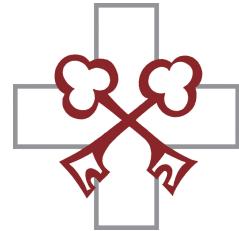


+ The Confession of St. Peter +

January 18, Year of our Lord 2026 | DS3
With Rite of Holy Baptism for Silas James Hicks



+ 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 89:1, 5, 15–16; antiphon: Psalm 119:46



P I will speak of your testimonies before kings, I O Lord,*
and shall not be I put to shame.

C I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- I ever;*
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- I ations.
Let the heavens praise your wonders, I O LORD,*
your faithfulness in the assembly of the I holy ones!
Blessèd are the people who know the I festal shout,*
who walk, O LORD, in the light I of your face,
who exult in your name I all the day*

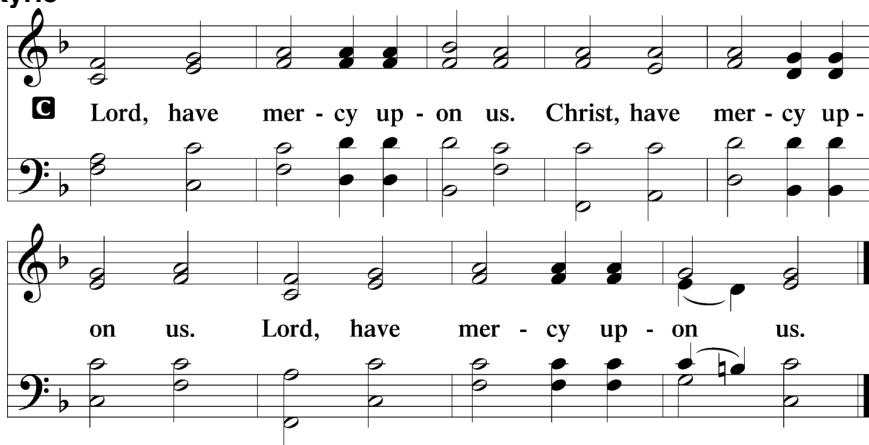
and in your righteousness are ex- I alted.

Glory be to the Father and I to the Son*
and to the Holy I Spirit;
as it was in the be- I ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. I Amen.

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, I O Lord,*
and shall not be I put to shame.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



Gloria in Excelsis, p. 187-189

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

P (sung) Glory be to God on high:

C (sung) 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'ly 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 The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, You revealed to the apostle Peter the blessed truth that Your Son Jesus is the Christ. Strengthen us by the proclamation of this truth that we too may joyfully confess that there is salvation in no one else; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

First Reading

Acts 4:8–13

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

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

Gradual

2 Corinthians 4:5a, 13c; 1 Peter 4:11b; Psalm 113:3

- C** **What we proclaim is not ourselves,
but Jesus Christ as Lord.**
We also believe, and so we also speak,
as one who speaks oracles of God.
From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised!

Epistle

2 Peter 1:1-15

Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

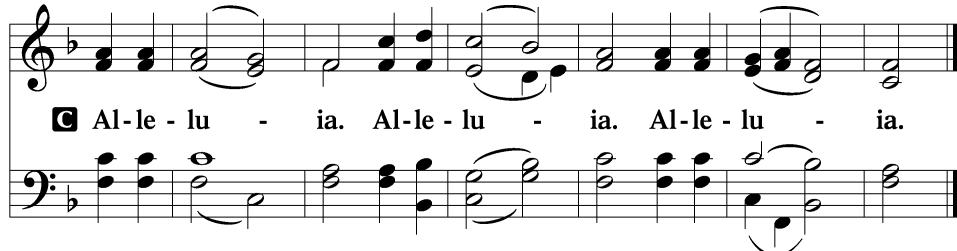
- A** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day

Mark 8:35

P Alleluia. Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. Alleluia.

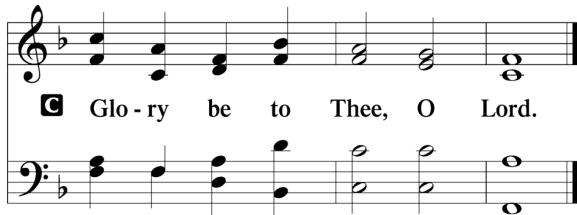
Triple Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.



And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Music notation for a hymn. The treble clef is on the top line, and the bass clef is on the bottom line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The music consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth note chords.

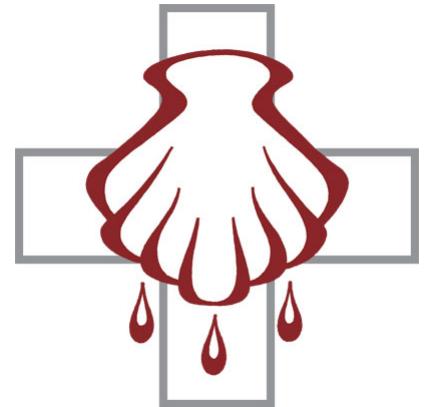
C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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)

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 \dagger everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: Children of the Father [set to tune LSB 861]

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
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
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 +

St. Peter confessed: You are the Christ

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]

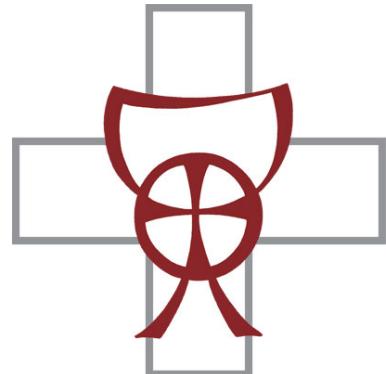
P (sung) The Lord be with you.

Musical notation for the Preface response. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff has four measures: a quarter note followed by a eighth note, a quarter note followed by a eighth note, a quarter note followed by a eighth note, and a quarter note followed by a eighth note. The bass staff has four measures: a quarter note followed by a eighth note, a quarter note followed by a eighth note, a quarter note followed by a eighth note, and a quarter note followed by a eighth note.

P Lift up your hearts.

Musical notation for the Preface response. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff has four measures: a quarter note followed by a eighth note, a quarter note followed by a eighth note, a quarter note followed by a eighth note, and a quarter note followed by a eighth note. The bass staff has four measures: a quarter note followed by a eighth note, a quarter note followed by a eighth note, a quarter note followed by a eighth note, and a quarter note followed by a eighth note.

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

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. 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: 623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray (see hymnal)

Distribution Hymn: 588 Jesus Loves Me

Distribution Hymn: 688 "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

Distribution Hymn: 576 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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.

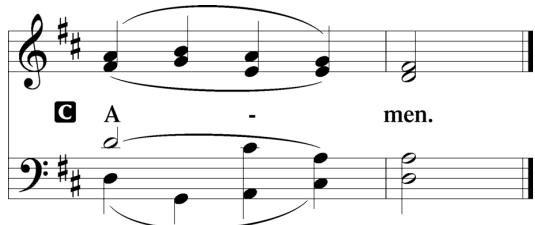
Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1

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

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You ... one God, now and forever.



Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

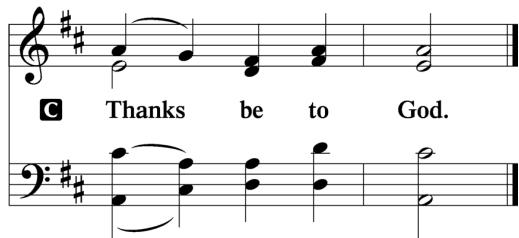
P (sung) The Lord be with you.



Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

A (sung) Bless we the Lord.



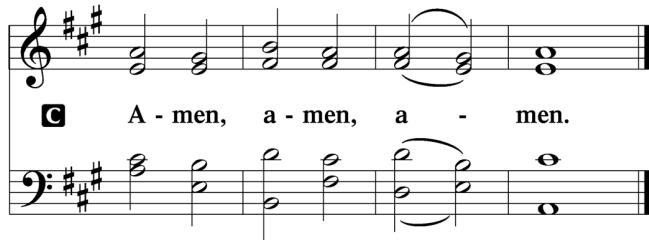
Benediction

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 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 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.

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 the Holy Baptism of **Silas Hicks** today. For our parents expecting children this year: **Luke & Blair Johnson, Joshua & Adelaide Arguen, 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 **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: **Chuck Pettyjohn** procedure this Wed in prep for home dialysis. For **Sydney Pierce** having broken ankle surgery this week. For **Lou Trebus** having knee replacement on Thurs. For **Tom Williams** health and upcoming chemo treatments. 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 surgery recovery for **Emily** (Tom & Nadine Wittkopp's daughter). 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 Maryville Police officer **Justin Brown**. 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. For **Kathy Bigger** (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. Andrew Hebar's Aunt **Kara** (health).

Birthdays: Hannah K (1/21), David Ch (1/24), Phillip Bu (1/25), Robbie M (1/25), Jonathan He (1/26), Rick G (1/28), Kathleen D C (1/29), Judy Ka (1/29), Luke J (1/30)

Anniversaries: Gus & Lee S (1/19), Jim & Valerie V (1/20)

Church Operations & Christian Stewardship

| General Fund | | 2026 Receipts | Remaining for Budget |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Jan 1 to Jan 15, 2026 | | \$17,744 | \$382,256 |
| Building Fund | 2025 Receipts | 2026 Receipts | Total Receipts |
| Actual | \$71,247 | \$240 | \$1,249,483 |
| Pledged | \$42,744 | <i>Budget: 25,000</i> | \$1,065,270 |
| Remaining | \$28,503 [over] | 24,760 [under] | \$184,213 [over] |

Thank you to all who gave or fulfilled commitments to the Capital Campaign, which ended Dec. 31, 2025. Gifts to the Building Fund are still encouraged to help reduce principal and/or for future repairs and projects. More reports and details will be presented at our February Voters Meeting. As of 12/31/25 the new loan balance is \$1,861,079. The Build Project total cost was \$2,973,613 (approximately 41% funded). Special gifts are encouraged to help paydown the principal.

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)].

Watch for Contribution Statements in your church mailbox this month.

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, January 21st 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 Catechesis meets with Pastor Roberts to prepare our youth for First Communion and for Confirmation per distributed schedule. See Pastor Roberts for details.

Worship and Music Ministry

Make a Joyful Noise Vocal Workshop is a two-part series created to uplift and inspire singers of all skill levels, with a focus on the Music of the Church. Presented by Mr. Caleb Hesse, Director of Worship Arts. The first session will take place on Sat, Jan 24 at 1:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Oak Ridge, followed by the second session on Wed, Feb 11, at 7:00 p.m. at Praise Lutheran Church.

Choir practice is this Wed, Jan 14 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

Cards Creation will meet in the Social Hall on Tuesday, January 28th, beginning at 1:00 p.m., to work on cards for the month of February.

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.

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.

Voters Meeting will be held **Sun, Feb 1 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*.

Today

Rite of Holy Baptism of Silas James Hicks, newborn son of Alex & Shelby Hicks, Godparents Andrew & Jennifer Hebar.

Poinsettias are available for pickup. With regular watering, they can be enjoyed indoors a little longer. Please pick one up from the narthex. Any poinsettias remaining after the 11:00 a.m. service will be composted.

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 at 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Bring your *Guided by Truth Journal* and a lunch.

This Week

January 20 (Tues) Church Council meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Social Hall

January 21 (Wed) Choir rehearsal at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

January 21 (Wed) Youth Group at 7:00 p.m. beginning with Compline.

January 21 (Wed) Men's Bible Study (Gospel of Mark) at 7:00 p.m. beginning with Compline.

January 22 (Thu) Ladies Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall with Barbara Morsch.

January 24 (Sat) *Make a Joyful Noise Vocal Workshop*, Part 1, at Faith Lutheran Church, Oak Ridge

Upcoming

January 28 (Tue) Cards Creation in the Social at 1:00 p.m.

February 1 (Sun) Voters Meeting at 9:45 a.m. in the Social Hall with District President Paavola

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

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

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