

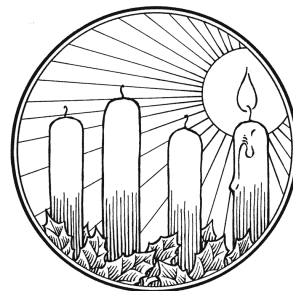
+ First Sunday in Advent +

November 30, Year of our Lord 2025 | DS1

Opening Hymn: 331 The Advent of Our King (see hymnal)

+ Confession and Absolution +

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.



Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

Confession of Sins

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

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

C Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit: 928 Song of Hannah



My heart ex-ul-ts in the LORD; I re-joice in Your sal - va - tion.



L Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;
righteous and having sal- | vation.

Save us, we pray, | O LORD!*

O LORD, we pray, give | us success!

C Refrain

L Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*

We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine up- | on us.*

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the | altar!

C Refrain

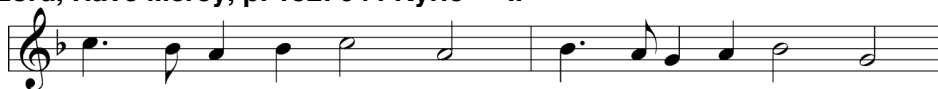
L You are my God, and I will give | thanks to you;
you are my God; I will ex- | tol you.

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;
righteous and having sal- | vation.

C 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.

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Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy, p. 152: 944 Kyrie — II



1 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.

3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.



Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.

Chris - te e - le - - - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P (sung) The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P (sung) Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1–5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,
and many peoples shall come, and say:
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”
For out of Zion shall go the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.

C Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Epistle

Romans 13:8–14

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

Psalm 24:7

P Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36–44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

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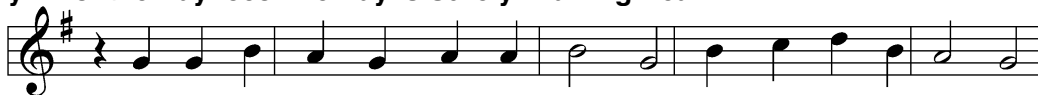
C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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: 508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near



Men 1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
 Women 2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
 Men 3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing
 Women 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
 And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
 What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was
 Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
 wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -
 dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be
 trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand And at the



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.
 might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.
 known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.
 judg - e's stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

- 5 [Men] My Savior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smitten;
 Within the Book of Life I know My name has now been written.
 I will not doubt, for I am free, And Satan cannot threaten me;
 There is no condemnation!
- 6 [Women] May Christ our intercessor be And through His blood and merit
 Read from His book that we are free With all who life inherit.
 Then we shall see Him face to face, With all His saints in that blest place
 Which He has purchased for us.

- 7 [All] O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea: Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

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+ Sermon +

Offertory, p. 159-160

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

Rite of Admission to the Lord's Supper (First Communion) for Olivia McCarty

Daughter of Glen & Stefanie McCarty; Sister to Gregory and Isabella.

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

p. 160; 2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P (sung) The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



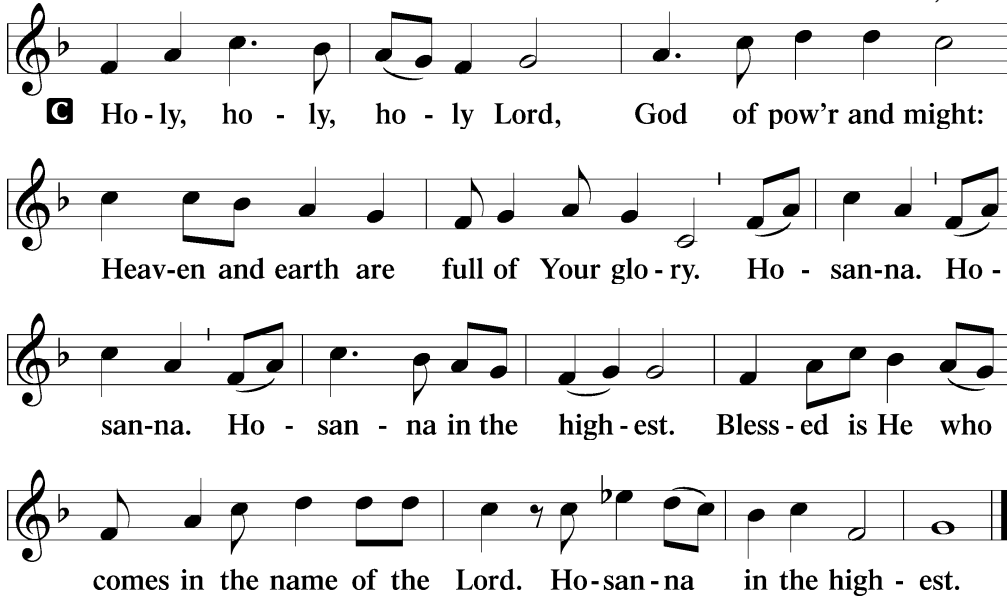
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

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

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

p. 161 or 178

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

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 ✝ 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. 163

John 1:29

- C** (sung) **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

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: 349 Hark the Glad Sound (see hymnal)

Distribution Hymn: 534 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

Distribution Hymn: 516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

Distribution Hymn: 332 Savior of the Nations, Come

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32

- C** (sung) **Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev’ry people: A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Post-Communion Collect

p. 166

- A** Let us pray.
... one God, now and forever.



Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.





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Additional Information: Please submit prayer requests by 9:00 a.m. each Thursday to ensure they are included in the upcoming service. If your contact information has changed, kindly notify the church office. Large-print hymnals are available upon request. Please speak with an usher for assistance.

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+ **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: 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). 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.

Health: For health of **Shelby Hicks** and anticipated birth of baby **Silas** in upcoming weeks. For **Linda Davis** anemia and health. For **Carolyn Howard** (friend of Paul Ruble) stroke and pneumonia recovery. For **Ann** (Rick Gift's stepmother) leukemia and health. 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** surgery recovery. For **Robert Brummond** (Tina Peirce's brother, Sydney's uncle) surgery recovery. For **Lori Smith** shoulder surgery recovery. For **Tom Williams** health and upcoming chemo treatments. For **Gene Stern** (father of Cheryl Denton) fractured back treatment. 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. 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 **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** pain and health. For **Kathy Bigger** (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. Andrew Hebar's Aunt **Kara** (health).

Birthdays: 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), Barbara Moy (12/8), Jennifer Heb (12/9), Gary Moeh. (12/11), Auggie M (12/11)

Anniversaries: *No Upcoming Anniversaries*

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 11/25/2025

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** 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)].

Children and Youth Ministry

The **Children's Christmas Service** will take place on Fri, Dec 19 at 7:00 p.m. Parents, please complete the sign-up form by scanning the QR code or going to <https://forms.gle/w42GUPorTWrVQ6qD6>. Please direct questions to 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 Dec 7 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

A **music folder fundraiser** is being held this Advent season. New folders will improve both the organization, performance, and care of our music. A goodwill offering will be received at the door. *Each folder is approximately \$30 each. Any donation for this would be a blessing to the choir.*



Choir rehearsal will be begin at 5:30 p.m., Wed, Dec 3. 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 and Organ lessons are available at Praise with our Director of Music, Caleb Hesse. Anyone age 6 and up (with a parent/guardian for children) is welcome to sign up. For additional information, please reach out to Caleb at caleb@praiselutheran.com.

Congregational Life & Fellowship

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 contributed to the **Holiday Gift Sponsorship for Foster Families of Blount County**. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ through your generosity this Christmas season! *If you forgot to buy and bring you assigned gift by today, please let Elissa Upward or Pastor Roberts know today and arrange to bring to church by tomorrow morning. The gifts will be delivered to Foster Families of Blount County on Monday afternoon.*

The **Lutheran Witness subscription** runs from April 1 through March 31. If you would like to receive or renew your subscription, please complete the form at <https://tinyurl.com/yca5nxn4> by December 31. If you do not wish to subscribe, no action is needed. *Suggested donation of \$15 covers the church's costs for your subscription. The Mid-South District sponsors the remainder of the cost.*

Poinsettia Sponsorship Please use this form <https://tinyurl.com/5rhm2yju> to dedicate a Poinsettia "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one this Christmas. Suggested donation of \$17-20 covers the church's cost for the plant and delivery. We'll list the dedications in the bulletins during Christmas. *Thank you to Amy Mohr for arranging the order and delivery!*

Today

Issues Class with Pr. Roberts will meet today in the Social Hall at 9:45 a.m. Today's topic: *More Differences between Lutherans and...*

This Week

December 3 (Wed) Advent Midweek Services at noon and 7:00 p.m. with Soup and Sandwich Supper at 6:00 p.m. Listen for food announcements. Services theme: *The Need of a Savior*.

December 2 (Tues) Church Council Meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Social Hall

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.

Upcoming



Children's book author **Tammy Reed** (who began attending Praise Lutheran Church this year!) will be present at church to sign and sell her first book *A Polar Bear in Tennessee* on **Wed, Dec. 3** (at our first Midweek Advent supper and service) and on **Sun, Dec. 7** (between and after services). The book will be on sale these two dates for \$20 and makes a great gift for Christmas. It is a story of loss of a loved one and the assuring gift of Christmas that brings joy and remembrance. Pastor has read it and encourages you to check it out. For each book sold at Praise, \$5 will be donated to *Rehema* (clean water for kids and people in Kenya, part of the Always Mercy of which we have shared about and support with our prayers and gifts). *Make it even more special by asking Tammy to sign the book!*

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

December 7 (Sun) Youth Catechesis at 12:30 p.m.

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.

