

+ Seventh Sunday of Easter +

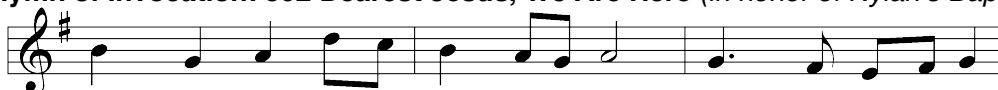
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Divine Services

Rite of Holy Baptism for Nylah Gift (11:00 a.m. service)

May 12, Year of our Lord 2024 | DS2



Hymn of Invocation: 592 Dearest Jesus, We Are Here *(in honor of Nylah's Baptism)*



1 Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, Glad - ly Your com -
2 Your com - mand is clear and plain, And we would o -
3 There - fore we have come to You, In our arms this
4 Gra - cious Head, Your mem - ber own; Shep - herd, take Your
5 Now in - to Your heart we pour Prayers that from our



mand o - bey - ing; With this child we now draw near
bey it du - ly: "You must all be born a - gain,
in - fant bear - ing. Tru - ly here Your grace we view;
lamb and feed it; Prince of Peace, make here Your throne;
hearts pro - ceed - ed. Our pe - ti - tions heav'n - ward soar;



In re - sponse to Your own say - ing That to You it
Heart and life re - new - ing tru - ly, Born of wa - ter
May this child, Your mer - cy shar - ing, In Your arms be
Way of Life, to heav - en lead it; Pre - cious Vine, let
May our hearts' de - sires be heed - ed! Write the name we



shall be giv - en As a child and heir of heav - en.
and the Spir - it, And My king - dom thus in - her - it."
shield - ed ev - er, Yours on earth and Yours for - ev - er.
noth - ing sev - er From Your side this branch for - ev - er.
now have giv - en; Write it in the book of heav - en!

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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

1 John 1:8–9

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit

Psalm 27:1a, 4–5, 10, 14; antiphon: v. 7



P Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;*
be gracious to me and | answer me!

C **The LORD is my light and my sal- | vation;***
whom | shall I fear?

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his | temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;*

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

For my father and my mother have for- | saken me,*
but the LORD will | take me in.

Wait | for the LORD;*

be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for the LORD!

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.

Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;*

be gracious to me and | answer me!

Kyrie

A (sung) 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.

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



C A - men.

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

2 Tim. 4:22



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

- P** Let us pray. O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

First Reading

Acts 1:12–26

Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it';
and

“Let another take his office.’

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

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.**

Epistle

1 John 5:9–15

If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day

John 14:18

P Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 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

John 17:11b-19

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.



[Jesus said:] “Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed or Rite of Baptism for Nylah Faye Gift, b. 1/3/23 (at 11:00 a.m. service)

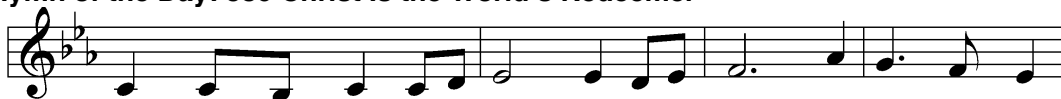
C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: 539 Christ Is the World's Redeemer



1 Christ is the world's Re - deem - er, The lov - er of the pure,
 2 Christ has our host sur - round - ed With clouds of mar - tyrs bright,
 3 Down through the realm of dark - ness He strode in vic - to - ry,
 Δ 4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, The un - be - got - ten One,



The font of heav'n-ly wis - dom, Our trust and hope se - cure,
 Who wave their palms in tri - umph And fire us for the fight.
 And at the hour ap - point - ed He rose tri - um - phant-ly.
 All hon - or be to Je - sus, His sole - be - got - ten Son,



The ar - mor of His sol - diers, The Lord of earth and sky,
 Then Christ the cross as - cend - ed To save a world un - done
 And now, to heav'n as - cend - ed, He sits up - on the throne
 And to the Ho - ly Spir - it— The per - fect Trin - i - ty.



Our health while we are liv - ing, Our life when we shall die.
 And, suf - f'ring for the sin - ful, Our full re - demp - tion won.
 Whence He had ne'er de - part - ed, His Fa - ther's and His own.
 Let all the worlds give an - swer: A - men! So let it be.

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Offertory (*hymnal pg. 176 for music*)

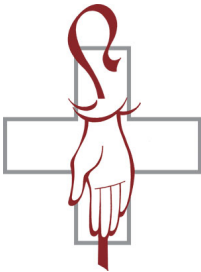
Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19

C (sung) **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**.

Church: For **Christians in Nigeria** suffering persecution and martyrdom. For **the seminaries of synod and for the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church**. For **safety for our friends in Kenya** (Pastor Jasper and family).

Vocation: For **Mothers** on Mother's Day. 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 **Jackson and Bri Blankenbeckler**. For the recently engaged including **Sam Bohnet** to **Kate Roberts** and **Turner Gough** to **Mandy Haynes**. For **Daniel and Monica Hendricks** rejoicing in the birth of **Lily** 4/24. Safe travels for **Rachel Vesper** who will be travelling to Australia. **Michael and children** (Flaska and Stolarcysk family) in Michigan. Birth of **Shepherd** (born to Madeline) the Nunninks' newest (and 9th) grandson, nephew, and cousin.

Loss and Mourning: Family of **Corey Baerns** (Marleen's son, Jeff's brother) who was fatally shot on 4/26. 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 **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.

Health: For **Sharon Yoder** who suffered a stroke 5/5. For **Nancy** (Jim Vesper's mother) in finals weeks or days in hospice care. For **Paula** (friend of Jerald Johnston) who was hospitalized. For **Fred Goddard** (nephew of Mary Ellen Brown) lung cancer treatment. For niece of Mary Ellen with a massive blood clot in her leg. For **Herman** her brother recovering from stent procedure. For **Steve Greene** (friend of Jim Vesper) dealing with multiple cancers. For **Gary Kubin** experiencing debilitating back and leg pain. For **Joan Large** stroke recovery (now home). For **Linda Davis** for healing from anemia related procedure. 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** and **son-in-law's** health and cancer treatments. For **Carol** (Alex Hick's aunt) recent diagnosis of frontal lobe dementia. For **Tim Smith** heart health. For **Chuck Pettyjohn** (health). 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 fiancée. 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. **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: Baylor S 5/14, Eugene G 5/20, Liam H 5/20, Shelby H 5/21, Blair J 5/22, Deb W 5/22, Marleen B 5/23, Mary Ellen B 5/24

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 The Lord be with you.



C And al-so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface ~ Altar Book (appropriate to the day or season)

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

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C 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

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

Lord's Prayer

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth...one God, now and forever.

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 ✠ 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



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

C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

C (*sung*) **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: 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table (see hymnal)

Distribution Hymn: 650 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Distribution Hymn: 735 Have No Fear, Little Flock

Distribution Hymn: 696 O God, My Faithful God

Thank the Lord

[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.**

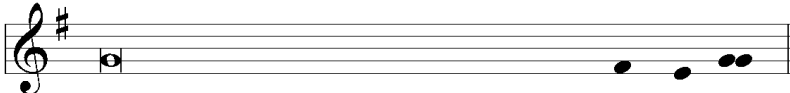
Post Communion Collect

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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.

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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.



Our address has changed: 315 Southdowne Dr., Maryville, TN 37801. Please update the church's mailing address if you mail in your contribution check or with your broker if you give gifts through a qualified charitable distribution.



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.



Visit praiselutheran.com/build to see the latest on our build and to **RSVP** for our Dedication on May 19 or use URL: praiselutheran.com/may19

Building Fund	2023 Receipts	2024 Receipts	Total Receipts
Actual	\$345,752	\$88,090	\$1,059,641
Pledged	\$277,877	\$179,106	\$1,065,270
Remaining	-\$68,378	\$94,593	\$5,629

Build Project total cost estimate: ~ 2.8 million (approximately 38% funded).

Thank you to all who gave to the Wooden Beams for the new Sanctuary. We have received more than \$15,000 and an anonymous donor will be matching those gifts!

Youth and Families

Summer Sunday School

Starting Sun, May 26 Please join us for the summer to learn about all of the different Heros in the bible. Meet for opening in the nursery of our new building (some students may be directed to classrooms from there). We welcome children ages 2 years old up to those entering 5th grade. For those entering 6th grade through high school, please join Shelli Haynes for bible study!

Middle and High School Youth Groups

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

High School Summer Retreat: June 7-9, 2024

Campfirmation Week: Sun-Sat, July 7-13, 2024 at Camp Linn Haven, NC

Catechesis at Praise



Youth Catechesis

Announcing the Rite of Confirmation for **Kathleen Del Carpio** on May 19, 2024, Pentecost Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. service. All other catechumens are on break until late summer.

Adult Catechesis

New group class just began:

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

- Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., continues this Tues, May 14.
Read: *The Way of the Ten Commandments* Lutheran Education brochure.

Please sign-up with Pastor Roberts (email pastor@praiselutheran.com).

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

NEXT Sun, May 19 Pentecost, Confirmation, and Public Dedication Day

9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Divine Service with District President Dr. Roger Paavola preaching. We'll have a 10:00 a.m. Bible Study in the Sanctuary that day, a congregational catechesis wrap-up with catechumen **Kathleen Del Carpio** who will be confirmed at the 11:00 a.m. service.

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

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)

Josh Wall will be graduating with his Doctorate of Physical Therapy on May 10th. Donna is hosting a celebration with lots of food and drinks on Sat, May 18, starting at 5:00 p.m. at 2860 Tuckaleechee Pike, Maryville. Folks can call or text Donna with questions and to RSVP (865-973-2450).

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

This Week at Praise

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

RSVP TODAY

Last chance TODAY RSVP for the Public Dedication for the New Sanctuary

Fill out form at praiselutheran.com/may19

Dedication events: **Sun, May 19:**

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

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

5:00 p.m. Celebration meal in Social Hall

Also: Please Sign-Up today to Help with the Dedication. See clipboards in the narthex.

Mailboxes are now moved to the new building of the church. Please note that your new mail box location may change from time-to-time as we expand our membership.

Lectors please relay any dates that you are unavailable from June through November to Tom Schering as he prepares the next schedule: (865) 681-7858.