

# + The Transfiguration of Our Lord +

February 11, Year of our Lord 2024 | DS2

## + Confession and Absolution +



### Processional Hymn: 414 Tis' Good, Lord, to Be Here



1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy  
2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy  
3 Ful - fill - er of the past And  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, We  
5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet



glo - ry fills the night; Thy face and gar - ments,  
beau - ty to be - hold Where Mo - ses and E -  
hope of things to be, We hail Thy bod - y  
see Thy king - dom come; We long to hold the  
we may not re - main; But since Thou bidst us



like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
li - jah stand, Thy mes - sen - gers of old.  
glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.  
vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.  
leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt. Tune: Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750, adapt. Text and tune: Public domain

*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.



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

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;\*  
for the LORD our God is | holy!

**Kyrie** ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mk. 10:47

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

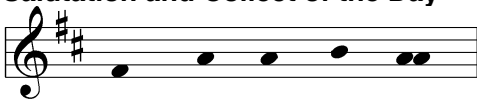
The musical notation consists of five staves, each with a treble clef and a common time signature. The first four staves each have a vocal line above the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy.' and a corresponding piano accompaniment below. The fifth staff has a vocal line above the lyrics 'A - men.' and a piano accompaniment below. The piano accompaniment is simple, using quarter and eighth notes.

**This Is the Feast** (*hymnal pg. 171-172 for music*)

Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9

- A** (sung) This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
- C** (sung) **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**P** Let us pray. O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same 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

*2 Kings 2:1–12*

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. And Elijah said to Elisha, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he said, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

Elijah said to him, “Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

Then Elijah said to him, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

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

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

### Gradual

*Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

**C** **Praise the LORD, all nations!**

**Extol him, all peoples!**

**For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

### Choral Anthem

*Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory (hymnal pg. 416 for words)*

### Epistle

*2 Corinthians 3:12–18; 4:1–6*

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

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

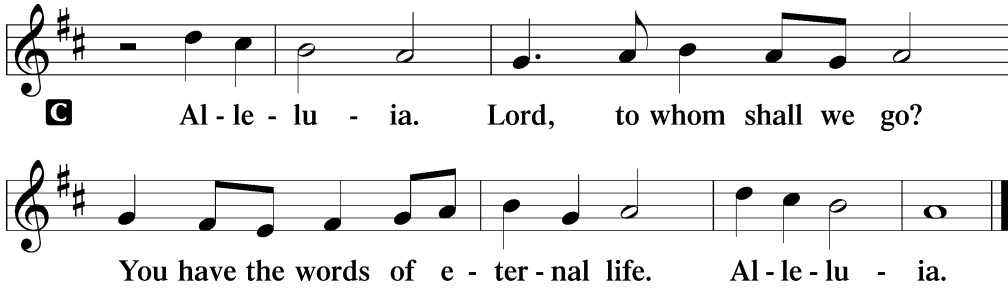
### Verse of the Day

*Psalm 45:2a*

**P** Alleluia. You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips. Alleluia.

## Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

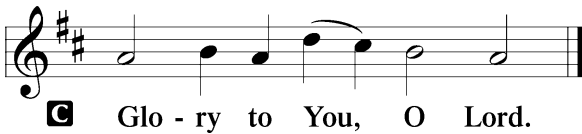


**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.



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

After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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



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



**Nicene Creed** (9:00 a.m. service only)

**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.

**Rite of Holy Baptism** for **Landon Patrick Richardson** (11:00 a.m. service only)

Born Apr. 24, 2023, Mother: Kaitlyn Eileen Clancy, Father: David Michael Richardson, Godmother: Kelly Colandro, Godfather: Justin Bravo

**Hymn of the Day: 413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair** (*see hymnal*)

+ Sermon +

**Transfigured on the Mountain**

**Offertory** (*hymnal pg. 176 for music*)

*Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19*

**C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

**Announcement of Offering and Greetings of Peace**

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; 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**. Safety for **those travelling in these winter months**.



Church: For **Christians in Nigeria** suffering persecution and martyrdom. For **the seminaries of synod and for the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church**. For **safety and protection** for those building our new Sanctuary, narthex, and facilities for Praise Lutheran Church. For **safety for our friends in Kenya** (Pastor Jasper and family).

Vocation: For **veterans and our military** (including **Carter Felt** and **Tyler Smith** and **William Smolter**). For **those serving in hospitals and homeless shelters**. For **teachers** in our community schools. For our circuit's seminary students: **Aaron Wade**, **Will Bales**, **Sam Bohnet**, **Vicar Daniel Bueckman**, and **Vicar Alex Ogden**. For parents with children and those expecting including: **Luke and Blair Johnson**, **Jackson and Bri Blankenbeckler** For the recently engaged including **Sam Bohnet** and **Kate Roberts**.

Loss and Mourning: Family of **Jeff Ratliff** (Mark's younger brother) who passed away 2/1. Family of **Myrna Frazier** who passed away on 1/27. Family of a **friend** of Becky Hamby, killed in an auto accident. Family of **Charlotte Kaiser** (aunt of Steve & Janice Kaiser) who passed away in Indiana. Family of **Bill Colver** (Al Collver's brother) passed away 1/6. **Family of Michael Brown** funeral was 1/6 and **Alice Brown** passed away 1/6 (Joan Large's nephew and sister-in-law), 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 **Jeanette** (Deb Wales's sister-in-law) who passed away on 10/7. Family of **Jeanne Lindenfelser** (78 yrs old, passed away 10/3). 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.

Health: For **Julie Bullock** (Tom Wittkopp's sister) failing heart condition, now in hospice. For **Alex Hick's grandmother** (recent diagnosis of frontal lobe dementia). For **Tim Smith** (home from hospital) heart health. For **Chuck Pettyjohn** recovering from hernia procedure. For **Adam Uebelacker** recovering from knee procedure. For **Faith** (Jerry and Jennifer Kropp's daughter) health. For **Rick Synyder** (Christopher's brother) thanksgiving for successful heart surgery. For **Tanner** speedy recovery (injured in a work accident), Tatum Smolter's fiancée. For **Tom Williams** recovering from lung surgery (thanksgiving that cancer was isolated). For **Matthew Flaska** elbow surgery recovery. For **Frank Davis** (Leah Mohr's father) recovering from a heart procedure. For **Gary** (friend of Matthew Flaska) thanksgiving after facial reconstruction (recovery from a fall). For **Doug Hammond** (Joan Large's son) recovering from heart surgery. **Heather Schopmann** (Mary's daughter) recovering from back surgery. For **Brad** (Phil & Carol Barnett's son) lung blood clots treatment. For **Billye Raye Smith** to



build back immunity after multiple myeloma treatments. For **Janeen Meier** healing for physical and mental health (Maureen Roberts' sister and Pastor Roberts' Aunt). 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 **Amy Young** (cancer treatments). For **Jeff Ratliff** (Mark's younger brother in Florida) cancer in the back. 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). **Deb Wales's father** (health). Rick & Lisa Gift's family, **Terry & Ann Gift** (both with cancer). **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. **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. **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 Frazier'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). 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:** Bill Burch 2/13, Ed B 2/18, Joshua K 2/21, Sarah K 2/23

**Anniversaries:** Chuck & Candace P 2/4, Doug & Ehdel H 2/8, Tim & Lori S 2/12, Willie & Laura DC 2/14, Bob & Rhonda H 2/18, Luke & Blair J 2/22

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

*2 Tim. 4:22*



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

**P** Lift up your hearts.

*Col. 3:1*



**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Psalm 136*



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### Proper Preface

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

**Sanctus** (*hymnal pg. 178 for music*)

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**C** (sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might: Heav’n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*p. 161 or 178*

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, ...now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Words of Our Lord**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

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

**Pax Domini**

*John 20:19*



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

**C** A - men.

**Agnus Dei** (*hymnal pg. 180 for music*)

*John 1:29*

**C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Distribution**



Please see our pastor for details about baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation of our church's teachings prior to taking the Lord's Supper (Communion) at Praise.

**Distribution Hymn: 415 Jesus on the Mountain Peak** (see hymnal)

**Distribution Hymn: 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image**

**Distribution Hymn: 578 Thy Strong Word**

**Distribution Hymn: 411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

**Distribution Hymn: 583 God Has Spoken by His Prophets**

**Thank the Lord** (*hymnal pg. 181 for music*) [*Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43*]; [*1 Chronicles 16:8–10*]

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

**Post Communion Collect**

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**L** Let us pray... now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Benediction**

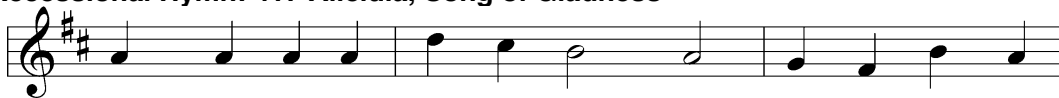
*Numbers 6:24–26*

**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.

## Recessional Hymn: 417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that  
2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -  
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while  
4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them  
lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,  
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions  
Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter



Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of  
All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -  
Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn  
With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -



God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.  
time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.  
ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

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Bible Study and Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

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**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 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**

**Feb 14: 7:00 p.m. Ash Wed. Divine Service**

**Feb 21: 5:30 p.m.** Set Up/Clean Up **Lent Suppers**, bringing desserts, Service at **7:00 p.m.**  
Please see Shelli for more information.

**Following Wednesdays in Lent:** set up/clean up **Lent Suppers** followed by the service.

### **Middle School Youth Retreat**

**Feb 16-18:** Fri – Sun in Wear’s Valley (at Flaskas’ cabin). Cost is \$60 per student.

**Sign-up deadline:** THIS Wed, Feb 14. Hope you can make it!

### **Youth Catechesis Schedule**

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

*TODAY* Sun, Feb 11

Apostles’ Creed

Sun, Feb 25

Apostles’ Creed

Sun, Mar 10 (*Day light savings time starts*)

The Lord’s Prayer

**One of our goals** this coming year is to mirror the progress of our physical church sanctuary by providing opportunities to build up the body of Christ here at Praise! Check your weekly bulletin and the bulletin board in the Narthex for more specific event details. Please mark your calendars and make sure to make these events part of your schedule:

April 27, 6:00 p.m. Church-wide Trivia Night

May 17, 6:30 p.m. Ladies’ Potting Party

June 2, 5:00 p.m. Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner

**Adopt a College Student or Young Military servant** (members of Praise): please see Linda McMichael or Pastor Roberts



## Progress on our Build

Visit [praiselutheran.com/build](https://praiselutheran.com/build) to see the latest on our build including videos and info on how you can help.

Building Fund	2023 Receipts	2024 Receipts	Total Receipts
<b>Actual</b>	\$345,752	\$13,541	\$985,088
<b>Pledged</b>	\$277,877	\$179,106	\$1,065,270
<b>Remaining</b>	-\$68,378	\$165,565	\$79,450

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

### Final 2 months of progress:

Sidewalks, Ceiling Lights and Beams, Millwork, Altar area (chancel, crosses, rail, kneelers), Flooring, Fixtures, Landscaping and Signage, Final (top) layer of parking lot, Stained glass windows (after occupancy: Apr-May)



**Worship chairs:** If you're asking, "What can I help fund?" we have ordered **116 new chairs** to complete the new Sanctuary. Cost is approx. **\$100 per chair** with shipping. *Please specify: Worship Chairs with your gift. Status: \$5,000 (50 chairs) given to date.*

**Help Fund Wooden Beams** for the new Sanctuary. The price of these were more than originally budgeted, these were deemed worthy to do now and an important architectural and meaningful feature. Seeking gifts to the Building Fund. Amount needed: **\$30,000**.

**2023 Contribution statements and 2024 Capital Campaign Commitments updates** placed in your mailbox in the Narthex. If you have any questions about your statements, please contact Financial Secretary Kris Smith or reach out to the church office.

**Choir** Wednesday 6:40 p.m. to warm-up before Ash Wed service.

**Men's Bible Study** on break until Apr. 10.

**Ladies Bible Study** Thursday 10:00 a.m. in Social Hall with Barbara Morsch.

## Announcements



**The Singing Saints on Sat, Feb 24: 7:00 p.m.** at Praise Lutheran Church. The *Singing Saints* of Saint Paul Lutheran High School of Concordia, Missouri. This touring choir is made up of 46 students from the 60+ voice concert choir and they will be performing a varied program that includes classic German choral works by Mendelssohn, Bruckner, and Haydn, as well as some hymns, anthems, and spirituals. The award-winning choir is under the direction of Dr. Jerrode Marsh. The concert is free, but donations are kindly requested to help cover expenses for their tour. Interesting to note, Saint Paul Lutheran High School is the only remaining LCMS residential high school in the United States, located in central Missouri, about an hour east of Kansas City.

**Housing for *The Singing Saints Feb. 24*** Need about 14 more homes to provide a bed and breakfast. Please contact Pastor Roberts or email [tina@praiselutheran.com](mailto:tina@praiselutheran.com). Indicate if you prefer boys, girls, or adults.

**Ash Wednesday Services:** THIS Wed, Feb 14 at 12 Noon and 7:00 p.m. (Lent begins)  
*Steeple Lighting Ceremony: Ash Wednesday after the 7:00 p.m. service only*

**Voters Meeting:** NEXT Sun, Feb 18 at 10:00 a.m. (between services). Agenda: election of officers, committees, build report and updates.