

# + Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost +

*October 19, 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 74:18–19, 21, 20a, 22a; antiphon: v. 2a*



**P** Remember your congregation, which you have pur- | chased of old,\*  
which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your | heritage!

**C** Remember this, O LORD, how the en- | emy scoffs,\*  
and a foolish people re- | viles your name.

Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the | wild beasts;\*  
do not forget the life of your poor for- | ever.

**Let not the downtrodden turn | back in shame;\***  
**let the poor and needy | praise your name.**

Have regard for the | covenant;\*  
arise, O God, de- | fend your cause.

**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.**

Remember your congregation, which you have pur- | chased of old,\*  
which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your | heritage!

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*

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

## Gloria in Excelsis, p. 187-189

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

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

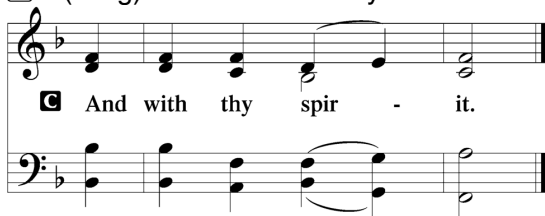
**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

**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. O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; 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

*Genesis 32:22–30*

The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

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

## Gradual

*Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

- C** He will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

## Epistle

*2 Timothy 3:14—4:5*

As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

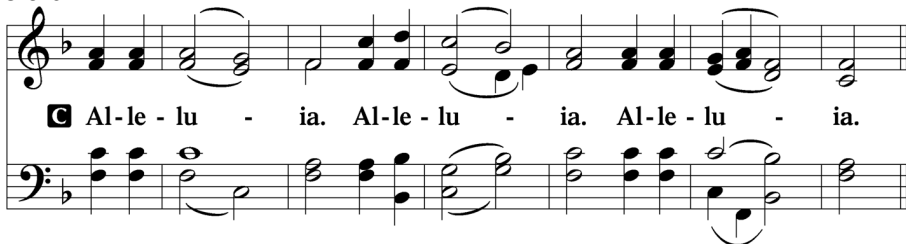
- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Verse of the Day

*Luke 18:8*

- P** Alleluia. I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth? Alleluia.

## Triple Alleluia



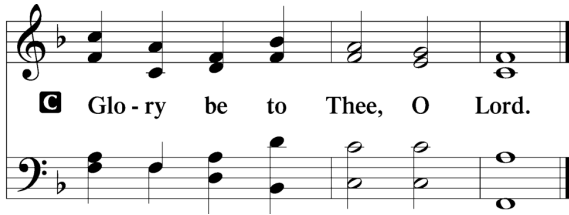
**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for a Triple Alleluia. It consists of two staves, a treble staff and a bass staff, both in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.' are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. A common time signature 'C' is placed at the beginning of the first measure.

## Holy Gospel

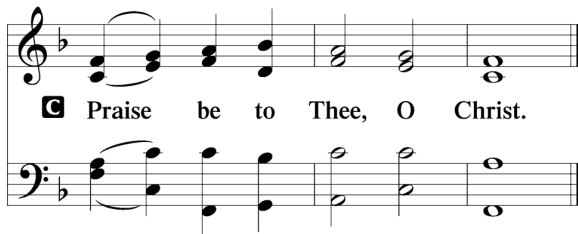
*Luke 18:1–8*

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



[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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



## Apostles' Creed

**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: 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -  
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,  
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter  
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less  
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I  
How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me  
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to  
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my  
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.  
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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Offertory, p. 192-193

*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.

**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** - see colored insert

*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.

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

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

### Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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

**Sanctus ~ 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*

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



## Agnus Dei, p. 198

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

**Distribution Hymn: 973 Thy Word Is a Lamp**

**Distribution Hymn: 725 Children of the Heavenly Father**

**Distribution Hymn: 940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name**

## Nunc Dimittis, p. 199-200

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

and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The vocal line (treble clef) starts with a whole note G4, followed by a half note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note G4. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) starts with a whole note G3, followed by a half note A3, a quarter note B3, and a half note G3. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

## 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.

Thanks be to God.

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## 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.

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

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For prayer requests to be added in the service, please submit by 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays. If your contact info has recently changed, please let the church office know. Large print hymnals are available (please check with an usher for availability).

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## + Prayers +

World: For **protection** and **peace**. For the continued end of the war between modern-day **Israel** and the **Hamas** and soon we pray between **Ukraine** and **Russia**. For **fire, flood, and hurricane** recovery.

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: Thanksgiving for the birth of **Magnolia** to **Samuel & Sarah Kropp** (Jerry & Jennifer's latest grandchild). For the birth of **Jonathan** to **Elijah & Faith Miessler** (born Sept. 20). For those engaged: **Jack Nunnink** and **Rachel Holst**. Thanksgiving for the healthy birth of **Judah** on 9/2 to Sam & Kate Bohnet (Judah is Pastor and Gretchen's grandson, Jim & Maureen's great grandson). For the recent **Baptism of Jack Kilbarger** (parents: Jake and Lillie Kilbarger) on 8/25. For **veterans and our military** for **Mason Burkett** (Mary Schopmann's grandson-in-law) deployed to Poland. For military servants: **Carter Felt, Casey Lawson, Tyler Smith** and **William Smolter**. For our families expecting a baby: **Joshua & Adelaide Arguien, Alex & Shelby Hicks**, and **Luke and Blair Johnson**. 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); **Michael Saxton** 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: For the family of **Jean Heine** (extended family of the Roberts) who passed away. For the family and friends of **Stephanie** (Larry Wacker's daughter) who passed away. For **Lisa Stremsterfer's father** who passed away 8/11. For the family of **Emma Lu Kerekes** (founding member of Praise) who passed on 7/25 (Memorial Service was 9/6).

Health: For **Renee Hickmon** home treating multiple blood clots [and for sister **Sherrie** who broke her foot in two places]. For **Fred Hansen** recovering from carotid artery procedure. For **Joan Large** recent gal bladder removal (now at Shannondale for rehab). For **Matt** (Becky Hamby's son) recovery from fall and leg surgery (long road ahead). For **Karen** (Janet Moore's niece, brain surgery recovery). For **Robert Brummond** (Tina Peirce's brother, Sydney's uncle) appendix removal and upcoming prostate cancer [stg 4] treatment. For **Bob McDermott** in hospice care at Life Care. For **Carol Ehrens** health and good days (hospice care at home). For **Fran Wehmeier** (Deb Wale's mother; surgery recovery from broken leg). For **Brenda** (Laura Biscote's aunt) upcoming oncology appointment. For **George Gorghis** (friend of Donna Wall) treatment for Lymphoma cancer, stage 4. For **Barbara Morsch** recovery after surgery for breast cancer. For **Chuck Pettyjohn** for lung and heart health (now home). For **Joel Morsch** recovery from a brain bleed. For **Janeen Meier** healing for physical and mental health (Maureen Roberts' sister and Pastor Roberts's Aunt). For **Lois Schering** (eye-lid infection). For **Fred Hansen** recovery of strength and health. For **Bob Goodrich** diabetes management and heart health. For **Linda Davis** a fib treatment. For **Rhonda Heckman** recovering from back surgery and for **Bob Heckman's** health. For **Don Hammond** heart a-fib (Joan Large's son). For **Cole Hammond** (Joan Large's grandson) comfort in dealing with epilepsy. For **Marvin Arcari** (Paul Ruble's cousin, Will Wade's brother-in-law) hospitalized and awaiting biopsy results. For **Sandy Bagley** health. For **Margaret** (Justin Gift's great grandma) in ICU. 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 **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 **Ken Kropp** recovering from heart surgery. For **Kim Smolter** health. 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 **Rachel Ernst** upcoming rescheduled surgery. For **Margarete** (neighbor to Jim & Maureen Roberts) dealing with advancing cancer. For **Ron Williams** (back at Foothills) and for his wife Pamela. For **Barbara Moyers** health. 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. **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. For **Alan Stremsterfer's mother** health. **Aurora Stevens** back and shoulder pain treatments. For **Kathy Bigger** (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. Andrew Hebar's Aunt **Kara** (health).

**Birthdays:** Keith D (10/20), Lily T (10/20), Joel M (10/21), Mark Y (10/21), Carol M (10/24), Jerry K (10/25), Pam S (10/26), Phyllis B (10/27), Billye Raye S (11/1)

**Anniversaries:** Larry & Cathy Wacker (10/19), Billye Raye & Kris Smith (10/20), Alan & Lisa Stremsterfer (10/20),

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**Church Operations & Christian Stewardship**

Building Fund	2024 Receipts	2025 Receipts	Total Receipts
Actual	\$211,037	\$53,433	\$1,231,429
Pledged	\$179,106	\$42,744	\$1,065,270
Remaining	\$31,931 [over]	\$10,689 [over]	\$166,159 [over]

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

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

**Online Giving** is available on our website, [praiselutheran.com](https://praiselutheran.com) (see the Give button). You can set up recurring gifts to select funds. “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Cor. 9:7

**Coins for Kenya** [submit donations in the clear water jug in the Social Hall] collected approximately \$48.00. Thank you for your continued generosity and support in helping those in need – Tina Pierce, *Always Mercy* Treasurer.

## Children and Youth Ministry

**Sunday School** begins at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday for all children and students age 2 on up. *Confirmed youth are encouraged to join the Congregational Bible Study with Pastor Roberts in the Social Hall.*

**Midweek Youth Group** will meet Wed, Oct. 22 at 7:00 p.m. starting in the Narthex with Compline, then move to the Social Hall. Open to all middle and high school students.

**Youth Fun & Games** is happening TODAY! We'll start with an Oktoberfest planning meeting right after the 11:00 a.m. service, then head to Culver's for lunch, and finish the day hiking in the mountains, led by Pastor Roberts.

**Youth Catechesis** will meet next Sun, Oct 26 at 12:30 p.m. Please bring your *Guided by Truth* journal, Bible, Catechism and lunch.

## Worship and Music Ministry

**Choir rehearsals** are held on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. *For updates and announcements, join PLC Choir on GroupMe (see Caleb for details).* Instrumentalists are also invited to reach out to Caleb about opportunities, which will be tailored to your availability.

**Piano lessons** are also available at Praise. Anyone age 6 and up (with a parent/guardian for children) is welcome to join instructor Caleb Hesse. For any questions or additional information, please reach out to our Director of Worship Arts, Caleb Hesse, at [caleb@praiselutheran.com](mailto:caleb@praiselutheran.com).

## Congregational Life & Fellowship

**Tom Schering is offering free Math Tutoring** up through calculus level; call (865) 681-7858

Visit the **library in the Social Hall**, where you'll find a wide selection of great books to enjoy. Free greeting cards for special occasions are also available, along with complimentary Thrivent shirts in various sizes.

The **Church Directory** is set for release in November. We plan to make this an annual update, available at the beginning of each church year. Updated photos can be emailed to Elissa Upward at [officeadmin@praiselutheran.com](mailto:officeadmin@praiselutheran.com) or, if needed, taken between church services.

**Veterans Pantry Donations** are being accepted in the Narthex. All items will be delivered to the Office of Veterans Affairs of Blount County.

**Call for Knitted Hats for Blount County Children** The fire department is once again accepting knitted hats for distribution this winter. Donations can be dropped off by Sun, Nov. 9.

## Today

**Issues Class** with Pr. Roberts meets at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday in the Social Hall. **Today's Topic:** *Unbelieving Family Members (What to do about)*. **Next Sun, Oct 26:** *Traditions within Worship*

**Youth Group Fun & Games Day** – Lunch and Hike TODAY after 11:00 a.m. service. Meet in the Social Hall for a meeting about serving at Oktoberfest, then lunch at Culver's, then the hike.

## This Week

**October 22 (Wed) Choir rehearsal** at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**October 22 (Wed) Youth Group** at 7:00 p.m., beginning with Compline in the Narthex.

**October 22 (Wed) Men's Bible Study** at 7 p.m., beginning with Compline in the Sanctuary.

**October 23 (Thu) Ladies Bible Study** at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall with Barbara Morsch.

**October 24–26 (Fri-Sun) Ladies Fall Retreat**, A Heart After the Lord's Own Heart, will take place at the Tuckaleechee Retreat Center in Townsend, Tennessee. Guest speaker, Stella Beabout of Crossville, brings deep Biblical insight and teaching experience, having studied Old Testament Exegesis in the Ph.D. program at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. She has led many Bible studies and retreats across the region. Scholarships are available for those in need. To learn more, pick up a brochure in the Narthex or reach out to Kris Smith or Barbara Morsch.

## Upcoming

**October 26 (Sun) Reformation Sunday** wear RED to match the paraments and commemorate the ongoing spirit of the Reformation. ***A Mighty Fortress is our God.***

**November 1 (Sat) Oktoberfest** at Praise from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Raise your steins and celebrate together our annual Oktoberfest! Enjoy a fun-filled evening of food (including member-made German sausages), music, and festivities for all ages. Activities for the kids include a TRUNK OR TREAT and special Oktoberfest fun for the adults. **Sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend.** *Also seeking food contributions: see the sign-up sheets with recipes in the Narthex.* Invite your friends and get ready for a great time! Pre-order now (or buy at the event) Oktoberfest shirts and event beer glasses (benefits our Youth's Campfirmation next summer).

**November 9 (Sun) Voters Meeting** between services at 9:45 a.m. to discuss and vote on the following: a) proposed budget for 2026, b) gift acceptance policy, and c) building fund designation. See emails for links to the documents and Building Fund Use Survey to fill out before the meeting.

**December 6 (Sat) Advent by Candlelight**, hosted by our Women's Bible Study, will take place in the Social Hall. This event is a special opportunity for women to kick off the Advent season with hearts centered on Christ, all while enjoying fellowship. If you'd like to host a table (decorating it and providing light refreshments), please sign up in the narthex.