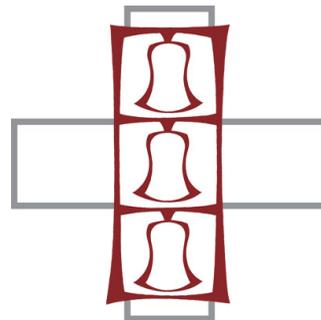


+ Tenth Sunday after Pentecost +

August 14, Year of our Lord 2022 | DS2

+ Confession and Absolution +

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



Pre-service for Rally Day (start of Sunday School): *Amazing Grace* played by a bell choir from the children in Sunday School and our Youth Group.

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 55:1, 12–14, 16; antiphon: v. 22



P Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sus- | tain you;*
he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.

C Give ear to my prayer, | O God,*
and hide not yourself from my plea for | mercy!

For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could | bear it,*
it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could | hide from him.

But it is you, a man, my | equal,*
my companion, my fa- | miliar friend.

We used to take sweet counsel to- | gether;*
within God’s house we walked | in the throng.

But I | call to God,*
and the LORD will | save me.

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.

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sus- | tain you;*
he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mk. 10:47

A 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, for the
well-being of the Church of God, and for
the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise 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



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



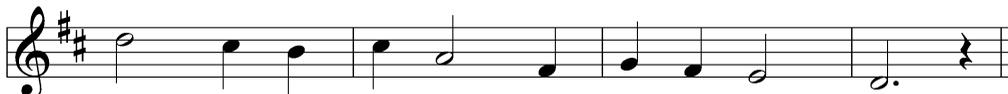
C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



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



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



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



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.



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

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

- P** Let us pray. Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same 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

Jeremiah 23:16–29

Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

“I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but **let him who has my word speak my word faithfully.** What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

C **Fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

Epistle

Hebrews 11:17–12:3

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, at the end of his

life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— of whom the world was not worthy— wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **looking to Jesus**, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day

Jeremiah 23:29a, 28b

P Alleluia. Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD? What has straw in common with wheat? Alleluia.

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

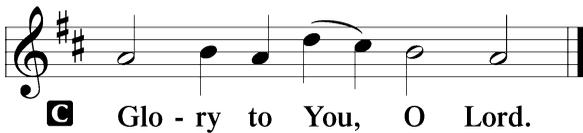


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:49–56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.



[Jesus said:] “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! **I have a baptism to be baptized with**, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert, 1543, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug
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+ Sermon +

Offertory

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

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).

Prayers to God on Behalf of...

World: Praying for the end of the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia** (and preservation of life and land). Fires in **California** and flooding recovery in **St. Louis** and in **Kentucky**.

Church: **Colin Stout** (new life in Baptism and in Communion Fellowship in Christ); For our ongoing **church building/expansion planning** with architect Studio 4, contractor Creative Structures, and our 3-year Capital Campaign with LCEF. Mission work of **Rehema Open Door** (Rehema is Swahili for mercy) palliative care center/hospice in Kenya. Local mission of **Pregnancy Resource Center** of Maryville and Sevierville.



Community: Blessing on **students and teachers** in area schools. **Jeff Baerns** whose restaurant (destroyed by fire on evening of 7/4).

Vocation: Recently married **Tyler Smith & Megan** (daughter of Travis & Shelli Haynes; sister to Amanda). **Carter Felt**. **Chuck Pettyjohn**, FAA approved physical to continue flying! **Casey Lawson** (Airforce). **Angela Gift** expecting a baby in January. Thanksgiving for baby **Wren** born into Mary Schopmann's family. All caregivers.

Mourning: Family of **Jane** (Matthew Flaska's grandmother) who passed away 7/4. Family of Phyllis Bembas's brother **Jimmy** who passed away. Family of **Julia Ernst** who passed away 6/25. Family of **Rev. William (Bill) Couch** who passed away 6/22. Family of **Larry Meier** (Jim & Maureen's brother-in-law) who passed away 6/12. Family of **Mary "Charlene" Millsap** (Cathy Wacker's mother who passed). Family of **Hope Lurstema** (Rebecca Keyes's mother). Family of **Tamra DeHaven**.

Health: **Bill Burch** (minor surgery on Monday). **Dick Mohr** lung and heart health including blockage treatment. **Jeanie Lindenfesler** for lung cancer treatments. **Mary Ellen Brown** (hip surgery recovery). **Paul Ruble** (pulled abdomen at a workday project at church). **Tom Williams**, health and care for heart. **Susan Johnson** back pain resolution. Ruth Kistler's son **William** (tests and possible cancer treatments). **Robert Williams** (Amy & Dick Mohr's son-in-law) broken fibula and dislocated ankle recovery). **Brad** (Phil and Carol Barnett's son) cancer treatments. Kenna Chorney's mother: **Gail Rieman** (bone infection). **David Chorney** (compressed discs in back). **Barbara Moyers** back pain relief and recovery of strength. **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. **Tim Smith** (heart health). Steve Kaiser's mother **Louise** (age 92) in Indiana. Mike Gould's friend **Jolene Cline** (stage 4 cancer). **Theresa Lindsay** for success of recent chemotherapy. **Brian Rose** (friend of Catherine Boute) health for kidney transplant donated from his wife. **Sharon Yoder** *thanksgiving for recovery* from sub-cranial

brain bleed. **Larry Wacker** (lung condition). Jeanne Lindenfelser's friend Marge's cousin **Sandy** health (cancer in remission, but health suffering from therapy). Andrew Hebar's Aunt **Kara** (struggling from cancer treatments). **Connie** (Andrew Hebar's friend) brain and lung cancer. Aurora Stephen's son **Stevie. Bill** (Cathy Wacker's father) dementia, health. **Lee Schuck** (health now unable to walk). **Janeen Meier** (Maureen Robert's sister) health. **Carolyn Gaugert** (sister-in-law to Sharon Yoder) health.

Birthdays: Kayla Del C 8/16, Carol E 8/17, Sabrina B 8/22, Jane N 8/22, Tim S 8/23, Chris F 8/24, Bob McD 8/24, Donna C 8/25, J J S 8/25, Chris B 8/26, Susan H 8/26

Anniversaries: Chris & Rose B 8/8, Jason & Meghan C 8/8, Alex & Shelby H 8/18, Derek & Gretchen R 8/26

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.**

Benediction for those worshipping on 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 The Lord be with you.



C And al-so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

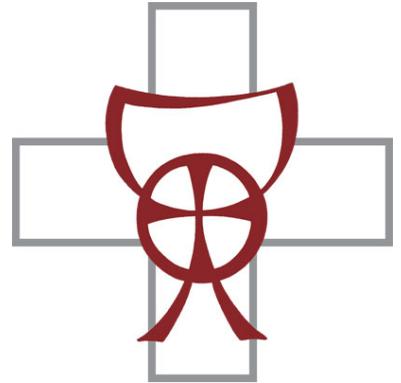


C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.



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

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

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



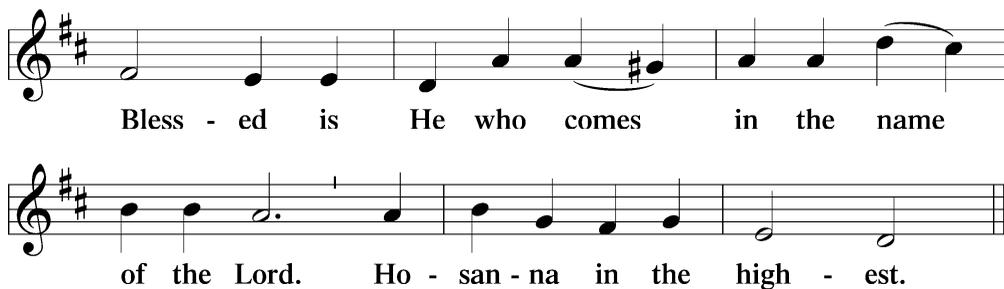
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

The Words of Our Lord

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."

Proclamation of Christ

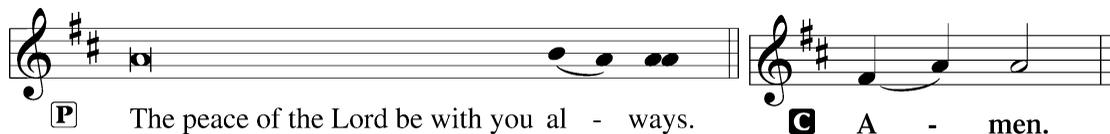
1 Cor. 11:26

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. **C** Amen. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and grant us Your peace.

Pax Domini

John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways. **C** A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, 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: 578 Thy Strong Word

Distribution Hymn: 411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Distribution Hymn: 932 Jesus Sat with His Disciples

Distribution Hymn: 582 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

Thank the Lord

[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 ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
 joyce 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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- L** Let us pray... now and forever.
- C** Amen.

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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Announcements

Today

Rally Day (start of Sunday School for Fall). First 8 weeks theme: Make a Splash! The children will have a special bell choir presentation before the 11:00 a.m. Divine Service.

Online Giving Change at Praise: visit praiselutheran.com to see and manage new giving options. Using a Bank Account (checking and savings) help save funds.

This Week

Ladies Bible Study Thurs at 10:00 a.m. at Praise (pericope study led by Barbara Morsch)

Men's Lunch (weekly): Thurs. at 11:30 a.m. Location this week: *announced after church*

Later in August

Youth Catechesis (confirmation and first communion classes) begins on Sun, 8/21 and 8/28

Elders Meeting on Aug 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Henkel Conference a conference devoted to Christian Theology and Cultural Engagement, Mon-Tues, **Aug. 22-24**, at Ascension Lutheran Church in Madison, TN. Visit www.ascensionmadison.com/henkel to learn more. Members and Pastor Roberts from Praise have purchased tickets and secured lodging in order to attend.

Special Presentation on Rehema (meaning mercy in Swahili), a palliative care center/hospice in Kenya, to be presented by a return visit from Deaconess Pamela Boehle-Silva, R.N. (from Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Rocklin, California) at Praise on Sunday morning, **Aug. 28**.

Coming up in September and October

Choir 2023-2024: We have some new great and faithful music to offer to God and to glorify His House, People, and the Salvation in Jesus Christ. New music has been ordered! Lori Smith helped research some fantastic new choral pieces that fit well the church year including Reformation, All Saints' Day, etc. Our first rehearsal for the fall is **Wed, Sept 7 at 6:00 p.m.** See Laura Bisconte, Choir Director **(704) 691-4691** for more info.

Planning Council on Sun, Sept 11 after 11:00 a.m. service

First Aid Classes at Praise in September: dates to be determined, cost is \$35/person.

Youth Day in Wartburg: St. Paul Luth. has invited 3 churches' youth **Sat, 9/24**.

Congregational Picnic at the Mohr's in **Sun, Sept 25**. [Rain/backup date 10/2]

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wartburg will be celebrating their **175th anniversary** on **Sat, 10/1** with Special Service (and events) and Guest Preacher: the Rev. Will Weedon.

Reminders

Food for Veterans box in the Narthex: bring non-perishable food items, gloves, socks...

Hats for Kids in Blount County: please knit hats for kids, bring to Praise for a blessing this fall, Blount County Fire Department will distribute to kids this November.