
**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



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: 812 Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs**

**Distribution Hymn: 353 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring**

**Distribution Hymn: 851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us**

**Distribution Hymn: 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns**

## Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

- 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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Choir Director: Laura Bisconte, Choir Pianist: Susan Johnson

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

**Two Large Print Hymnals** are available in the back of church. Please ask those who are helping usher, play music, or manage the livestream equipment in the back of church.

## Youth and Families

Encourage your kids of all ages to attend **Sunday morning Bible study**. Younger children meet in the Sunday School Classroom across from the mailboxes while students from 6th grade through 12th grade (or equivalent) will meet in the Social Hall.

### Christmas Program Rehearsals during Sunday School K – 12th grade.

Meet in Social Hall



**TODAY, Nov 26:** 10:00 - 10:45 am Assign parts and costumes.

**Sun, Dec 3, 10, and 17** 10:00 - 10:45 am Rehearsal.

**Sun, Dec 17** 12:15 pm Dress rehearsal in Sanctuary (lunch provided)

**Wed, Dec 20** Children's Christmas Service; Arrive at 5:00 pm; Service at 6 pm; Soup Supper to follow (around 6:45 p.m.)

### Middle and High School Youth Groups on Wednesdays ~ Starting the Holiday Season

**Nov 29 Middle** (6:00 pm) and **High School** (7:00 pm)

**Dec 6 and 13** at 5:15 pm set up and serve Advent Suppers; Service at 7 p.m.

**Dec 20** at 5 pm for final prep for Children's Christmas Service which begins at 6 p.m. with Advent Supper to follow.

### Youth Catechesis Schedule

with Pastor Roberts after church, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Sun, Dec 3

Sun, Dec 10

Sun, Jan 14

10 Commandments (10 and close)

Apostles' Creed

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## Announcements



**Gifts for Foster Children** Due **NEXT Sun**, Dec 3. Checkmark the “delivered to” box on the **sign-up sheet** for tracking purposes and place your gift under the Christmas tree is up. Thank you.



**Poinsettia Youth Fundraiser** Free will donation in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Sign-Up sheet in the Narthex. Online donation (at [praiselutheran.com](http://praiselutheran.com), use “Poinsettia (Youth Fundraiser)” in the “Give” button) or place donation in offering plate and indicate Youth-Poinsettia.

**Adopt a College Student or Young Military servant** (members of Praise): please see Linda McMichael or Pastor Roberts about how you can help show care and love all year round and specifically before this Thanksgiving. Needed: 2 more families to adopt. Thank you to all of you who have already.

**Christmas Cards for the Military** join our youth in writing a Christmas card for those serving our county. Larry Moore is collecting them **by THIS Sat, Dec. 2**. Cards available in the Narthex.

**Youth Group** Wednesdays Middle School 6:00 pm, High School 7:00 pm

**Choir** this Wednesday at 6:00 pm

**Men’s Bible Study** Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary studying *Romans*

**Ladies Bible Study** Thursdays at 10:00 am with Barbara Morsch

**Young Adult** is Nov 30 at 8:00 pm: Trivia Night at Blackhorse Brewery

Announcements (see previous page as well)



### Progress on our build

Visit [praiselutheran.com/build](https://praiselutheran.com/build) to see a video on the progress! Current projects: roofing, placement of electrical, and interior framing. Parking lot preparation.

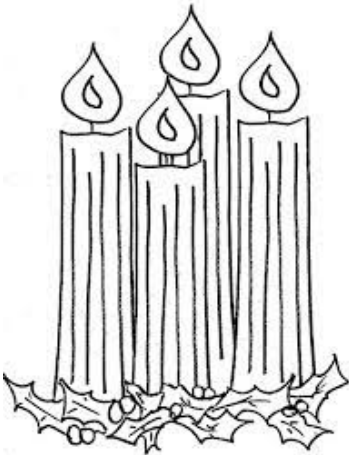
Building Fund Update	2023 Receipts	Total Receipts
Actual	\$279,789	\$905,072
Pledged	\$277,877	\$1,065,270
Remaining	-\$2,583	\$160,266

*Build Project total cost estimate: ~ 2.8 million (approximately 36% funded).*

**Voters Meeting on Sun, Dec 3 at 10:15 am** in the Sanctuary (between services) to review the 2023 Year-End Financial Estimate, review the Construction Loan report, and discuss and approve the 2024 Budget.

**Worship chairs:** If you're asking, "**What can I help fund?**" we are in the process of ordering **116 new chairs** in the same fabric and similar frame to complete the new Sanctuary. Cost is approx. **\$100 per chair** with shipping. *Please specify: Worship Chairs with your gift.*

*Status:* \$1,100 (11 chairs) have been given to date.



**Midweek Advent Suppers: Wednesdays, Dec 6, 13, (and 20) at 6:00 p.m.** Please help by contributing food each Wednesday—see signup in the Narthex. Youth are hosting and a freewill offering will help our youth go to camp and youth gatherings. Parents: please have your children at church at 5:30 p.m. to help with set up and serve (for the first two Wednesdays). Congregation will serve and clean up on the 20th.

**Children's Christmas Service on Wed, Dec 20 at 6:00 pm** with Soup Supper to follow.