

+ The Transfiguration of Our Lord +

February 15, Year of our Lord 2026 | DS3

+ Confession and Absolution +

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



Invocation Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the \div 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 \div Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit

Psalm 99:1–5; antiphon: v. 9



P Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy I mountain;*

for the LORD our God is I holy!

The LORD reigns; let the peoples I tremble!*

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the I earth quake!

C The LORD is great in I Zion;*

he is exalted over all the I peoples.

Let them praise your great and I awesome name!*

Ho- I ly is he!

The King in his might loves I justice.*

You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in I Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his I footstool!*

Ho- I ly is he!

Glory be to the Father and I to the Son*

and to the Holy I Spirit;

as it was in the be- I ginning,*

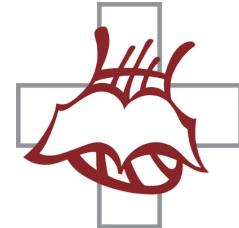
is now, and will be forever. I Amen.

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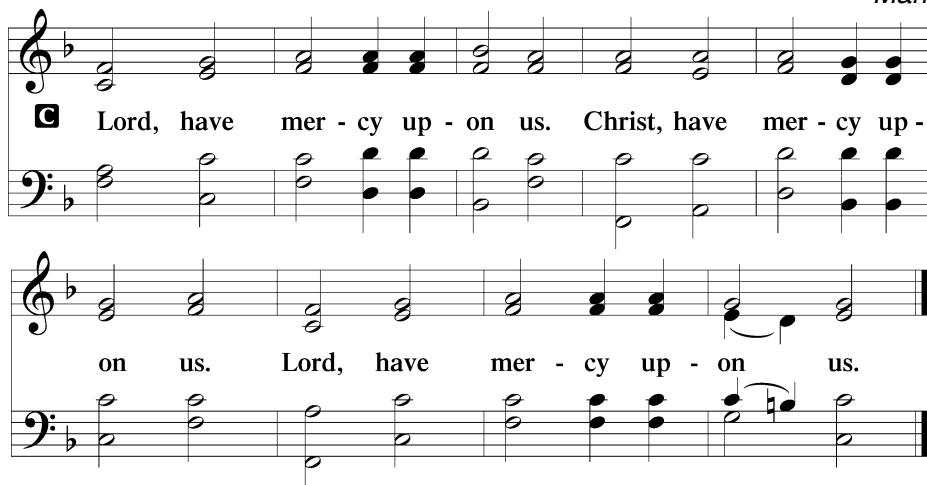
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Kyrie

Mark 10:47



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

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

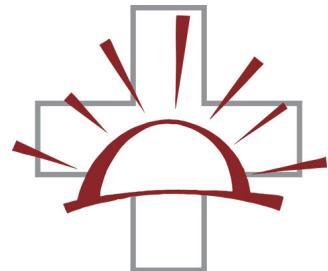
P (sung) Glory be to God on high:
C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
 We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
 O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
 O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
 For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P (sung) The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; 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.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:8–18

And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

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!

Choral Anthem *Alleluia, Song of Gladness* (11:00 a.m. service)

Epistle

2 Peter 1:16–21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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

Verse of the Day

Psalm 45:2a

P Alleluia. You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips. Alleluia.

Gospel Procession with Triple Alleluia

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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1–9

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

C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.



After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The top staff is in treble clef, B-flat key signature, and has a dotted half note followed by a half note. The bottom staff is in bass clef, B-flat key signature, and has a dotted half note followed by a half note. Below the notation, the text 'Praise be to Thee, O Christ.' is written in a bold, capital letter 'C' followed by the lyrics.

Gospel procession returns to the chancel.

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 \ddagger of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: 413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high
 △ 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son

Of glo - ry that the Church may share,
 The in - car - nate Lord holds con - verse high;
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day
 By this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,
 And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one,

Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
 And from the cloud the Ho - ly One
 What glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove
 For which in joy - ful strains we raise
 We pray Thee, bring - us by Thy grace

Where bright - er than the sun He glows!
 Bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.
 Who joy in God with per - fect love.
 The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 To see Thy glo - ry face to face.

Text: Sarum Breviary, 1495, Salisbury; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt. Tune: English, 15th cent. Text and tune: Public domain

+ Sermon +

“Alleluia” Cannot Always

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. The top staff is in treble clef, B-flat key signature, and common time. It 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 bottom staff is in bass clef, B-flat key signature, and common time. It 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.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

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C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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

C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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

Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy, p. 195 for music

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C (sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

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: 414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here (see hymnal)

Distribution Hymn: 642 O Living Bread from Heaven

Distribution Hymn: 395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Distribution Hymn: 646 Church of God, Elect and Glorious

Choral Anthem: Alleluia, Song of Gladness (8:00 a.m. service)

Nunc Dimitis, 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,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

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

C A - men.

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P (sung) The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

A (sung) Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

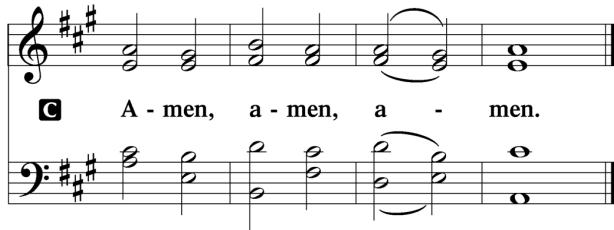
Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P (sung) 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.



Recessional Hymn: 417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness (see hymnal) to pack away the Alleluias until Easter. Please face the cross as the banner and cross recess to the entrance of the Sanctuary.



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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 birth of **Finn** to **Luke & Blair Johnson**. 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 **Mary Ann Furr** (mother of Pam Sokoll). 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.

Health: For **Melvin Wehmeier** (Deb Wales's father) recovering from broken shoulder. For **Mavis Johnson** recovering from pneumonia, heart and breathing health. For **Charlene Smith** (Rev. George Smith's wife) health and hospitalization (and prayers for George). For **Steve Clemmer** upcoming hip replacement this week. For **Piper** (9 yr old. niece of Mary Brown) cancer diagnosis and treatment. For **Alan Bell** (Barbara Morsch's brother) stroke recovery. For **Al Reuer** stroke recovery. For **Catherine Boute** surgery recovery from broken shoulder. For **Lou Trebus** recovering from knee replacement surgery. For **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 **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: 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: 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 31, 2026		\$39,746	\$360,254
Building Fund	2025 Receipts	2026 Receipts	Total Receipts
Actual	\$71,247	\$1,590	\$1,250,873
Pledged	\$42,744	Budget: 25,000	\$1,065,270
Remaining	\$28,503 [over]	23,410 [under]	\$185,603 [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)].

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 Come to Midweek Lent worship (weekly on Wed at 6:00 p.m. for soup and sandwich supper and 7:00 p.m. for worship).

Youth Catechesis with Pastor Roberts today in the social hall, 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Worship and Music Ministry

The Make a Joyful Noise Vocal Workshop is a two-part series created to inspire singers of all experience levels through the music of the Church. The workshop is presented by Caleb Hesse, Director of Worship Arts. Both Sessions 1 and 2 will be held at Faith Lutheran Church in Oak Ridge on Sat, 2/28, with the first session 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon, with Session 2 beginning at 12:30 p.m. and concluding by 2:00 p.m.

No Choir Practice is this Wednesday (come to Ash Wed Divine Service at 7:00 p.m.)

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 Finn Johnson (Luke & Blair Johnson) has begun in the narthex and is available through Sunday, February 22. For those wanting to participate, the parents have shared that Pampers work best due to skin sensitivity, and newborn sizes are not needed. Thank you so much for your kindness and support.

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

Issues Class with Pr. Roberts at 9:45 a.m. Today's topic: *More Differences between Lutherans and...*
NO Youth Catechesis today (We'll next meet on Feb 22 [Unit 6] and Mar 1 [Unit 6 Review].)

This Week

Feb 18 (Wed) *Ash Wednesday Divine Service* at 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Feb 19 (Thu) *Ladies Bible Study* at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall with Barbara Morsch.

Upcoming

February 22 (Sun) *Baby Shower for Baby Arguien* following the 11:00 a.m. service.

February 25 (Wed) *Lent Midweek Services* at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) and 7:00 p.m. *Soup and Sandwich Supper* at 6:00 p.m.

March 28 (Sat) *LWML Lutheran Women in Mission Meeting*, Social Hall from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Opening Hymn: 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

na - nation 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.