

## + Third Sunday after Pentecost +

*June 29, Year of our Lord 2025 | 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 85:8–10, 13; antiphon: v. 7*



**P** Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,\*  
and grant us your sal- | vation.

**C** Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,\*  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to |  
folly.

Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,\*  
that glory may dwell | in our land.

**Steadfast love and faith- | fulness meet;\***  
**righteousness and peace kiss each | other.**

Righteousness will go be- | fore him\*  
and make his foot- | steps a way.

**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.**

Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,\*  
and grant us your sal- | vation.

### Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*

Musical notation for the Kyrie, featuring a treble and bass clef, key signature of one flat (Bb), and a melody line with a star above the final note.

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

## Gloria in Excelsis, p. 187-189 for music

*Luke 2:14; John 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.

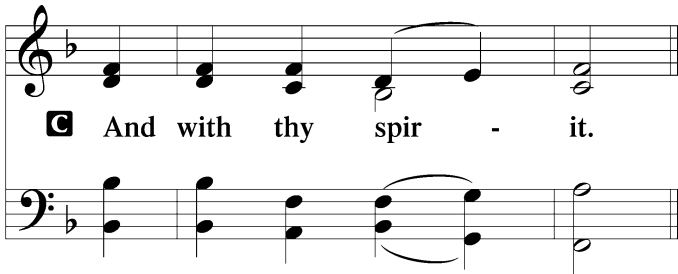
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

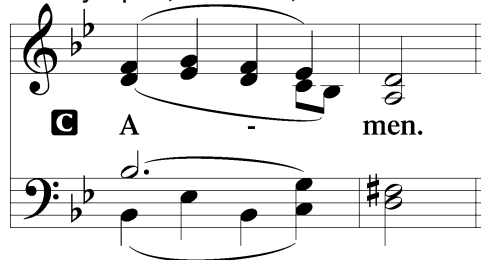
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

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



**P** Let us pray. Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Old Testament Reading

*1 Kings 19:9b-21*

Behold, the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your

prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” And he said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.*

**C** How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,  
who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.  
Their voice has gone out to all the earth,  
and their words to the ends of the world.

## Epistle

*Galatians 5:1, 13–25*

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. . . .

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

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

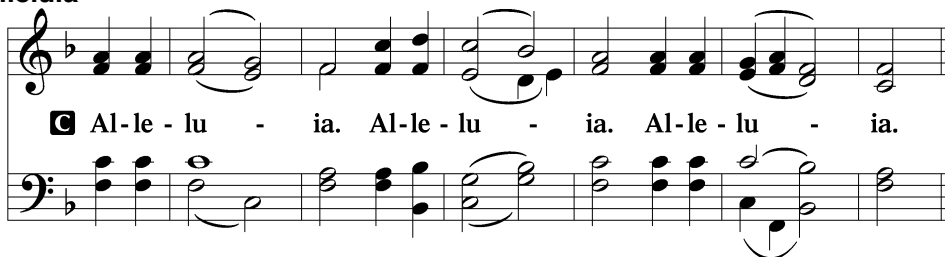
**C** Thanks be to God.

### Verse of the Day

*Luke 9:51*

**P** Alleluia. When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. Alleluia.

### Triple Alleluia

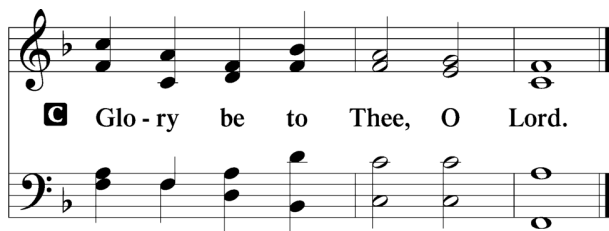


**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 9:51–62*

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



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

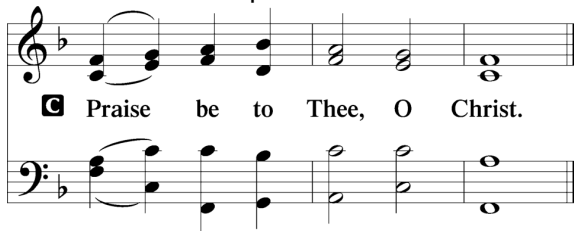
When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. But the people did not receive him, because

his face was set toward Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” But he turned and rebuked them. And they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”



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



**Nicene Creed** (1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Nicea)

**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:** 688 “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake (see hymnal)

Offertory

*Psalm 51:10–12*

**C** (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.

Offering

*Following the offering (when announced), 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).*

**Prayers of the Church** (see insert of prayers and announcements)

*Reminder for those watching at home to pray **The Lord’s Prayer**.*

*Benediction for those worshipping via 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.

The musical notation for the Preface consists of two staves, treble and bass, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'And with thy spir - it.' are written below the notes. A common time signature 'C' is indicated at the beginning of the lyrics.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

Two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes. The lyrics 'We lift them up un - to the Lord.' are written below the treble staff.

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

Two staves of music in G major. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, ending with a whole note. The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes. The lyrics 'It is meet and right so to do.' are written below the treble staff.

### Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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

**Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy, p. 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*

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

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



**forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Words of Our Lord

*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 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** (sung) The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**Agnus Dei, p. 198 for music**

*John 1:29*

**☐ (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: 430 My Song Is Love Unknown** (see hymnal)

## Distribution Hymn: 856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

**Distribution Hymn: 819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good**

## Distribution Hymn: 818 In Thee Is Gladness

**Nunc Dimittis, p. 199-200 for music**

*Luke 2:29–32*

**☐ (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** (sung) O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

The musical notation is for a two-part setting in D major (two sharps). The treble staff begins with a whole chord of D major (F#4, A4, C#5). The vocal line starts on D5, moving down stepwise to A4, then to F#4. The bass staff begins with a whole chord of D major (F#2, A2, C#3). The vocal line starts on D2, moving up stepwise to A2, then to F#2.

### 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.

A - men.

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### Salutation

*2 Timothy 4:22*

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

And with thy spir - it.

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## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*

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

Two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter). The bass line is: G3 (half), A3-B3 (beamed eighth notes), C4 (half), B3-A3 (beamed eighth notes), G3 (half). The piece ends with a double bar line.

**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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

Two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter). The bass line is: G3 (half), A3-B3 (beamed eighth notes), C4 (half), B3-A3 (beamed eighth notes), G3 (half). The piece ends with a double bar line.

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

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## + Prayers +

World: For **protection** and **peace**. For God to cease the wars between modern-day **Israel** and the **Hamas** and the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia**. For **fire, flood, and hurricane** recovery. For **Camp Linn Haven** (North Carolina) reconstruction after flood.

Concern for the Lost: For family and friends who do not know or have fallen away from the truth, grace, and love of the Savior, Christ Jesus.

Vocation: For our singles, parents, grandparents, and families. For our families expecting a baby: **Alex & Shelby Hicks**, **Luke and Blair Johnson**, **Elijah & Faith Miessler** (boy in Sept.), **Sam & Kate Bohnet** (boy in Aug.), and **Samual and Sarah Kropp** (girl in Sept.). 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** (vicarage placement in Louisville, KY), **Daniel Bueckman**, and **Alex Ogden** (call placements). **Michael Saxton** was placed as a convertible vicar at Grace Lutheran, Knoxville. For **children and families** dealing with difficult situations due to drugs, alcohol, violence, abuse, stress, and strife.

Recent Loss and Mourning: **Mona** (Angela Gift's mother) who passed away in Alabama. **Ruth** (Phil & Carol Barnett's sister-in-law) who passed away in WI. **Rev. Paul Meunch** retired LCMS pastor and missionary, 6/15. **Dora Reckow** (Mavis Johnson's 100-year-old aunt).

Health: For **Jeffrey Happel** (Becky Hamby's brother with ongoing health issues in Chattanooga) hospitalized. For **Kris Smith** (dealing with pneumonia and recovering from heart valve). For **Sandy Bagley** recovering from procedure to clear 3 blockages and 2 stents. For **Larry Wacker** (recovering from elbow surgery). For **Charlotte** (newborn great-granddaughter to Mary Schopmann) in the NICU (born a little early) and for her mother **Alexis**. For **Cole Hammond** (Joan Large's grandson) comfort in dealing with epilepsy. For **Margaret** (Justin Gift's great grandma) in ICU. For **Shauna** (Laura Bisconte's friend) cancer treatments. For **Pat Sweet** (friend of Ole & Mavis) fragile health condition. For **June McDonnell** recovering from falls and lung health. For **Tim Smith** heart and blood pressure health. For **Ted Frazier** headaches and blood pressure drops. For **Carol Ehrens** recovering from pneumonia. For **Lee Schuck** and **Gus** taking care of her. For **Pam** (Jim Roberts's sister) heart and respiratory issues. For **Derek Bryant** (friend of Mary Schopmann) kidney reception. For **Stephanie** (Larry & Cathy Wacker's daughter) for cancer treatment and stem cell treatment for **Kevin** her husband. For **Fred Hansen** recovery of strength after receiving aortic valve replacement. For **Bob Goodrich** health. For **Chuck Pettyjohn** for lung and heart health. For **George Vitzthum** cataract surgery recovery and for **Carole**. For **Ken Kropp** recovering from heart surgery. For **Kim Smolter** health. For **Emma Lu Kerekes** health and hospice care (in Oak Ridge). For **Gary Kubin** hip surgery rehab (now home). For **Ed & Barbara McGillick** health, pain and dizziness management. For **Haley Jenkins** (Ed & Sandy Bagley's niece) esophageal issues. For **Don Hammond** heart a-fib (Joan Large's son).

For **Rachel Ernst** upcoming rescheduled surgery. For **Margarete** (neighbor to Jim & Maureen Roberts) dealing with advancing cancer. For **Bill Frazho** (Paul Ruble's brother-in-law) lung and overall health. For **Ron Williams** (back at Foothills) and for his wife Pamela. For **Barbara Moyers** recovery from back surgery (now home). For **Marie Guinn** (Jennifer Kropp's mother) cancer treatment and health. For **Mary** (Ed & Sandy Bagley's daughter) health. For **June Latham** (Phyllis Bembas' sister) stroke and vision recovery. For **Fred Goddard** (nephew of Mary Ellen Brown) lung cancer treatment. For **Carol** (Alex Hick's aunt) frontal lobe dementia. For **Tom Williams** maintenance chemo treatments. For **Janeen Meier** healing for physical and mental health (Maureen Roberts' sister and Pastor Roberts's Aunt). **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. **Bob McDermott** dealing with Parkinson's symptoms. For **Alan Stremsterfer's mother** and **Lisa Stremsterfer's father** health. **Aurora Stevens** back and shoulder pain treatments. For **Kathy Bigger** (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. Andrew Hebar's Aunt **Kara** (health).

**Birthdays:** Al Collver 6/28, Linda D 6/29, Bill M 6/29, Ruth K 6/30 (90 yrs), Kimberly S 7/1, Tatum S 7/8, Larry B 7/9, Donna W 7/12

**Anniversaries:** Tom & Corlis W 6/28, Chris & Katie F 7/1, Jerry & Jennifer K 7/1, Andrew & Jennifer H 7/3, Ed & Barbara M 7/11

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Building Fund	2024 Receipts	2025 Receipts	Total Receipts
Actual	\$211,037	\$32,055	\$1,210,050
Pledged	\$179,106	\$42,744	\$1,065,270
Remaining	\$31,931 [over]	-\$10,688 [under]	\$144,780 [over]

*Build Project total cost: \$2,973,613 (approximately 38% funded).*

Gifts to the Build Fund are still encouraged (the extended Capital Campaign ends on December 31, 2025).  
Our total monthly mortgage payments to Lutheran Church Extension Fund: \$11,413 [breakdown: \$10,309 (new building) + \$1,104 (older building)]

## Youth and Families

**Summer Sunday School Series** for all children and students, age 2 through 12th grade! Join us for a fun-filled and faith-growing summer! We will drop off and pick up in the nursery.

*Did you know?* Our church has implemented a cohesive Christian education system! This summer our middle and high school students have been trained to take the lead on our summer lessons (under the guidance of early childhood education expert, Linda McMichael).

**NEW: Parenting Skills Class** starting June 22 and taught by Travis Haynes, who is a commissioned Lutheran school teacher. Travis has prepared a great course geared toward helping families in all life stages incorporate faith routines and rhythms into daily life as we live out faith daily. This class will start June 22 and go weekly through July 27 in the larger classroom off the kitchen.

We are hopeful parents of all ages will enjoy the summer opportunities for Christian education offered by Pastor Roberts or Travis Haynes.

**Middle and High School Midweek Youth** this Wednesday! Please make plans to join us for community building activities and devotions that are geared to life in Middle School (6:00 – 7:00 p.m.) and High School (7:00 – 8:00 p.m.)! Please wear clothes that you can move in, your water bottle, and Bible!

Support Our NYG Students & Shine Up Your Car! Help our students get to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July—buy a **Tidal Wave Car Wash ticket** for just \$12 (or 2 for \$20) and get a \$30 top-tier wash!

- Grab yours after service—let's send them off in style and sparkle!  
Thanks for supporting their faith journey!
- Swig Gift Cards—Perfect for these summer days!  
Looking for a sweet gift or fun treat? Grab a \$10 Swig gift card—perfect for fans (or first-timers!) of the beloved dirty soda shop.

Our students will be in the narthex every Sunday—stop by and grab yours with a smile!

**Campfirmation** is coming up July 6 - 12! Participants should have received a final email from Shelli with all details, packing lists, medical forms, and payment information - if you did not receive an email, please let her know!

Be sure to buy your **specialty mug**! Mugs are \$25 and order forms are available in the narthex! See Suzanne Nunnink with any questions.

**YouTube** was recently added to our service livestreams. Visit and subscribe to our page:

youtube.com/@PraiseLutheran

**Thrivent Members request:** we could use a \$250 Action Team gift card to help offset the cost of a new AED (goal is to order in July). Please see Jim Roberts if you need help applying.

**New Sunday morning Bible Study** series on *Christian Issues* (schedule of topics to come) with Pr. Roberts in the Social Hall. *Plus see Youth & Families classes.* Starts today!

**Ushers Needed** Looking for 4 volunteers to usher at the 8:30 a.m. service. Please contact Chris Broyles, broyleslawn@gmail.com, to sign up or ask questions. Thank you.

### **Today**

**Christian Ed Meeting** at 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. in the Social Hall

### **This Week**

**Choir on break** on break until announced in August

**Men's Bible Study** on break until announced in August

**Middle and High School Youth** Wed. Middle School (6-7 p.m.); High School (7-8 p.m.)

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

### **Upcoming**

**July 6-12 Campfirmation** NEXT WEEK at Camp Linn Haven in NC, depart after second service

**July 18-23 LCMS National Youth Gathering** in TWO WEEKS New Orleans

**September 26-28 Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)** Fall retreat in Tallassee, TN. Find more information in the Narthex to the right of the mailboxes. Not to be confused with our own Praise Lutheran Ladies Retreat (see below).

**October 24-26 Ladies Fall Retreat** *A Heart After the Lord's Own Heart* at the Tuckaleechee Retreat Center in Townsend. Our presenter this year is Stella Beabout. She studied in the Old Testament Exegetical Studies Ph.D. program at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO. Stella has lead numerous Bible studies and retreats for pastors wives, DCEs and various churches. She has five children and is married to Pastor John Beabout, Crossville, TN. There is flexibility in which days you wish to attend. Scholarships available. Pick up a brochure in the Narthex. See Kris Smith or Barbara Morsch for more details.