

+ Third Sunday of Easter +

April 19, 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 ☩ 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 133; antiphon: v. 1



P Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is*
when brothers dwell in | unity!

C It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard
of | Aaron,*
running down on the collar | of his robes!

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of | Zion!*

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life for- | evermore.

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.

Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is*
when brothers dwell in | unity!

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.

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'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, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through 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 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and

you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

C **Christ has risen from the dead.**

God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle

1 Peter 1:17–25

If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

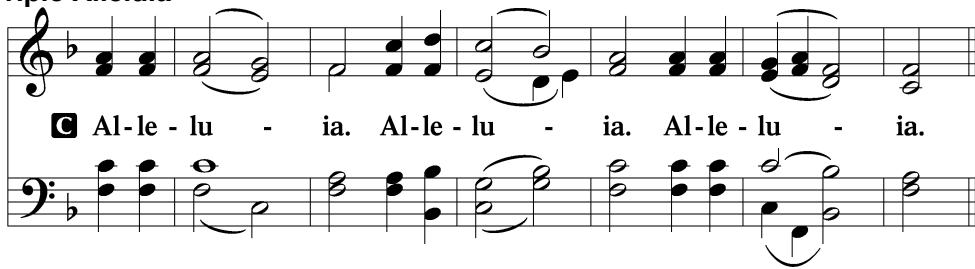
C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day

Luke 24:32

P Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.

Triple Alleluia



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

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13–35

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



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.



That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day: 483 With High Delight Let Us Unite



1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great
 2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,
 3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



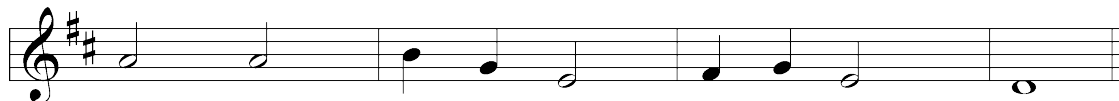
ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
 all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van-quished lie;
 ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us
 His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall
 To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His



free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
 be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who
 love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
 gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
 free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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+ Sermon +

Offertory, p. 192-193

Psalms 51:10–12

☐ (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.

And with thy spir - it.

The image shows a musical score for the first part of the preface. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'And with thy spir - it.' are written below the treble staff. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

P Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up un - to the Lord.

The image shows a musical score for the second part of the preface. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'We lift them up un - to the Lord.' are written below the treble staff. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

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: 919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

Distribution Hymn: 578 Thy Strong Word

Distribution Hymn: 352 Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

Distribution Hymn: 474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

Nunc Dimittis, p. 199-200

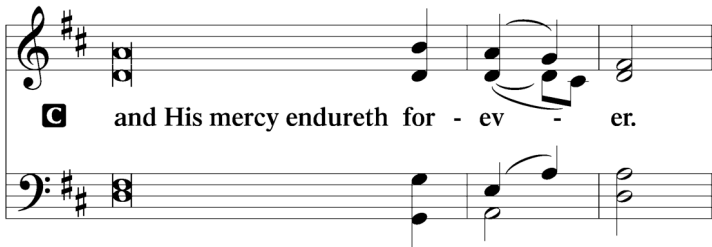
Luke 2:29-32

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

Psalms 107:1

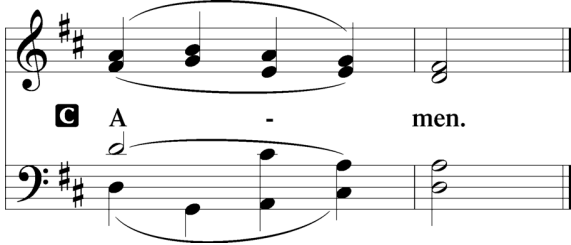
A (sung) O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

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




C A - men.

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P (sung) The Lord be with you.

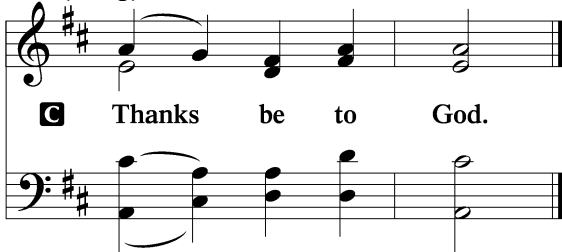


C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

Psalms 103:1

A (sung) Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

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.

A musical score for the hymn 'Amen, amen, amen.' The score is written for a piano accompaniment, featuring a treble and bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of a series of chords and single notes. The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' are written below the treble clef staff.



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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 news and victory of **Christ's bodily Resurrection** to bring joy and comfort to many suffering tribulations. For the end of persecution and genocide of **Nigerian Christians**. For the end of the fighting between the **U.S., Israel, and Iran** and soon we pray between **Ukraine and Russia**.

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 **Patrick & Alesha (nee Williams) Jermain** who were married yesterday. For members **Phil Barnett** and **Gary Moehling** who recently were honored for their military service and flew to Washington on the final HonorAir Knoxville Flight. For the birth of **Wesley to Joshua & Adelaide Arguion** on 3/31. For our parents expecting children this year: **Bryan & Kaite Baer**, and **Justin & Nicole Fritts**. For the engagement of member **Rachel Vesper** to **Aiden Morrison**. For upcoming **Isaak Buchanan & Julliette Wilkerson** (May) 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: **Michael Strange** and **Carter Felt**. 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 **Charlene Smith** (Rev. George Smith's wife) who passed away on Good Friday. For **Fran Wehmeier** (Deb Wales's mother) who passed away Easter Sun, 4/5. For the family of **Melvin Wehmeier** (Deb Wales's father) who passed away 4/1. For the family **Tom Williams** (wife Corlis) who passed away 3/26. For the family of **Ron Williams** (wife Pamela) who passed away 3/24. For family of **Mildred Balash** who passed away 3/21 (104 yrs old). For the Family of **Mavis Johnson** who passed away 2/28. For the family of Elder **Chuck Pettyjohn** who died on 2/25. For the family of **Marvin Arcari** (Will Wade's and Paul Ruble's family) who passed away in Michigan. For family of **Polly Gallamore** who passed away 2/16. For **Mary Ann Furr** (mother of Pam Sokoll). For family of **Ed Hannah** who passed away 1/22. *Christ is risen!*

Health: For **Jess Groh's** health (friend of the Upwards). For **Stevie** (Auroa Stepen's son) in ICU with a rare infection. For **Joan Large** recovering after a fall. For **Larry Bembas** surgery recovery and upcoming radiation treatments in neck. **Lou Trebus** knee replacement recovery. **Lori Smith** upcoming surgery on 4/28. For **Cindy DiPasqua** recovering from heart attack, surgery, and valve replacement. For **Fred Hansen's** health. For **Larry & Cathy Wacker** (health and recovery from surgery). For **Ron Dozier** (Renee Hickmon's brother) heart incident. For **Maureen Roberts** recovering from pneumonia. For **George Walker** procedure recovery. For **Steve Clemmer** hip replacement recovery. For **Jennifer Hebar** recovering from recent hip surgery. For **Piper** (9 yr old. niece of Mary Brown) cancer diagnosis and treatment. For **Todd Stubelt** (nephew of Sharon Felker) stage 4 brain cancer. For **Anna Roberts** (Jim & Maureen's daughter-in-law) upcoming cancer treatments. For **Alan Bell** (Barbara Morsch's brother) stroke recovery. For **Al Reuer** stroke recovery. For **Catherine Boute** surgery recovery from broken shoulder. For **Sarah** (friend of Suzanne Nunnink) intensive chemotherapy. For **Kathi Haw**

(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 **Sherrie** (Renee Hickmon's sister) health recovery. 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. **Sandy Bagley** health. For **Pat Sweet** (friend of Ole & Mavis Johnson) fragile health condition. For **June McDonnell** stability and lung health. For **Tim Smith** heart and blood pressure health. For **Lee Schuck** and **Gus** taking care of her. For **Derek Bryant** (friend of Mary Schopmann) kidney reception. 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 **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: Catherine Boute (4/21), Hannah Hicks (4/22), Cole Smith (4/22), Ann Brown (4/23), Liliana Hendricks (4/24), Rachel Vesper (4/24), Addler Sutherland (4/25), Michele Nunnink (4/27), Alex Hicks (4/28), Derek Roberts (4/28), Joshua Arguien (4/30), Jim Roberts (4/30)

Anniversaries: Paul & Angela Gift (4/24)

Church Operations & Christian Stewardship

General Fund	2026 Budget	2026 Actual	Remaining for Budget
	\$400,000	\$133,629 (4/12/26)	\$266,371
Building Fund	2025 Receipts	2026 Receipts	Total Receipts
Actual	\$71,247	\$7,492	\$1,258,365
Pledged	\$42,744	<i>Budget: \$25,000</i>	\$1,065,270
Remaining	\$28,503 [over]	17,508 [under]	\$193,095 [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 and up. Confirmed youth are encouraged to join the Congregational Bible Study with Pastor Roberts.

Youth Catechesis will meet with Pastor Roberts **TODAY** to discuss Unit 8.

Midweek Youth Group will meet on Weds at 7:00 p.m. starting with Compline in the Sanctuary.

Campfirmation is July 5–11 for youth ages 12 and up. Soft commitments are due NOW and can be emailed to officeadmin@praiselutheran.com. The total cost is \$115 per camper, with a \$50 deposit due April 19 and the remaining \$65 due June 1. Payments can be placed in the collection plate with note or memo “Campfirmation” or dropped off at the front office.

Worship and Music Ministry

Choir Practice meets this Wednesday at 6:00 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

The Church Office (the administrative office area) is staffed from Mon – Thurs, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If access to the Church Office is needed on a Sunday (for example, to pick up items secured within that may be waiting for you), please see Paul Ruble, Jim Roberts, or Tim Nunnink.

Meals of Comfort Ministry provides meals for grieving families, easing the burden of hosting visiting loved ones and allowing them to focus on mourning and sharing Christ’s comfort. We are currently seeking a Coordinator. If you’re interested, please connect with Elissa or Pastor.

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.

Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) empowers women of Praise to grow in Christ through local and global mission projects. Members gather for fellowship, devotions and service on a quarterly basis. Scheduled meetings for 2026 are on Saturdays: May 16, August 15, November 21 in the Social Hall from 10:00 am. to 11:30 a.m. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. We welcome adult women of all age groups to be a part of LWML. Founded in 1942, the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) is the official women’s auxiliary of the LCMS.

Today

Interested in Membership or Review of the Chief Parts of the Faith? Come to Congregational Catechesis (during Congregational Bible Study) with Pastor Roberts at 9:45 a.m. starting today.

Youth Catechesis with Pastor Roberts will meet TODAY to discuss Unit 8, from 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

This Week

Choir Rehearsal meets on Wed at 6:00 p.m.

Youth Group meets Wed at 7:00 p.m. starting with Compline in the Sanctuary.

Men's Bible Study meets Wed at 7:00 p.m. starting with Compline in the Sanctuary.

Ladies Bible Study meets Thurs at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall.

Upcoming

Where Praises Never End A Hymn Festival with featured guest Rev. Dr. Stephen Starke on May 17, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. (see graphic below). Pastor Starke wrote many of the hymns in our hymnal (and Divine Service Setting Four). He will preach at both services on Sunday morning, present at Congregational Bible Study, and narrate the Hymn Festival in the afternoon. Refreshments will be available during a meet and greet following the hymn festival.

Cards Creation will (not meet in April, but will) meet next on Tues, May 26, at 1:00 pm.



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