

## + Fifth Sunday in Lent +

March 17, Year of our Lord 2024 | DS3

## + Confession and Absolution +



Hymn of Invocation: 688 “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake (see hymnal)

## + 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.

### Absolution

*[John 20:19–23]*

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

## + Service of the Word +

### Introit

*Psalm 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: Psalm 43:1*



**P** Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,\*  
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!

**C** I love the LORD, because | he has heard\*  
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

Because he inclined his | ear to me,\*  
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.

**The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me,\***  
**I suffered distress and | anguish.**

Then I called on the name | of the LORD.\*

“O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”

**For you have delivered my | soul from death,\***  
**my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.**

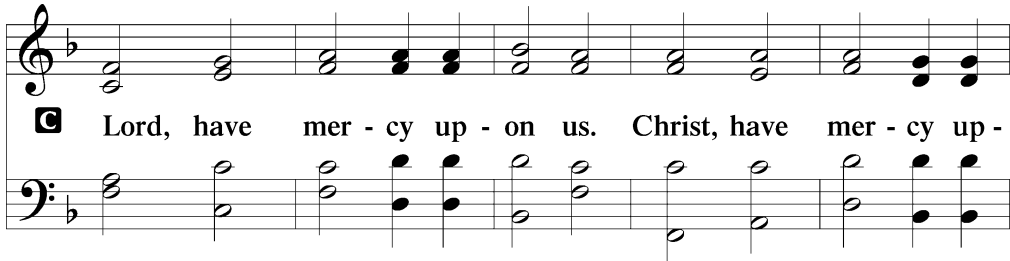
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

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

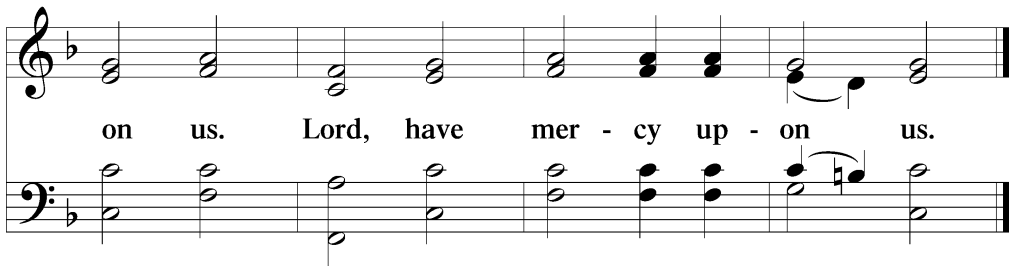
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from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!

### Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



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



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

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

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



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

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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

*Jeremiah 31:31–34*

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Hebrews 12:2*

**C** [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,  
the founder and perfecter of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,  
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

## Epistle

*Hebrews 5:1–10*

Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
after the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

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

### Verse of the Day

*Mark 10:45*

**P** Even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

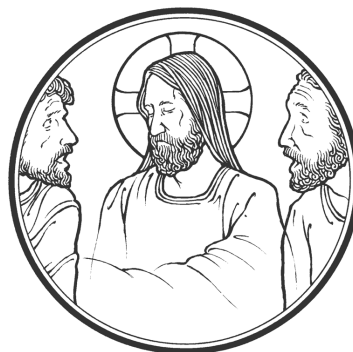
### Holy Gospel

*Mark 10:32–45*

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



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



And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.”

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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

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

## Nicene Creed

**G** 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: 430 My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es  
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would  
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their  
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,  
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,  
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
 Who at my need His life did spend!  
 And for His death They thirst and cry.  
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

- 5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away; A murderer they save,  
 The Prince of Life they slay Yet cheerful He To suff'ring goes That He His foes  
 From thence might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have; In death no friendly tomb  
 But what a stranger gave. What may I say? Heav'n was His home But mine the  
 tomb Wherein He lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine! Never was love, dear King,  
 Never was grief like Thine This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days  
 Could gladly spend!

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**Offertory** (*hymnal pg. 192-193 for music*)

*Psalm 51:10–12*

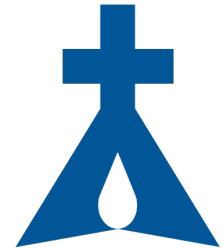
☞ (sung) **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

### **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, Casey Lawson, 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 the healthy birth of **August Johnson** (to Luke & Blair). For those expecting children including **Daniel and Monica Hendricks, Jackson and Bri Blankenbeckler**. For the recently engaged including **Sam Bohnet and Kate Roberts**.

Loss and Mourning: For **Terry Gift** (Rick Gift’s father) who entered the Church Triumphant. Family of **Bill Young**, sudden death (Kenna Chorney’s children’s father). Family of **Russ Smolter** (William’s father) who passed away 3/1. Family of **Kathleen Lane** who passed away on 2/27. Family of *Barbara Moyer’s grand-children’s mother* who passed away. Family of Deputy **Greg McCowan** (killed in the line of duty in Blount County). Family of **Gabriel** (Sharon Shower’s grandson) murdered in Alaska. 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 **For 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 **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 **Pastor Ed Maanum** who received new kidney on 3/7 at Vanderbilt. For **Mary** (Ed & Sandy Bagley's daughter) Legionnaires' disease treatment, recent surgery on her knee. For **Andrew** (son of a friend of Laura Bisconte) treatment for a mass in the base of his brain. For **another friend** of Laura Bisconte who needs good news concerning her heart condition. For **Steve Kaiser** (severe case of cellulitis in his legs). **Julie Bullock** (Tom Wittkopp's sister) failing heart condition, now in hospice. For **Larry & Cathy Wacker's daughter** cancer diagnosis limited to lymph nodes, for treatment. For **Carol** (Alex Hick's aunt) recent diagnosis of frontal lobe dementia. For **Tim Smith** (home from hospital) heart health. For **Chuck Pettyjohn** recovering from hernia procedure. For **Jane** (Steve Kaiser's sister) suffering severe back pain. 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** more tests on lungs. 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 **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). **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. **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. 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** in Indiana. Andrew Hebar's **Aunt Kara** (struggling from cancer treatments).

**Birthdays:** Julian M 3/17, Tyler S 3/20, Andrew H 3/2, Rosalyn L 3/24, Desmond L 3/26, Megan S 3/26

**Anniversaries:** Rick & Lisa G 3/20, Fred & Faye H 3/26

**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.



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

**P** Lift up your hearts.



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

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



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

### Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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

### Sanctus *(hymnal pg. 195 for music)*

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

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

### Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

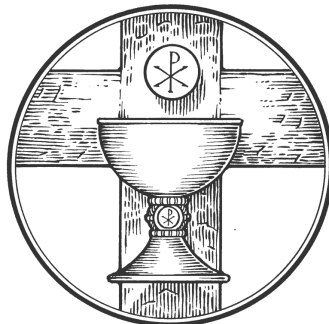
**C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine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

### The Words of Our Lord

*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."



## Pax Domini

John 20:19



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



## Agnus Dei (hymnal pg. 198 for music)

John 1:29

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

## Distribution



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

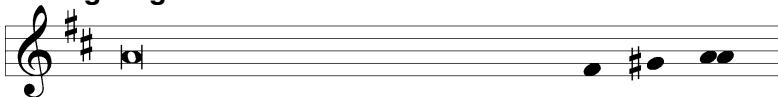
**Distribution Hymn: 594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It (see hymnal)**

**Distribution Hymn: 392 God Loves Me Dearly**

**Distribution Hymn: 564 Christ Sits at God's Right Hand**

**Distribution Hymn: 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

## Thanksgiving



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

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

**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** (sung) **Amen.**

**Salutation**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

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

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

**Benedicamus**

*Psalms 103:1*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

*Numbers 6:24–26*

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

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

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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 in the back of church.

## Youth and Families

Encourage your children to attend **Sunday morning Bible study**. Younger children, ages 5 years old to 5<sup>th</sup> grade, meet in the Sunday School Classroom across from the mailboxes while students from 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (or equivalent) will meet in the Social Hall. See our Sunday School teachers to see what ages we are equipped to teach and feel free to request or offer to teach something for those younger than our current setup.

## Middle and High School Youth Groups on Wednesdays

**Serve at Midweek Lent Suppers: arrive at 5:30 p.m.** to set up, serve, and help clean up.

See sign-up sheet in Narthex for your day to serve. Followed by the service at 7:00 p.m.

*Please see Shelli for more information.*

## Youth Catechesis Schedule

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

TODAY Sun, Mar 17

The Lord's Supper

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

**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

**Screen It First** A husband and wife team, with six children, who are members of Blessed Sacrament Lutheran Church in Idaho, are trying to produce a book review database for parents. They are looking for volunteers to help review books and submit their findings at [screenitfirst.com](http://screenitfirst.com). Their idea was inspired by Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." You would help thousands of parents be able to screen a book for various content before introducing it to their children. This is similar to a parent review for movies. Please join Mac and Jessica as they grow their book database and also please keep them and their volunteers in your prayers. More information in the Narthex.



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### Progress on our Build

Visit [praiselutheran.com/build](http://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
Actual	\$345,752	\$42,577	\$1,014,124
Pledged	\$277,877	\$179,106	\$1,065,270
Remaining	-\$68,378	\$136,529	\$50,414

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

**Final 2 months of progress:** Ceiling Lights (Sanctuary), Millwork, Altar area (rail, kneelers), Flooring, Fixtures, Landscaping and Signage, Final (top) layer of parking lot, stained glass windows (delayed until after occupancy).

**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**. Please specify “Wooden Beams” or “Building Fund.”

**ANNOUNCING: Match for Wooden Beam Donations:** an anonymous donor has offered up to \$15,000 (dollar for dollar) match for donations for the new Wooden Beams.

**Countdown until Occupancy of our New Building** The goal is to be safely in our new building for worship at an appropriate time when our General Contractor can secure a temporary or final occupancy permit from the City of Maryville. We will keep you posted but sometime between Sat, Mar 30 to mid-April (with the later looking more likely), but we won't know for sure until sometime in March. Stay tuned about how you can help the church make the transition and welcome many to hear and know the crucified and living Lord Jesus.



## Announcements

**Thank you** to all who helped with Landscaping this past week! Special thanks to Al & Sally Colver for providing lunches for the workers, to Amy Mohr and Chris Broyles and his crew from Broyles Lawn Service. We are blessed!

**Save the Date: Public Dedication** for the New Sanctuary, Sun, **May 19** (afternoon)

**Join our new Committee to Plan the Public Dedication:** please see Pastor Roberts, Tina Pierce, or Travis Haynes. First meeting will be **THIS Wed, Mar 20** after 7:00 Midweek Lent Service.



**Midweek Lent Service** every Wednesday through Mar. 20 at 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m. Theme: "Christ Handed Over." Come and worship+

**Midweek Lent Supper** Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Freewill donations for our Youth camps. Please sign-up in the Narthex to bring food on an upcoming Wednesday.

**Choir** Wednesdays during Lent at **5:30 p.m.**

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

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

### Holy Week

Mar 24 Sun, Palm Sunday, Divine Service, with Palm Procession

Mar 28 Thurs, Noon and 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday

Mar 29 Fri, Noon and 7:00 p.m. Good Friday

Mar 30 Sat, 6:45 p.m. Easter Vigil with Rite of Baptism for August Johnson

Mar 31 Sun, Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Divine Service): 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

**Easter Breakfast March 31** 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. Please sign-up to donate items for Easter Breakfast. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.