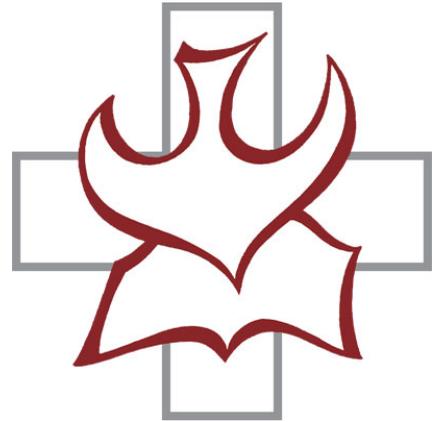


## + Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost +

*September 4, Year of our Lord 2022 | DS1*

### + 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 *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 119:28–32; antiphon: v. 27*



**P** Make me understand the way of your | precepts,\*  
and I will meditate on your | wondrous works.

**C** My soul melts away for | sorrow;\*  
strengthen me according | to your word!

Put false ways | far from me\*  
and graciously teach | me your law!

I have chosen the way of | faithfulness;\*  
I set your just decrees be- | fore me.

I cling to your testimonies, | O LORD;\*  
let me not be | put to shame!

I will run in the way of your com- | mandments\*  
when you en- | large my heart!

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.

Make me understand the way of your | precepts,\*  
and I will meditate on your | wondrous works.

### Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. [2]

**A** For the peace of the whole world, ...Church of God, ...unity of all, let us pray... [3]

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray... [4]

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. [5]



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



2. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



3. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



4. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



5. **C** A - men.

### This Is the Feast

*Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9*



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



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



### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** Let us pray. O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### Old Testament Reading

*Deuteronomy 30:15–20*

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that **I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life,** that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

**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**

*Philemon 1–21*

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, **yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you**—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Verse of the Day**

*Galatians 6:14*

**P** Alleluia. Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 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, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 14:25–35

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.



Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. **Whoever does not bear**

**his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.** For which of you, desiring to build a

tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

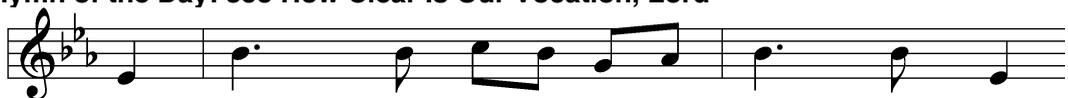


**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**☩ 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: 853 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord,  
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find  
 3 We mar - vel how Your saints be - come  
 4 In what You give us, Lord, to do,



When once we heed Your call: To live ac - cord - ing  
 Your yoke is hard to bear; If world - ly pres - sures  
 In hin - dranc - es more sure; Whose joy - ful vir - tues  
 To - geth - er or a - lone, In old rou - tines or



to Your Word And dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,  
 fray the mind, And love it - self can - not un - wind  
 put to shame The cas - ual way we wear Your name  
 ven - tures new, May we not cease to look to You,



That You are Lord of all And will not let us fall.  
 Its tan - gled skein of care: Our in - ward life re - pair.  
 And by our faults ob - scure Your pow'r to cleanse and cure.  
 The cross You hung up - on— All You en - deav - ored done.

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### + Sermon +

*Counting the Cost of Discipleship*

### Offertory

*Psalms 116:12–13, 17–19*



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: 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: Safety for travelers on **Labor Day** weekend.

Vocation: 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 **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: **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). **Linda Davis** (Leah Mohr's mother) complete shoulder replacement recovery. **Julie** (Tom Wittkopp's sister in Phoenix) recovering from heart surgery. **Bill Burch** (minor surgery recovery). **Dick Mohr** lung and heart health including blockage treatment. **Jeanie Lindenfelser** 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. **Jesse Hicks** (Alex's sister) concussion recovery. **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. Debbie Johnston's sisters: covid recovery, especially for **Priscilla**. **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. **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, unable to walk). **Janeen Meier** (Maureen Robert's sister) health. **Carolyn Gaugert** (sister-in-law to Sharon Yoder) health.

**Birthdays:** Jacob W 9/4, Emma Lu K 9/6, Wanda J 9/7, Delaney S 9/7, Sharon F 9/8, Monica H 9/9, Bob H 9/10, Barbara McG 9/10, Candace P 9/10, Tom W 9/11, Carol B 9/16

**Anniversaries:** Gary & Carol M 9/9, Ole & Mavis J 9/14, Tom & Nadine W 9/17, Ed & Susan H 9/26

### Lord's Prayer

**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 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

*p. 160; 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, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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**

*p. 161 or 178*

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

**C** 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  $\dagger$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."







**C** A - men.

## 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

**New Members** to be received on **Sun, Sept. 25** (same day as our congregational picnic, see below). Questions about membership? See Pastor Roberts.

**Online Giving Change** at Praise: visit [praiselutheran.com](http://praiselutheran.com) to see and manage new giving options. Using a Bank Account (checking and savings) help save funds. For the sake of ease for our treasury volunteers, please designate gifts for General, Building Fund, or Members-in-Need with separate transactions.

**Free** decorative glass serving plates, etc. on the counter in Social Hall. Pick up today!

**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).

### *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*

**Choir 2023-2024:** 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.

### *Next Sunday, 9/11/22*

*14<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost, Readings: Ezek. 34:11-24, 1 Tim. 1:5-17, Lk. 15:1-10*

**\*\*\* New Drawings \*\*\*** for the church expansion; presentation by Tom Wittkopp on **Sun, Sept 11** at 10:00 a.m. (during normal Bible Study hour in the Sanctuary).

**Catechesis** on Sun, 9/11: Topic: The Apostles' Creed (guest teacher: Shelly Haynes).

**Planning Council** meets Sun, Sept 11 after 11:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary

### *Coming up*

**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 on **Sun, Sept 25**. [Rain/backup date 10/2] Pulled pork, hamburgers, brats, sides, and drinks provided (prepared by Jeff Baerns). Sing something at the picnic? Bring desserts and chairs. Golf cart and limited seating at tables provided.

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

Time to Build Auction

### *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. *Have yarn?*