

+ Fourth Sunday after Epiphany +

*February 1, Year of our Lord 2026 | DS1
With Guest: Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola, President of the
Mid-South District of the LCMS*

+ 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

Psalm 1:1–5; antiphon: v. 6



[P] For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will | perish.

[C] **Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the | wicked,*
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of | scoffers;**
but his delight is in the law | of the LORD,*
and on his law he meditates | day and night.

**He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its
leaf does not | wither.***

In all that he does, he | prospers.

**The wicked | are not so,*
but are like chaff that the wind | drives away.**

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the | judgment,*
nor sinners in the congregation of the | righteous.

**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.

For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will | perish.

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy, p. 152

Mark 10:47

[A] (sung) In peace let us pray to the Lord.



[C] Lord, have mer - cy.

[A] For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



[C] Lord, have mer - cy.

[A] For the peace of the whole world, ...Church of God, and ...unity... let us pray to the Lord.



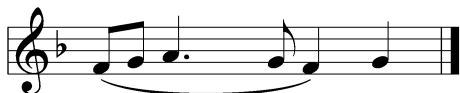
[C] Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

[Final refrain:] This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, allelu—ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Micah 6:1–8

Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. “O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.” “With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8

C Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

Verse of the Day

Matthew 5:3

P Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

G 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 5:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

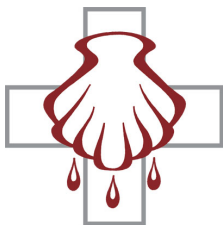
“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.



Rite of Holy Baptism for Silas James Hicks (11:00 a.m. Service)

Born: Dec. 18, 2025, Parents: Alex & Shelby Hicks

Brother and Sister: Samuel and Hannah

Baptismal Sponsors: Andrew & Jennifer Hebar

Or (8:30 a.m. Service): *The Nicene Creed* (see next page)

Nicene Creed

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

And in one Lord Jesus Christ the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the

third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: Children of the Father [set to tune LSB 738]

Child - ren of the Fa - ther, O Child - ren of grace, one ho - ly
Sin dai ly__ tempts you, tho death and its sting, these can not
Live in your call - ing to walk with your God. Hear all the

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na - tion from each tribe and race, the wa - ters of re - demp - tion, the
harm you for you are washed clean Bapt - ized in - to__ Jes - us, God's
pro - phets and how En - och trod. For - give o - ther - sin - ners and

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seem as a flood are means of sal - va - tion bought by Je - sus' blood.
gift so di - vine Sa - tan lost the bat - tle, in__ heav - en you shine.
learn how to pray. For Je - sus is Life and the__ truth and the Way.

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+ Sermon +

Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola
President of the Mid-South District of the LCMS

Offertory, p. 159-160

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19

C (sung) **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

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

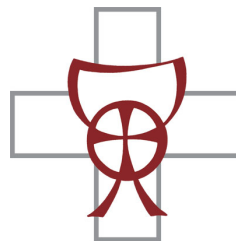
*Reminder for those watching at home to pray **The Lord's Prayer**.*

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 (sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

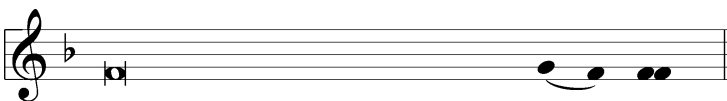
- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



- C** A - men.

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: 851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us (see hymnal)

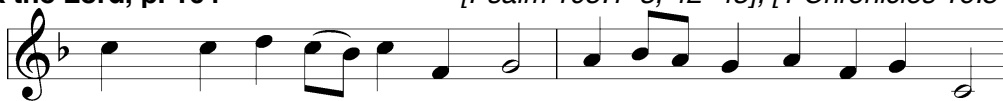
Distribution Hymn: 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

Distribution Hymn: 837 Lift High the Cross

Distribution Hymn: 865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

Thank the Lord, p. 164

[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10]



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

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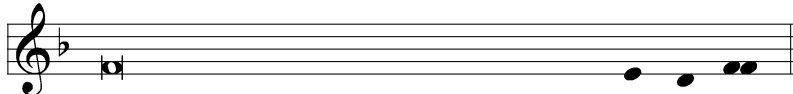
A Let us pray. ... one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

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.



C A - men.



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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 the end of persecution and genocide of **Nigerian Christians**. 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. Warmth and safety for many affected by **winter storms**.

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 birth of **Finn** to **Luke & Blair Johnson**. For the Holy Baptism of **Silas Hicks** today. For our parents expecting children this year: **Joshua & Adelaide Arguien**, **Bryan & Kaite Baer**, and **Justin & Nicole Fritts**. For the recent engagement of member **Rachel Vesper** to **Aiden Morrison**. For upcoming weddings in 2026 for **Patrick Jermain & Alesha Williams** (April) and for **Jack Nunnink & Rachel Holst** (June). 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 **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 **Ed Hannah** who passed away 1/22. For family of **Barney** (Darlyn Burch's brother) who passed away. For **Donald Thorson** (Susan Johnson's uncle). For family of **Cheryl Dunnington** (cousin of Sharon Felker). For the family of **Jeffrey** (Becky Hamby's brother) who passed away in Chattanooga. For the family of **Jessica Woldt** (Rev. Adam Woldt's sister, who passed away suddenly on Christmas Eve). For family of **Carol Ehrens** who passed away 12/9. For family of **Mike** (June McDonnell's son who passed away in December). 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 **Alan Bell** (Barbara Morsch's brother) hospitalized for stroke. For **Al Reuer** stroke recovery. For **Catherine Boute** having surgery this week to repair a broken shoulder. For **Lou Trebus** recovering from knee replacement surgery. **Chuck Pettyjohn** recovering from procedure for home dialysis. For **Sydney Pierce** recovering from broken ankle surgery. For **Tom Williams** health and upcoming chemo treatments. For **Sarah** (friend of Suzanne Nunnink) starting intensive chemotherapy. For **Lori Smith** infection recovery (now home). For **Linda Davis** anemia and health. For **Kathi Hawn** (friend of Faye Schauerman) recovering from surgery for a double lung transplant. For **John Reese** (Mary Ellen Brown's niece's husband) recovery of health. For **Carolyn Howard** (friend of Paul Ruble) pneumonia recovery and for her daughter **Jane** who suffered a stroke. For **Ann** (Rick Gift's stepmother) leukemia and health. For **Tonia Latham** (Phyllis Bembas's niece) health recovery. For **Ed McGillick** dizziness spells. For **Todd Stubelt** (nephew of Sharon Felker) stage 4 brain cancer. 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** health. For **Matt** (Becky Hamby's son) recovery from fall and leg surgery (long road ahead). 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 **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. Andrew Hebar’s Aunt **Kara** (health).

Birthdays: Jennifer Fr (2/5), Lisa Stre (2/5), Judy D (2/6), August Joh (2/8), Ed Bag (2/18), Johsua Key (2/21), Sarah Key (2/23), Betty Go (2/26), Lincoln Hen (2/28), Henry Joh (2/28)

Anniversaries: Chuck & Candace Pettyjohn (2/4), Tim & Lori Smith (2/12), Willie Del C. & Laura B (2/14), Tony & Jennifer Fr (2/14), Bob & Rhonda Heckman (2/18), Luke & Blair Johnson (2/22)

Church Operations & Christian Stewardship

General Fund		2026 Receipts	Remaining for Budget
Jan 1 to Jan 22, 2026		\$23,565	\$376,435
Building Fund	2025 Receipts	2026 Receipts	Total Receipts
Actual	\$71,247	\$440	\$1,249,683
Pledged	\$42,744	Budget: 25,000	\$1,065,270
Remaining	\$28,503 [over]	24,560 [under]	\$184,413 [over]

Thank you to all who gave or fulfilled commitments to the Capital Campaign, which ended Dec. 31, 2025. As of 12/31/25 the new loan balance is \$1,861,079. Gifts to the Building Fund or Loan Principal Fund are encouraged to help reduce principal and for future projects.

Visit praiselutheran.com/build to see our build completion video! Gifts to the Build Fund are still encouraged. Our total monthly mortgage payments to Lutheran Church Extension Fund: \$11,413 [breakdown: \$10,309 (new building) + \$1,100 (extra mortgage payment monthly)].

Contribution Statements are now available in your church mailbox.

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 take place on Wed, Feb 4 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.

Worship and Music Ministry

Make a Joyful Noise Vocal Workshop is a two-part series designed to inspire singers of all skill levels through the music of the Church, presented by Caleb Hesse, Director of Worship Arts. The first session was held at Faith Lutheran Church in Oak Ridge (on 1/31). The second session will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wed, Feb. 11, at Praise Lutheran Church. *Come for supper at 6:00 p.m.*

Choir Practice is this Wednesday 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 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

A **diaper collection** for baby Silas Hicks is underway in the Narthex. If you would like to participate, please bring diapers to help welcome the newest baby of Praise. The collection will run through Sun, Feb 8. *(For families welcoming another baby, the Ladies Bible Study will coordinate a collection following the baby's birth, while first-time mothers will be honored with a baby shower.)*

Baby Shower for Baby Arguien will take place following the 11:00 a.m. service on Sun, Feb 22. Adelaide is registered through Amazon and all are welcome to attend and celebrate.

Seeking Help: Transportation Ministry is seeking volunteers to help give rides to church. This commitment is just one Sunday a month. Please contact Mark Ratliff if you'd like to help. Also, **additional Greeters** are needed to help welcome attendees on Sunday mornings. Please contact Catherine Boute for more information.

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

Today

Voters Meeting will be held **TODAY** at **9:45 a.m.** in the Social Hall. Elections and year-end financial report plus a special presentation from LCMS Mid-South District President, Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola concerning our recently awarded *Grow Grant*.

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...*

Youth Catechesis with Pastor Roberts at 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Bring a lunch and your *Guided by Truth* journal.

This Week

Feb 4 (Wed) Together for Tonia
(Phyllis & Larry Bembas's niece)
Blood Drive ❤️ + Bake sale,
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Epic Nine Office
(556 E Broadway Ave,
Maryville) *Tonia Latham is Epic
Nine Strategic Development
Director.*

Schedule your donation
appointment:

https://tndonor.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/93393

All donors receive: MEDIC T-shirt, Texas Roadhouse coupon Free snacks and drinks
Goal: Raise \$6,500 to help with Tonia's medical expenses through our bake sale and monetary donations. Not donating blood? Come for the bake sale!



Feb 4 (Wed) Choir rehearsal at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

(Wed) Youth Group at 7:00 p.m. beginning with Compline.

(Wed) *NO Men's Bible Study this week—on break until after Easter.*

Feb 5 (Thu) Ladies Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall with Barbara Morsch.

Upcoming

February 11 (Wed) *Make a Joyful Noise Vocal Workshop, Part 2*, at 7:00 p.m. at Praise Lutheran

February 15 (Sun) *Transfiguration of Our Lord* and final Sunday of the Epiphany Season

February 18 (Wed) *Ash Wednesday* and the beginning of Lent