

+ Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost +

September 18, Year of our Lord 2022 | DS3

+ Confession and Absolution +

*Pastor Roberts and family are away. Please welcome back **Rev. Paul Muench** (retired pastor/professor at Concordia Austin, Texas and Lutheran Bible Translators).*



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 119:137–140, 142; antiphon: v. 144



A Your testimonies are righteous for- | ever,*
give me understanding that | I may live.

C **Righteous are you, | O LORD,***
and right are your | just decrees.

You have appointed your testimonies in | righteousness*
and in all | faithfulness.

My zeal con- | sumes me,*
because my foes for- | get your words.

Your promise is | well tried,*
and your servant | loves it.

Your righteousness is righteous for- | ever,*
and your | law is true.

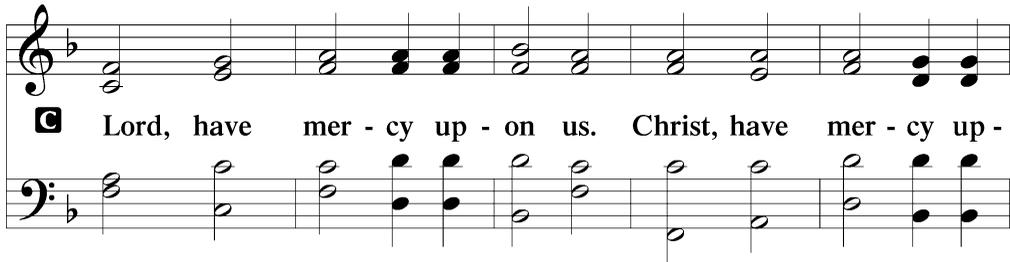
Glorify be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

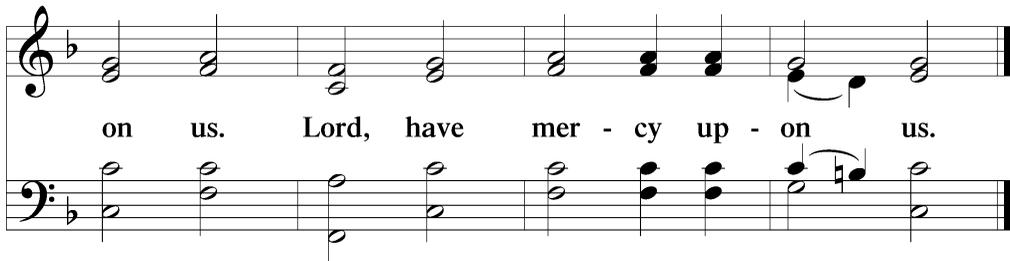
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give me understanding that | I may live.

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

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

P 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 The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that

we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?"

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
"Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

- 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

1 Timothy 2:1–15

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

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

Verse of the Day

1 Timothy 2:5–6a

- P** Alleluia. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all. Alleluia.

Triple Alleluia

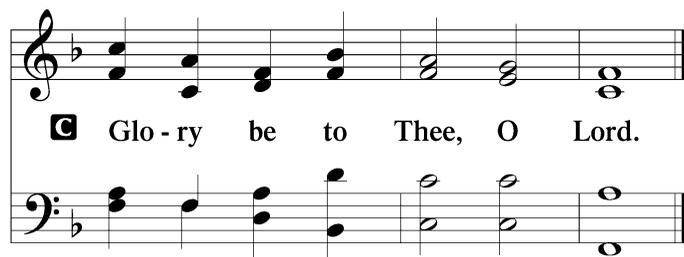


Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1–15

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



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.



[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two

masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

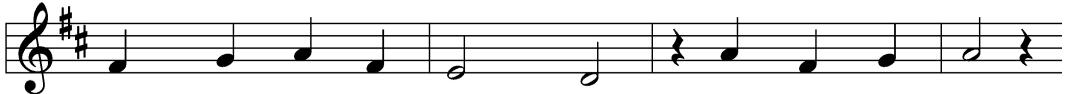
Nicene Creed

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 of the world to come. Amen

Hymn of the Day: 557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way



1 Seek where you may To find a way That
 2 Seek whom you may To be your stay, None
 3 Seek Him a - lone Who did a - tone, Who
 4 My heart's de - light, My crown most bright, O



leads to your sal - va - tion. My heart is stilled,
 can re - deem his broth - er. All help - ers failed;
 did your souls de - liv - er. O seek Him first,
 Christ, my joy for - ev - er. Not wealth nor pride



On Christ I build, He is the one foun - da - tion.
 This man pre - vailed, The God - man and none oth - er,
 All you who thirst For grace that fails you nev - er.
 Nor for - tune's tide Our bonds of love shall sev - er.



His Word is sure, His works en - dure; He o - ver - throws
 Our Ser - vant - King Of whom we sing. We're jus - ti - fied
 In ev - 'ry need Seek Him in - deed; To ev - 'ry heart
 You are my Lord; Your pre - cious Word Shall guide my way



All e - vil foes; Through Him I more than con - quer.
 Be - cause He died, The guilt - y be - ing guilt - less.
 He will im - part His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.
 And help me stay For - ev - er in Your pres - ence.

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+ Sermon +

Rev. Paul Muench (guest pastor)

Offertory

Psalm 51:10–12

**☐ 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

Offering plate is placed in the back of church or give online at praiselutheran.com.

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: 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.



Vocation: **Alex & Shelby Hicks** (expecting! Inviting prayers for the pregnancy). Recently married **Tyler Smith & Megan** (daughter of Travis & Shelli Haynes; sister to Amanda). **Carter Felt** (Navy boot camp). **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 Pat Ellis (in Memphis, friend of Judy Kalkitis) who passed away. 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 **Tamra DeHaven**.

Health: **Bob McDermott** (heart valve procedure recovery). **Gregory Strege** (Phyllis's son, Pamela and Bryan's brother who lives with Phyllis), hospitalized. **Lois Schering** (treating blood clot on vocal chords). **Emery** (3 yr old, David and Kenna Chorney's extended family) who was injured by vehicle but home recovering. **Mike Sullivan** recovering from surgery at Emory to remove a cancerous mass (friend of a friend of Jim Vesper). **Julie** (Tom Wittkopp's sister in Pheonix) recovering from heart surgery. **Bill Burch** (minor surgery recovery). **Dick**

Mohr lung and heart health including blockage treatment. **Jeanie Lindenfesler** for lung cancer treatments. **Mary Ellen Brown** (hip surgery recovery). **Paula** (Corlis William's mother) recovering from a stroke. **Tom Williams**, health and care for heart. **Susan Johnson** back pain resolution. **Judy Kalkitis' son-in-law** (knee procedure recovery). 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** (wound care). **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. **Larry Wacker** (lung condition). Jeanne Lindenfesler'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. **Bill** (Cathy Wacker's father) dementia, health. **Lee Schuck** (health, unable to walk). **Janeen Meier** (Maureen Robert's sister) health. **Carolyn Gaugert** (sister-in-law to Sharon Yoder) health.

Birthdays: Al R 9/19, Carter F 9/20, Sam N 9/20, Sydney P 9/21, Gus S 9/22, Jack N 9/26, Paul R 10/1, Larry W 10/1 **Anniversaries:** Ed & Susan H 9/26

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 +

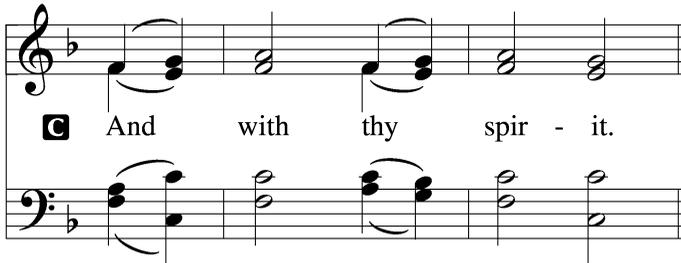
A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise

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

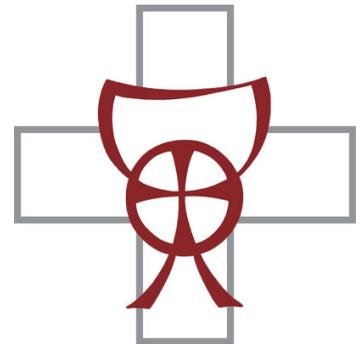
2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P The Lord be with you.

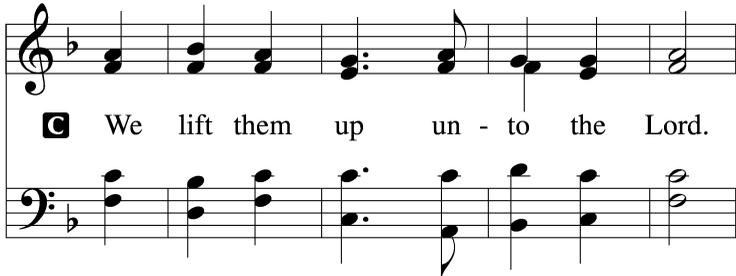


C And with thy spir - it.

Musical notation for the Preface response, consisting of two staves (treble and bass clef) in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "And with thy spir - it."



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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

C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus, p. 195

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Mt 26:26-30; Mk 14:22-26; Lk 22:14-23; 1 Cor 11:23-25.

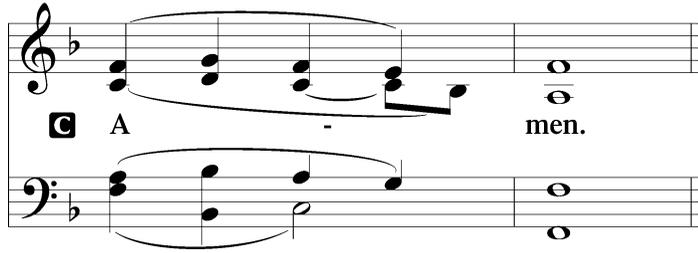
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

John 20:19

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



Agnus Dei, p. 198

John 1:29

C 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: 332 Savior of the Nations, Come

Distribution Hymn: 966 Before You, Lord, We Bow

Distribution Hymn: 730 What Is the World to Me

Distribution Hymn: 894 For the Fruits of His Creation

Nunc Dimittis, p. 199

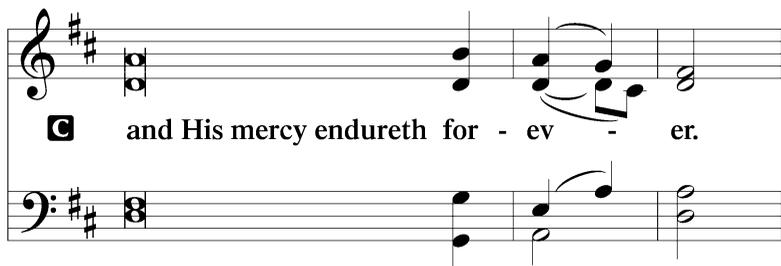
Luke 2:29–32

C 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 O Give thanks unto the Lord for He is good.



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

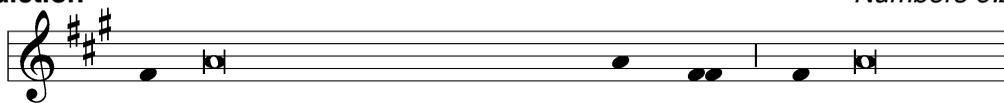
Psalms 103:1

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

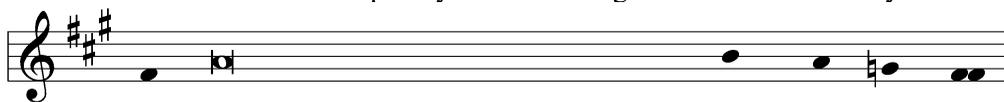
Numbers 6:24-26



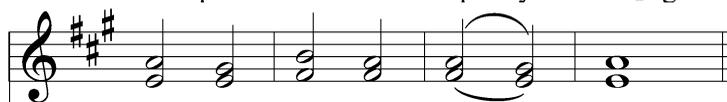
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men, a - men, a - men.



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Congregational President: Dr. Tom Wittkopp

Capital Campaign Info: Ed Hannah; Joel Morsch

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Organist/pianists: Janice Kaiser, Susan Johnson

Choir Director: Laura Bisconte

Choir pianist: Susan Johnson

Announcements

Youth Catechesis TODAY (with Shelli Haynes) in Social Hall. Topic: The Apostles' Creed.

Online Giving Change at Praise: visit praiselutheran.com

Thrivent Cards: we have need for a First Aid and Stop the Bleed Kits. Please consider applying for a \$250 card (can be used twice per year). Visit: <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams> and click on "Apply Now."

Ready to Build?

See the latest slides and/or video presentation about our updated drawings and timeline for the upcoming build on our website: praiselutheran.com/build

Time to Build Auction (Clocks, Quilts, More...) on **Wed, 10/19** at 6:00 p.m. (food provided; see display in the Narthex.

Commitment Sunday bring commitments for the build on or before **Sun, Oct 23**

This Week

Choir Practice Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

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*

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

Next Sunday, 9/25/22

16th Sun. after Pentecost, Readings: Amos. 6:1-7, 1 Tim. 3:1-13, Lk. 16:19-31

New Members to be received next **Sun, Sept. 25**

Coming up

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

Congregational Picnic see pic: [Rain/backup date 10/2] Burnt ends, hamburgers, brats, sides, and drinks provided. Golf cart and limited seating at tables provided.

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.



Fall Church Picnic

Sunday, September 25, 2022

2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

On the Grounds of
Dick and Amy Mohr's Home
222 Woodcrest Dr
Maryville, TN

Chef Jeff Baerns Will Grill the Entree

Drinks | Plates | Utensils | Napkins Provided

Bring a dessert | Camp Chairs if you can
rara Games | Guitars | Songs to Share

