

## + Fourth Sunday after Pentecost +

*Father's Day Sunday: Thank you, fathers, for your calling to serve the Lord as well as spouse and family with strength and compassion.*

*June 16, Year of our Lord 2024 | DS3*



## + 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 92:12–15; antiphon: v. 1*



**P** It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,\*  
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.

**C** **The righteous flourish like the | palm tree\***  
**and grow like a cedar in | Lebanon.**

They are planted in the house | of the LORD;\*,  
they flourish in the courts | of our God.

**They still bear fruit in | old age;\***  
**they are ever full of | sap and green,**

to declare that the LORD is | upright;\*,  
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness | in him.

**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.**

It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,\*  
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.

**Kyrie** (hymnal pg. 186 for music)

*Mark 10:47*

**C** (sung) **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Gloria in Excelsis** (hymnal pg. 187-189 for music)

*Lk 2:14, Jn 1:29*

**P** (sung) Glory be to God on high:

**C** **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.**

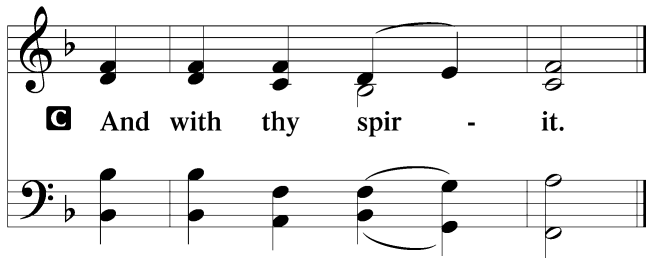
**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**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** The Lord be with you.

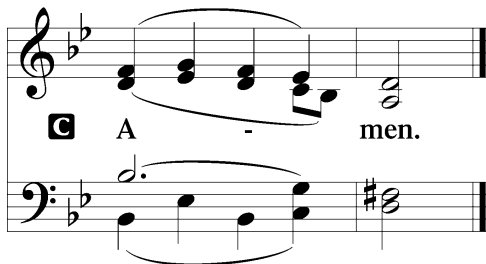


**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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**

*Ezekiel 17:22-24*

Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b*

- C** Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.  
On your wondrous works, I will meditate,  
and I will declare your greatness.

## Epistle

*2 Corinthians 5:1–17*

We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Verse of the Day

*2 Peter 3:18a*

- P** Alleluia. Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia.

## Triple Alleluia

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

The musical score for 'Triple Alleluia' is written on two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is a simple, repetitive sequence of chords and notes, with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.' written below the treble staff.

## Holy Gospel

Mark 4:26–34

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

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The musical score for 'Holy Gospel' is written on two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is a simple, repetitive sequence of chords and notes, with the lyrics 'Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.' written below the treble staff.



[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

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

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The musical score for 'Holy Gospel' is written on two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is a simple, repetitive sequence of chords and notes, with the lyrics 'Praise be to Thee, O Christ.' written below the treble staff.

## 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: 834 O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth



1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, Thy liv - ing  
2 Our fa - tal will to e - qual Thee, Our reb - el  
3 Thou cam - est to our hall of death, O Christ, to  
△ 4 O Spir - it, who didst once re - store Thy Church that



fin - ger nev - er wrote That life should be an aim -  
will wrought death and night. We seized and used in pride -  
breathe our poi - soned air, To drink for us the dark  
it might be a - gain The bring - er of good news



less mote, A death - ward drift from fu - tile birth.  
ful spite Thy won - drous gift of lib - er - ty.  
de - spair That stran - gled our re - luc - tant breath.  
to men, Breathe on Thy clo - ven Church once more,



Thy Word meant life tri - um-phant hurled In splen - dor through  
 We housed us in this house of doom, Where death had roy -  
 How beau - ti - ful the feet that trod The road that leads  
 That in these gray and lat - ter days There may be those



Thy bro - ken world. Since light a - woke and life be - gan,  
 al scope and room, Un - til Thy ser - vant, Prince of Peace,  
 us back to God! How beau - ti - ful the feet that ran  
 whose life is praise, Each life a high dox - ol - o - gy



Thou hast de - sired Thy life for man.  
 Breached all its walls for our re - lease.  
 To bring the great good news to man!  
 To Fa - ther, Son, and un - to Thee.

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**+ Sermon +**

## **Scattering Seeds for Growing the Kingdom of Grace**

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

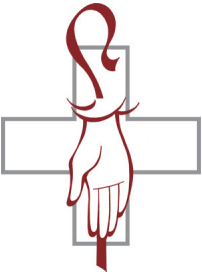
*Psalm 51:10–12*

- ☐ (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 +



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**.

Vocation: For the **vocation of fathers** on Father's Day (today). 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** and **Cole & Tamia Smith**. 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. **Michael and children** (Flaska and Stolarcysk family) in Michigan. Birth of **Shepherd** (born to Madeline) the Nunninks' family. For **Tony & Rhonda** (Seth Pierce's cousin) healthy birth of a grandbaby boy.

Loss and Mourning: Family of **Cheri Phillips** (Chuck Pettyjohn's sister in Missouri who passed away 5/25). Family of **Ruth** (Rachel Ernst's beloved mother) who passed away suddenly due to a heart attack. Family of **Aunt Beverly** (Becky Hamby's Aunt) who passed away. Family of **Julie Bullock** (Tom Wittkopp's sister) who passed away. Family of **Corey Baerns** (Marleen's son, Jeff's brother) who was fatally shot on 4/26. 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 **Jeff Ratliff** (Mark's younger brother) who passed away 2/1. Family of **Myrna Frazier** who passed away on 1/27.

Health: For **Bradley Happel** (Becky Hamby's brother) open heart surgery/quadruple bypass recovery. For **Sharon Yoder** released back to Maryville for more stroke rehab and therapy. For **Jerrald Johnston** (recovering from a health event requiring hospitalization, digestive system). Bill & Diane's son **Luke Miller** (a Lutheran pastor in the WEL's synod) treatment after (first) onset of seizures. For **June Latham** (Phyllis Bembas' sister) stroke and vision recovery. For **Pastor Ed Maanum** kidney acceptance and for **Jen Maanum** who donated a kidney. For **Nancy** (Jim Vesper's mother) in finals weeks or days in hospice care. 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 and for **Jessie** his niece recovering from knee surgery. For **Joan Large** stroke recovery (now home). For **Linda Davis** for healing from anemia related procedure. For **Mary** (Ed & Sandy Bagley's daughter) health. 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 **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 fiance. For **Tom Williams** lung cancer spot treatments. For **Frank Davis** (Leah Mohr's father) recovering from a heart procedure. 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 **Carol Ehrens** diagnosed with Thyroid cancer (slow growing). **Ed McGillick** persistent dizziness caused by abnormal blood pressure fluctuations. **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. **Bob McDermott** dealing with Parkinson's symptoms. **Pastor Neil Vanderbush** at Immanuel, Memphis, recurrent multiple myeloma treatment. For **Alan Stremsterfer's mother** health issues. For **Lisa Stremsterfer's father** health and stability. **Aurora Stevens** back and shoulder pain treatments. For **Barbara Moyers** health. For **Kathy Bigger** (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. Andrew Hebar's **Aunt Kara** (health).

**Birthdays:** Rebecca J 6/15, George V 6/15, Lee S 8/16, Alessa B 8/17, Jeff J 6/17, Barbara M 6/19, Levi 6/20, Sally C 6/21, Laura B 6/22, Jonathan R 8/24, Joan L 6/25, Christopher S 6/26, Phyllis S 6/27, Al C 6/28, Linda D 6/29, Bill M 6/29

**Anniversaries:** Levi & Suzanne N 6/23, Al & Sally C 6/27, Tom & Corlis W 6/28 (50<sup>th</sup> anniversary!)

**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.

Musical notation for the first part of the Preface, featuring a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics, and the bass staff contains a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "And with thy spir - it."

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

Musical notation for the second part of the Preface, featuring a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics, and the bass staff contains a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "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.

Musical notation for the third part of the Preface, featuring a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics, and the bass staff contains a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "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.**

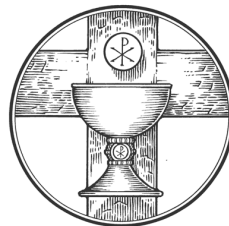
### Lord's Prayer

**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 always.

**C** A - men.

### 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: 894 For the Fruits of His Creation** (see hymnal)

**Distribution Hymn: 892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**

**Distribution Hymn: 921 On What Has Now Been Sown**

**Distribution Hymn: 923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word**

**Nunc Dimittis** (hymnal pg. 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

*Psalm 107:1*

**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** A - men.

## Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

**P** The Lord be with you.

Musical notation for the Salutation. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: **C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

Psalms 103:1

Musical notation for the Benedicamus. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: **A** 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.

Musical notation for the Benediction. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: **C** A - men, a - men, a - men.

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Choir Director: Laura Bisconte, Choir Pianist: Susan Johnson

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**Two Large Print Hymnals** are available. Please ask those who are helping as ushers to locate a large print hymnal for you.

**Our address:** 315 Southdowne Dr., Maryville, TN 37801.



**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.

**Ladies Autumn Retreat** (ages 18 yrs. and up) Sign-up in Narthex by Mon, July 1. We are trying to get a head count to make reservations. The theme for this year's (second annual) retreat is: *The Parodical Son*. The retreat will be: Fri, Oct 4, beginning at 4 p.m. and will continue through Sun, Oct 6. We'll depart at 10 a.m. to return to the Divine Service at Praise. Location: Bear Lodge at Tuckaleechee Retreat Center, Townsend. Either stay two nights at the cabine (Fri-Sat) or attend on Saturday daytime only. Estimated cost: \$150. The cost will decrease as more people sign up. We so enjoyed last year's retreat! Sign-up in the narthex today (deadline: Mon, July 1).



Visit [praiselutheran.com/build](https://praiselutheran.com/build) to see our build completion video!

Building Fund	2023 Receipts	2024 Receipts	Total Receipts
<b>Actual</b>	\$345,752	\$141,286	\$1,112,838
<b>Pledged</b>	\$277,877	\$179,106	\$1,065,270
<b>Remaining</b>	-\$67,875	\$37,820	\$-47,568

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

**Special Opportunity** to give a gift to the **Build Fund** now before rolling the Construction Loan over to a Mortgage. You will help the church reduce our monthly interest payments. Please specify: Build Fund on your gift (via check or online at [praiselutheran.com](https://praiselutheran.com)).

**Culver’s Fundraiser** amounted in **\$326 raised for the build fund**. Thank you to all who participated by serving others and buying supper.

**Shop at Kroger?** Link your account to Praise Lutheran Church in the “Community Rewards” area from your digital account for Praise Lutheran to receive community funds from Kroger. We were recently awarded a quarterly sum of **\$106.82** (because of 34 families who have designated the church in their profile). Thank you to those of you who are already signed up. Please reach out to the church office for help: (865) 977-5810 or [tina@praiselutheran.com](mailto:tina@praiselutheran.com)

**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](http://www.theknot.com/bohnetandroberts)

**Always Mercy** thanks Praise Lutheran Church for our “overwhelming generosity (which flows all the way from Tennessee to Kenya!” “...it was only two years ago that we began this project in earnest...In February of this year, we began work on our kitchen and laundry facilities which are complete. Rehema’s (Rehema Hospice and Clinic) professional nursing staff have seen hundreds of people in the clinic, and have cared for several patients in our inpatient wards and in their homes. What a blessing!” The full letter and a picture collage from Deaconess Pamela Boehle-Silva are in the Narthex by the mailboxes for your reading enjoyment.

**Planning Council** meets next Sun, June 23 in Social Hall after Second Service

## Youth and Families

### Summer Sunday School

Please join us for the summer to learn about all the different Heros in the bible. Meet for opening in the new nursery (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 (Book of Exodus)!

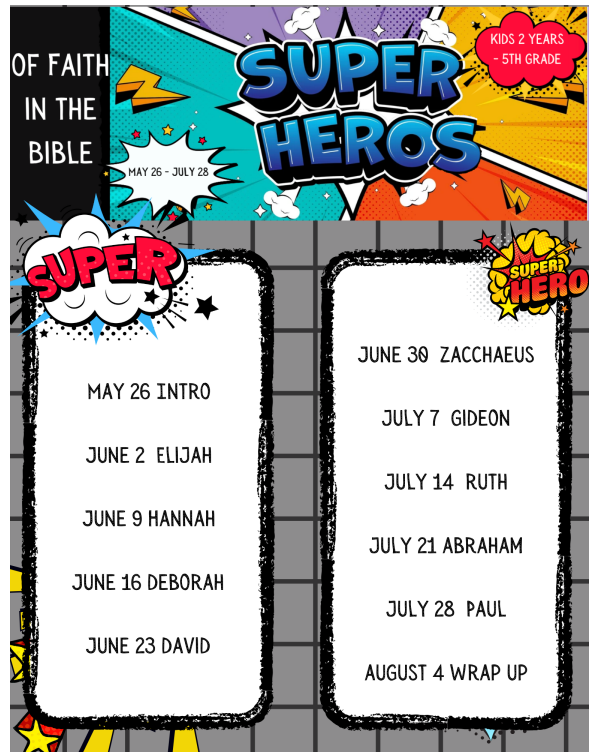
### Middle and High School Youth Groups on Wednesdays:

**Middle School** 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Highschool** 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### Campfirmation Week for middleschoolers, high school, and adult leaders:

July 7-13 at Camp Linn Haven, NC (approx. 30 from Praise are signed up this year)



## Catechesis at Praise



### Adult Catechesis

Tuesday evening, June 18 at 7:00 p.m. (in the Social Hall)

Topic: Finishing *The Way of Prayer in the Catechism and The Way of Holy Baptism*

### This Week at Praise

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

**Choir Rehearsal** on break until August.

**Men's Bible Study** Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall (Romans 11, part 2)

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