

## + Last Sunday of Church Year +

*November 23, Year of Our Lord 2025 / DS4*

## + 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

*Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13*

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

### Confession of Sins

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 134; antiphon: Psalm 33:8*



**P** Let all the earth | fear the LORD;\*  
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in | awe of him!  
**C** Come, bless the LORD, all you servants | of the LORD,\*  
who stand by night in the house | of the LORD!  
Lift up your hands to the | holy place\*  
and | bless the LORD!  
May the LORD bless you from | Zion,\*  
he who made | heaven and earth!  
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.  
Let all the earth | fear the LORD;\*  
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in | awe of him!

### Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

### Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with your spirit.

**P** Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Old Testament Reading

*Malachi 3:13–18*

"Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.'"

Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. "They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

**C** These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

## Epistle

*Colossians 1:13–20*

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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

## Verse of the Day

*Luke 23:43*

**P** Alleluia. Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise. Alleluia.

## Alleluia and Verse



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



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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

## Holy Gospel

Luke 23:27–43

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”



One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

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

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## 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,**

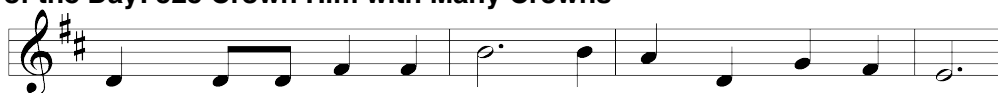
**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

### **Hymn of the Day: 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns**



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:  
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri-fied.  
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who  
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

### 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** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with your spirit.

**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.

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

**Sanctus, p. 208**

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

**Prayer of Thanksgiving ~ (see alter book)**

*p. 161 or 178*

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

**C** Amen.

**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

**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

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei, p. 210

*John 1:29*

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## 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: 767 Jesus, Remember Me** (see hymnal)

**Distribution Hymn: 634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord**

**Distribution Hymn: 436 Go to Dark Gethsemane**

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

# Nunc Dimittis, p. 211

Luke 2:29-32

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect ~ (see alter book)

**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.

**G** Amen.

## **Benedicamus**

*Psalm 103:1*

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Benediction**

**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** Amen.

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Sunday Divine Services weekly at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Bible Study and Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

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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).



## + Prayers +

World: For **protection** and **peace**. For the end of the fighting 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 births of **Beck Alexander** (great grandchild of Mary Schopmann) on 11/3. **Mason Lane** (grandson to Thomas) and **Magnolia** to **Samuel & Sarah Kropp** (Jerry & Jennifer's grandchild), and **Jonathan** to **Elijah & Faith Miessler** (born Sept. 20, baptized on 11/2). 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 & 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 family of (former member) **Don Wuethrick** who passed away. For the Family of **Debra** (Billye Raye's sister) who passed away 10/25. For family of **Bob McDermott** who passed away on 10/17. Family of **Amy** (Ed & Sandy Bagley's daughter-in-law) who passed away. 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 the family of **Emma Lu Kerekes** (founding member of Praise) who passed on 7/25 (Memorial Service was 9/6).

Health: For health of **Shelby Hicks** and anticipated birth of baby **Silas** in upcoming weeks. For **Catherine Boute** recovering from knee replacement surgery. For Maryville Police officer **Justin Brown** who was injured in motorcycle accident. For **Chuck Pettyjohn** for lung and heart health (temporary dialysis treatments). For **Tonia Latham** (Phyllis Bembas's niece) health recovery. For **Sandra Wendland** upcoming surgery recovery. For **Robert Brummond** (Tina Peirce's brother, Sydney's uncle) healing and recovery from surgery. For **Lori Smith** recovering from shoulder surgery. For **Tom Williams** health and more upcoming chemo treatments. For **Gene Stern** (father of Cheryl Denton) who has a fracture in his back and is waiting to see a specialist. For **Ed McGillick** (broken ankle recovery and rehab at Morningview). For **Todd Stubelt** (nephew of Sharon Felker) stage 4 brain cancer and **Cheryl Dunnington** (cousin of Sharon Felker) Alzheimer's. For **Fred Hansen** carotid artery procedures (one recent, another in several weeks). For **Renee Hickmon** home treating multiple blood clots [and for sister **Sherrie** who broke her foot in two places]. For **Joan Large** recent gall bladder removal (now home). 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 **Carol Ehrens** health and good days (hospice care at home). For **Brenda** (Laura Bisconte's aunt) cancer surgery recover and treatments. For **George Gorghis** (friend of Donna Wall) treatment for Lymphoma cancer, stage 4. For **Janeen Meier** healing for physical and mental health (Maureen Roberts' sister and Pastor Roberts's Aunt). 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) cancer. For **Sandy Bagley** health. 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 **Gary Kubin** back and leg pain. 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** (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. **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:** Xavier R (11/23), Brian St (11/23), Angela G (11/24), Joe H (11/24), John H (11/24), Laura Bur (11/25), Rachel E (11/28), Steve K (11/29), Valerie V (11/29), Mel Weh (11/29), Nicole Fritts (11/30), Suzanne N (12/2), Everett U (12/2), Lisa G (12/3), Tiana C-S (12/4), Stefanie McC (12/4), Jim V (12/5), Cheryl De (12/6), Rebecca K (12/6)

**Anniversaries:** Jim & Maureen Roberts (11/23), Bob & Beverly Miller (11/24), Brian & Rachel Ernst (11/27), Larry & Theresa Lindsey (11/27)

**Church Operations & Christian Stewardship**

Building Fund	2024 Receipts	2025 Receipts	Total Receipts
Actual	\$211,037	\$55,633	\$1,233,629
Pledged	\$179,106	\$42,744	\$1,065,270
Remaining	\$31,931 [over]	\$12,889 [over]	\$168,359 [over]

*As of 10/28/25 the new loan balance is \$1,887,180.95. The Build Project total cost was \$2,973,613 (approximately 41% funded). We encourage special gifts to help paydown the principal.*

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

## Children and Youth Ministry

The **Children's Christmas Service and Hymn Sing** will take place on Fri, Dec 19 at 7:00 p.m. The program features the Gospel of Christ's birth and will feature the handbell choir. A sign-up form for children participating was sent in our congregational email newsletter or can be completed by going to <https://forms.gle/w42GUPorTWrVQ6qD6> or the QR code. Parents, please submit forms promptly so parts can be assigned, and the practice schedule (aligned with Sunday School) can be shared. Any questions can be directed to Shelby Hicks and Caleb Hesse.



**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.*

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

**Midweek Youth Group** is on break until Mid-January. Come to Mid-week Advent meals and services. Open to all middle and high school students.

**December 14 (Sun) Youth Group Fun and Games Night** from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Nunnink's. Please bring a \$15 gift card or gift certificate from your favorite store or restaurant! Dinner and dessert will be provided. Please contact Levi or Suzanne Nunnink to RSVP.

## 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

**Donations for the Veterans Pantry** may be placed in the Narthex near the kitchenette. They are delivered on a regular basis to the Blount County Office of Veterans Affairs.

Thank you to everyone who picked up a **Holiday Gift Sponsorship** envelope. We're excited to partner with **Foster Families of Blount County** to provide Christmas gifts for 20 children in need. **Please return all gifts by next Sunday, November 30.** Thank you for sharing the love of Christ through your generosity this Christmas season!

## Today

**Issues Class** with Pr. Roberts will meet today in the Social Hall following the 8:30 a.m. service. Today's topic: *More Differences between Lutherans and...*

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## This Week

**November 26 (Wed) Thanksgiving Eve Service** at 12 noon and 7:00 p.m. Come and give thanks to God in Christ Jesus for the bountiful goodness we have received throughout the year.

## Upcoming

**November 30 (Sun) First Sunday in Advent** and the lectionary resets to Year A. The majority of Holy Gospel readings for Sundays will be from St. Matthew the Evangelist.

**December 3, 10, 17 (Wed) Advent Midweek Services** at noon and 7:00 p.m. with Soup and Sandwich Supper at 6:00 p.m.

**December 6 (Sat) Advent by Candlelight**, hosted by our Women's Bible Study, will take place in the Social Hall. It's a wonderful opportunity for women to begin the Advent season with hearts focused on Christ while enjoying meaningful fellowship. If you'd like to attend and sit at a specific hostess's table, please sign up in the narthex under her name.



**December 14 (Sun) Youth Group Fun and Games Night** from 5:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. at the Nunnink's.

**December 19 (Fri) Children's Christmas Service A**  
*Children's Christmas Hymn Sing* at 7:00 p.m.

