

+ First Sunday after Christmas +

December, 31 Year of our Lord 2023 | DS3

Pastor Roberts is away today. The Service will be led by our Elders. Thank you for supporting their leadership in the service today.

A New Year's Eve hymn to contemplate silently before the service today:

Across the sky the shades of night
This New Year's Eve are fleeting.
We deck Your altar, Lord, with light,
In solemn worship meeting;
And as the year's last hours go by,
We raise to You our earnest cry,
Once more Your love entreating.

Before the cross subdued we bow,
To You our prayer addressing,
Recounting all Your mercies now,
And all our sins confessing;
Beseeching You this coming year.
To keep us in Your faith and fear
And crown us with Your blessing.

We gather up in this brief hour The mem'ry of Your mercies:
Your wondrous goodness, love, and pow'r Our grateful song rehearses;
For You have been our strength and stay In many_a dark and dreary day
Of sorrow and reverses.

We now remember, as we pray, Our dear ones in Your caring
Who brightly shine in endless day, Past death and all despairing.
At our life's end, Lord, as Your own, Bring us with them around Your throne,
The joys of heaven sharing.

Then, gracious God, in years to come, We pray Your hand may guide us,
And, onward through our journey home, Your mercy walk beside us
Until at last our ransomed life. Is safe from peril, toil, and strife
When heav'n itself shall hide us.



Opening Hymn for a Glad New Year: 390 Let Us All with Gladsome Voice



1 Let us all with glad-some voice Praise the God of heav - en,
2 To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sad - ness,
3 We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a won - der?
4 Christ, our Lord and Sav - ior dear, Be Thou ev - er near us.



Who, to bid our hearts re - joice, His own Son hath giv - en.
That with Him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in glad - ness.
There-fore praise God ev - er - more Here on earth and yon - der.
Grant us now a glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us.

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+ 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

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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.

Declaration of Grace

Mark 16:16; John 1:12

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

G Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit

Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10



The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,*
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!*

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.*

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;*

break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

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.

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,*
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

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

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

Hymn: 506 Glory Be to God the Father

1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
 2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
 3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
 4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of

God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
 spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
 Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
 an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!

Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
 Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,
 Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
 Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,

glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
 glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
 glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
 glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

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Collect of the Day

- L** Let us pray: O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.

The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

Gradual

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a

- C** To us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder.
And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

**Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!**

Epistle

Galatians 4:4–7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

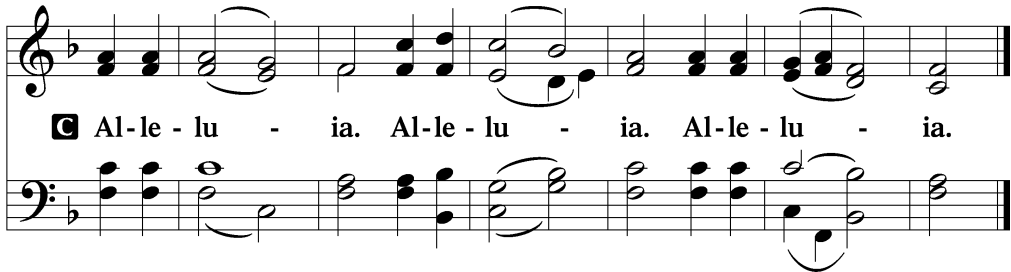
- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

Luke 2:30, 32

- L** Alleluia. My eyes have seen your salvation; a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. Alleluia.

Triple Alleluia



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

The image shows a musical score for a triple alleluia. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the treble staff.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22–40

- L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The image shows a musical score for the Holy Gospel. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.' are written below the treble staff.



When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male

who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation
that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

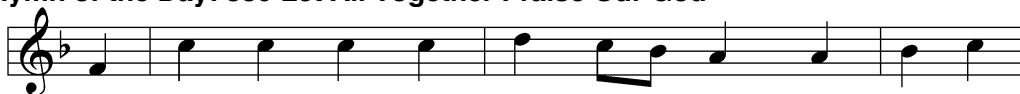
C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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: 389 Let All Together Praise Our God



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His
 2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an
 3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -
 4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To
 in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies
 at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The
 hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
 in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.
 splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.
 glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.

5 He is a servant, I a lord: How great a mystery!
 How strong the tender Christ Child's love! No truer friend than He,
 No truer friend than He.

6 He is the key and He the door To blessèd paradise;
 The angel bars the way no more. To God our praises rise,
 To God our praises rise. *(hymn continues on next page)*

△ 7 Your grace in lowliness revealed, Lord Jesus, we adore
 And praise to God the Father yield And Spirit evermore;
 We praise You evermore.

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+ Sermon +

A letter from Pastor Roberts on Luke 2:22-40

Read by an Elder Mark Ratliff at 9:00 a.m., Elder Ben DeHaven at 11:00 a.m.

Offertory

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 -



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. Residents and businesses in northern **Nashville** and **Clarksville**, Tennessee recovering from tornado damage.



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 **Ed Scarano** (former member of Praise, wife: JoAnn). 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 Lindenfeser** (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: For **Brad** (Phil & Carol Barnett's son) lung blood clots treatment. For **Michael Brown** (Joan Large's nephew) peace knowing cancer has spread. For **Billye Raye Smith** to build back immunity after multiple myeloma treatments. **Myrna Frazier** cancer treatment and health. For **Mary Ellen Brown** (heart health). For **Faith** (Jerry and Jennifer Kropp's daughter) health. For **Bill Miller** recovery from ruptured appendix surgery. For **Tom Williams** procedure in January for a spot on the lung. For **Rick Gift** (recovering from shoulder surgery). **Aunt Janeen** healing for physical and mental health (Maureen Roberts' sister and Pastor Roberts' Aunt). For **Frank Davis** (Leah Mohr's father) health. For **Pete Gay** (Catherine Boute's brother-in-law) terminal cancer. 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. 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** adjusting to new pacemaker. For **Steve Clemmer** hip replacement recovery. **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. **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. **Lee Schuck** at home, for her health and mobility. **Gary Moehling** recovery of balance and stability. **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 **Judy Kalkitis** health and Judy's son in law,

Larry (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). 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: Rose B 12/30, Audrey F 1/4, Theresa L 1/4, Lawrence M 1/10, Randy Groen 1/13, Camden S 1/13

Anniversaries: William & Kimberly S 12/30, David & Kenna C 1/4

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.

Benedicamus

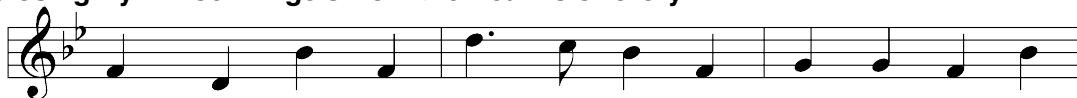
Psalms 103:1

A Bless we the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us. **C** Amen.

Closing Hymn: 367 Angels from the Realms of Glory



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in
 △ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
 beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,
 hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
 Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
 Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
 Ye have seen His na - tal star.
 In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
 To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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Prayer requests: if possible, please submit by 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays

Organist/pianists: Janice Kaiser, Susan Johnson, Gary Schauerman

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.

Middle and High School Youth Groups on Wednesdays

Middle School 6 p.m. Come ready to play Seated Volleyball and learn about God's word together in devotion and prayer. **Highschool 7 p.m.** Rummy and Bible Study!

Youth Catechesis Schedule

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

Sun, Jan 14

Apostles' Creed

Sun, Jan 28

Apostles' Creed

Sun, Feb 11

Apostles' Creed

Announcements

Thank you to everyone for the gifts and cards and food this Christmas! We are so blessed to rejoice with you in our Savior's birth and what it means for all the earth. Happy New Year and blessings until next week when we celebrate the Epiphany of Christ Jesus (a.k.a. the Gentile Christmas)!

Pastor Roberts and Family

Thank you to our Elders today for leading the services and for leading Bible Study.

Pastor Roberts will be **out-of-town** Dec 26 through Jan 3. Please contact Praise's head Elder for pastoral emergencies, Elder Chuck Pettyjohn: (865) 223-3471

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.

Youth Group Middle School 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Highschool 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

No Choir this Wednesday, resumes Jan 10.

Men's Bible Study on break until Jan 10.

Ladies Bible Study on break until Jan 11.

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: \$3,300 (33 chairs) have been given to date.

Lutheran Witness 2024 Subscription Sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please submit check or gift of \$15 and indicate *Lutheran Witness*.



Progress on our build

Visit praiselutheran.com/build to see a video on the progress! Current projects: Electrical in Sanctuary ceiling, drywall, steeple installation.

Building Fund Update	2023 Receipts	Total Receipts
Actual	\$330,320	\$956,115
Pledged	\$277,877	\$1,065,270
Remaining	-\$52,955	\$109,223

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