

+ Forth Sunday of Easter +

April 21 Year of our Lord 2024 | DS3



+ Confession and Absolution +

Hymn of Invocation: 475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
strew His way; Let all the world re - joi - ce and say:
can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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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 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b



P I am the good | shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

C The LORD is my | shepherd,*

I | shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green | pastures.*

He leads me beside still | waters.

He re- | stores my soul.*

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are | with me,*

your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my | enemies;*

you anoint my head with oil; my cup | overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,*

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.

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.

I am the good | shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

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.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The music consists of chords and single notes, with some notes beamed together.

Gloria in Excelsis (hymnal pg. 187 for music)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

P (sung) Glory be to God on high: **C** (sung) and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

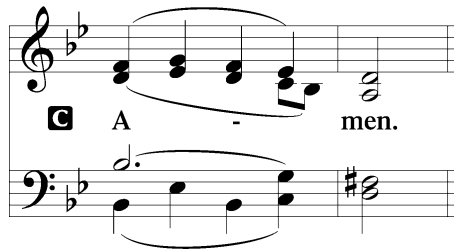
Salutation and Collect of the Day

P (sung): The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "And with thy spir - it." The music consists of chords and single notes, with some notes beamed together.

- P** Let us pray: Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



First Reading

Acts 4:1–12

As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

C Christ has risen from the dead.

God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.
He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
he has put all things under his feet.

Choral Anthem (11:00 a.m. service only)

The Lord's My Shepherd

Epistle

1 John 3:16–24

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

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

Verse of the Day

John 10:14

P Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. 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 staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.' are written below the treble staff, with a square box containing the letter 'C' at the beginning of the first line.

Holy Gospel

John 10:11–18

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

C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The image shows a musical score for a holy gospel. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.' are written below the treble staff, with a square box containing the letter 'C' at the beginning of the first line.

[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Musical notation for the Gospel of the Lord. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics "Praise be to Thee, O Christ." are written below the treble staff, with a square symbol (C) at the beginning of the first line.

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 (see hymnal)

+ Sermon +

One Flock, One Shepherd

Offertory (hymnal pg. 192-193 for music)

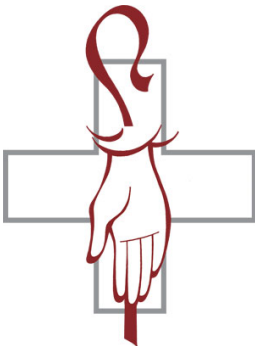
Psalm 51:10–12

☩ (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, Sam Bohnet, Vicar Daniel Bueckman, and Vicar Alex Ogden**. For those expecting children including **Daniel and Monica Hendricks** (early contractions) and **Jackson and Bri Blankenbeckler**. For the recently engaged including **Sam Bohnet** and **Kate Roberts**.

Loss and Mourning: Family of **Dave Berrier** (friend of the Hebars) who passed away suddenly. Family of **David Job** (friend of Jim Vesper) who passed away. For **Lila Reuer** (Al’s wife; Rhonda Heckman’s mom) who went to be with the Lord of Life on 3/26. 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 **Grabriel** (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 **Henry Berthiaume** killed in an auto accident, friend of Becky Hamby. Family of **Bill Colver** (Al Collver's brother) passed away 1/6. Family of **Delora Roth** who passed to be with Christ on 11/13. Family of **Jeanne Lindenfesler** (78 yrs old, passed away 10/3). Family of **Carylon Dickie** (91 yrs old, passed away 9/24).

Health: For **Paula** (friend of Jerald Johnston) who was hospitalized. For **Fred Goddard**, (nephew of Mary Ellen Brown) spot on lung, going for testing. For **Joan Large** stroke recovery at Patricia Neal. For **Linda Davis** treating anemia. For **Pastor Ed Maanum** who received new kidney on 3/7 at Vanderbilt. For **Mary** (Ed & Sandy Bagley's daughter) blood clot treatments. For **Hermon** (friend of Christopher Snyder) healing for shattered heal and infection. 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. **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** heart health. For **Chuck Pettyjohn** recovering from hernia procedure. For **Jane** (Steve Kaiser's sister) suffering severe back pain. For **Faith** (Jerry and Jennifer Kropp's daughter) health. For **Tanner** speedy recovery (injured in a work accident), Tatum Smolter's fiance. For **Tom Williams** more tests on lungs. For **Frank Davis** (Leah Mohr's father) recovering from a heart procedure. For **Doug Hammond** (Joan Large's son) recovering from heart 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. **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. **Pastor Neil Vanderbush** at Immanuel, Memphis, recurrent multiple myeloma treatment. **Kay** (Myrna Frazier's sister) for health. For **June McDonnell** (lung 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 and shoulder pain treatments. For **Barbara Moyers** health. For **Kathy Bigger** (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. **Al Reuer** health. Steve Kaiser's mother **Louise** in Indiana. Andrew Hebar's **Aunt Kara** (health).

Birthdays: Catherine B 4/21, Hannah H 4/22, Ann B 4/23, Rachel V 4/24, Adler S 4/25, Michele N 4/27, Alex H 4/28, Pastor Roberts 4/28, Jim R 4/30, Kris S 5/3

Anniversaries: *none for the next two weeks*

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.

Musical notation for the Preface. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The treble staff has a melody with lyrics: "And with thy spir - it." The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are: "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

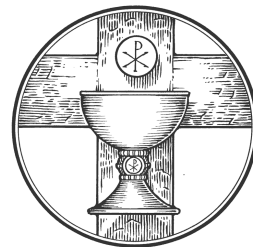
C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is 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 ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

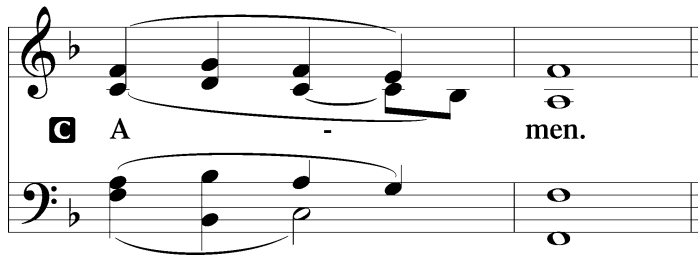
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



Pax Domini

John 20:19

A The peace of the Lord be with you always.



The image shows musical notation for the Pax Domini. 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 on the treble staff, starting with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5, then a half note D5. The bass staff follows a similar pattern with a half note G3, quarter notes A3, Bb3, and C4, then a half note D4. The lyrics 'A - - - men.' are written below the notes, with a large 'C' in a square box at the beginning of the first line.

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: 666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe (see hymnal)

Distribution Hymn: 782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

Distribution Hymn: 549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Distribution Hymn: 710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

Nunc Dimittis (hymnal p. 199 - 200 for music)

Luke 2:29–32

C (sung) **Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Thanksgiving

Psalms 107:1

A (sung) 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 A - men.

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P (sung) The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

Psalms 103:1

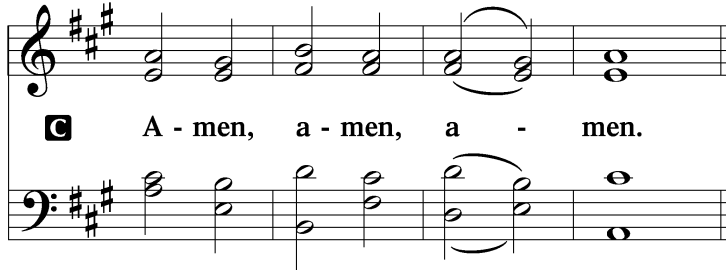
A (sung) Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

- P** (sung) 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 \dagger 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. Please ask those who are helping as ushers to locate a large print hymnal for you.



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Building Fund	2023 Receipts	2024 Receipts	Total Receipts
Actual	\$345,752	\$73,670 \$78,254	\$1,049,801
Pledged	\$277,877	\$179,106	\$1,065,270
Remaining	-\$68,378	\$104,436	\$15,469

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

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.

Youth and Families

Encourage your children to attend **Sunday morning Bible study**. Younger children, ages 5 years old to 5th grade, 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. 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

Wednesdays: Middle School 6 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. **Highschool** 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

High School Summer Retreat (save the date): June 7-9, 2024 (please sign up by May 1)

Catechesis at Praise



Youth Catechesis

with Pastor Roberts after church, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
Meet in (new) Social Hall

(final one until fall) Sun, Apr 28 Life and Worship (ordering our days acc. to God's praise)

Adult Catechesis

New group class starting soon!

Potential date and times (meeting at Praise for 6-8 weeks):

- Monday afternoons at 1:00, 2:00, or 3:00 p.m.
- Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday afternoons at 1:00, 2:00, or 3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday afternoons at 3:00 p.m.
- Select Sundays after church (interspersed with other events)

Please leave your contact and day and time preference with Pastor Roberts (or email pastor@praiselutheran.com) So far, 16 people have indicated interest!

What we'll cover: What do members of Praise Lutheran believe and confess about Christ and the Holy Scriptures? How do Lutherans regard the 10 Commandments? What do Lutherans believe about Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper? What is a Sacrament? How do sacraments differ from sacrifices? What are good works and who needs them? What are our vocations (callings) in life? Why do we call worship on Sundays and other festivals the Divine Service? When and why do we sing Matins? How and when should we pray? What were the some of the events of the Reformation that have had significant impact on our world today?

Upcoming Congregational Events

Please mark your calendars and make sure to make these events part of your schedule:

April 27 (! this coming Saturday !), 6:00 p.m. Church-wide Trivia Night

\$5 to play, snacks and drinks available for purchase

May 17, 6:30 p.m. Ladies' Potting Party (See DCE Shelli Haynes)

June 2, 5:00 p.m. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner (Sign-up now to be a host)

Wedding Invite: Rev. Derek and Gretchen Roberts invite you to celebrate their daughter's wedding, Kate Roberts to Samuel Bohnet, on August 17th, 2024 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at Praise Lutheran Church. Reception to follow.

Please RSVP by July 20th at www.theknot.com/bohnetandroberts

Youth Group Wed 6:00 p.m. Middle School and 7:00 p.m. High School

Choir Rehearsal Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Men's Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall

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

Young Adult/College Group Thursday at 8 p.m. Trivia Night at Blackhorse Brewing



The Altar Guild kindly suggests that women who use the common cup to please remove lipstick prior to communing. The linens require hand scrubbing to remove lipstick and it is breaking down the fabric. Thank you.

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

Tentative schedule (many volunteers will be needed):

1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Open House

3:30 p.m. Dedication Service with Special Guests

4:45 p.m. Celebration meal in Social Hall

COMING SOON: Sign-Up to help serve in preparing and during the Public Dedication on May 19. Please consider the needs the planning committee (headed by Tina Pierce) has identified for leaders and servants for the event. The goal is to make the day a well-publicized, well-organized, safe, tasty, and joyful celebration unto the Lord and day of thankfulness for all who contributed to the building project.

