+ Third Sunday after the Epiphany +

January 22, Year of Our Lord 2023 I DS4
Pastor Roberts is away today. Our guest celebrant and preacher:
Pastor Michael Thurau (Kingsport, TN)



+ Confession and Absolution +

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

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3-4; Luke 18:13

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **©** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Prayer for Forgiveness

- Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit (sung or spoken, Pastor may announce)

Psalm 22:27-31; antiphon: v. 22



I will tell of your name to my I brothers;*
 in the midst of the congregation I will I praise you.

■ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn I to the LORD,* and all the families of the nations shall worship be-I fore you.

For kingship belongs I to the LORD,*

and he rules over the I nations.

All the prosperous of the earth eat and I worship;*

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep him- I self alive.

Posterity shall I serve him;*

it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- I ation;

they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet unborn,* that he has | done it.

Glory be to the Father and I to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- I ginning,*

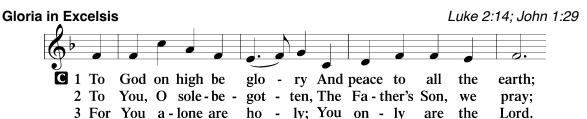
is now, and will be forever. I Amen.

I will tell of your name to my I brothers;*

in the midst of the congregation I will I praise you.



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.





Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!

O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.

For - ev - er and for - ev - er. Be wor-shiped and a - dored:



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

on them has light shined.

You have multiplied the nation;

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

Gradual *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:10–18

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

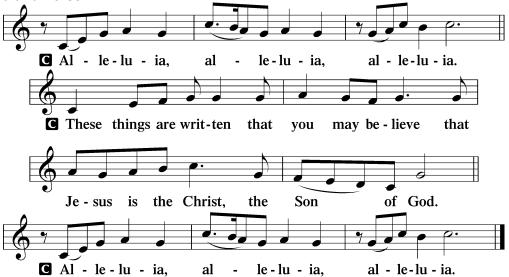
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- Thanks be to God.

(stand)

Verse of the Day Matthew 4:17

P Alleluia. From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Alleluia.

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel Matthew 4:12–25

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and

Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,

the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,

on them a light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them,



"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all And in one Lord Jesus Christ the only-begotten things visible and invisible. 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 And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver kingdom will have no end. 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: 856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve



+ Sermon +

Pastor Michael Thurau, Guest

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...

<u>World:</u> Praying for the end of the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia** (and preservation of life and land). Hurricane/storm recovery in **Florida**, **Georgia**, and the **Carolinas**.

<u>Church:</u> 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.



<u>Vocation:</u> **Tyler Smith** (Airforce) in Mississippi and **Megan** beginning law school at UT. **Jacob** (Tami DeHaven's grandson) stationed in S. Korea. **Carter Felt** (Navy: stationed in Charleston). **Casey Lawson** (Airforce). For **Emily and Julian Martinez** (expecting). **Alex & Shelby Hicks** (expecting). **Paul & Angela Gift** rejoicing in the birth of **Nyla**). For Bill & Diane Miller's new grandson **Isaiah**. **Tatum Smolter** (and Tanner, rejoicing in birth of **Tylen**).

Mourning: Family of Mary Lou, Janet Moore's mother in California who passed away. Family of Carolyn Gaugert (sister-in-law to Sharon Yoder) who passed away. Family of Stan Stubelt of Friendsville (Sharon Felker's brother) who passed away. Family of Priscilla Sullenberger (Debbie's Johnston's sister). Family of Diane Tschappat (Pastor & Gretchen's brother in law's mother). Family of Dick Mohr who passed away 9/17. Family of Julia Ernst who passed away 6/25. Family of Tamra DeHaven who passed 1/23.

Health: Clayton Narveson in hospice, final days and hours. Brad (Phil and Carol Barnett's son) thanksgiving for pancreatic cancer surgery and for continued good recovery. Herman Goddard (Mary Brown's brother) health, recently hospitalized. Gary Kubin debilitating back pain and for discernment of options. Sheila Schnepf (friend of Tom & Lois Schering) experiencing 24/7 back pain. Judy Kalkitis recovering after a fall on Christmas Eve. Ed McGillick recovering from a fall, fractured ribs (now home). Jennifer Morsch (Joel & Barbara's daughter) with many health issues. For **Kris Smith** recovering from eye surgery. David Chorney needing hip replacement. Arnold Solis (Nunnink's and Lee's father and [great] grandfather) health. **Delora Roth** good leg circulation health. **Nancy** (Jim Vesper's mother) heart attack recovery; Aurora Stevens broken back treatment; Justin Barnett (Amy Mohr's son, knee surgery recovery). For June McDonnell (health). For Carolyn Dickie (health). Jeannie Lindenfelser for lung cancer treatments. For Amy Mohr (hip replacement recovery). Lori Smith (partial shoulder surgery recovery). For Randy Groen partial shoulder replacement recovery. For Barbara Moyers (auto accident; broken wrist and bruise healing). Debbie Johnston kidney health. For Scott Jonas (friend of Shelli & Travis Haynes, a pastor in St. Louis, thanksgiving for his return home after stroke). For **Kathy Bigger** (friend of

Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. For Lisa Stremsterfer's father who fell and is recovering. Bob McDermott dealing with Parkinson's symptoms. Mark (Judy Kalkitis's son-in-law) knee treatment. For all suffering from mental health issues. For Michael (health). For Lindsey (cancer). Barry (Wendy Slifka's brother in St. Louis, eye cancer) Al Reuer physical therapy for hip. Gregory Strege (Phyllis's son, health). Tom Williams, health and care for heart. Mike Sullivan recovering from surgery and for Ken Payne's health (friends of a friend of Jim Vesper). Julie (Tom Wittkopp's sister in Phoenix) recovering from heart surgery. Mary Ellen Brown (hip surgery recovery). Paula (Corlis William's mother) recovering from a stroke. Ruth Kistler's son William (tests and possible cancer treatments). Kenna Chorney's mother: Gail Rieman (wound care). Tim Smith (heart health). Steve Kaiser's mother Louise (age 92) in Indiana. Mike Gould's friend Jolene Cline (thanksgiving, in remission!). Larry Wacker (lung condition and upcoming procedure at Vanderbilt). Cathy Wacker upcoming hip surgery. 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.

Birthdays: Robbie M 1/25, Johnathan H 1/26, Clayton N 1/27, Rick G 1/28, Kathleen Del C 1/29, Judy K 1/29, Luke J 1/30

Anniversaries: Alan & Jeanne H 1/19, Gustave & Lee S 1/19, Jim & Valerie V 1/20

Lord's Prayer

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.

- 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 Amen.

+ 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.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.

praising You and saying:

- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy

 Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.





Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for by faith the saints of old held fast to Your promise of things hoped for though not yet seen, leaving an example and encouragement for us who walk now by faith and not by sight. Grant that we may faithfully eat and drink this Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood and in the union of His mystical body, the Church, be joined in unending praise with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Moses, Elijah, and all the faithful prophets; the blessed apostles and evangelists, the holy martyrs, and all the saints in glory who fought the good fight of faith before us. Grant us your Holy Spirit to faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of Christ Jesus' cross now and forever.
- G Amen.

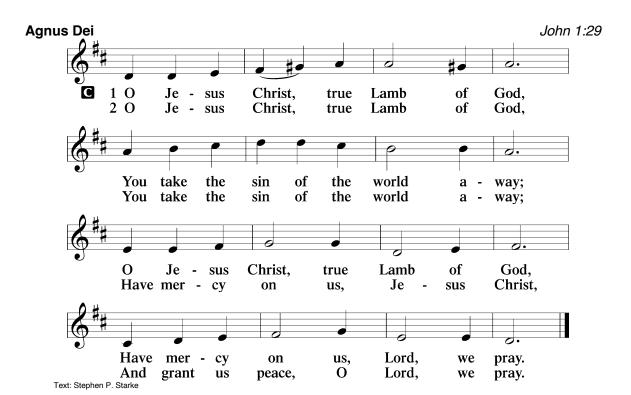
The Words of Our Lord

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

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C 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: 644 The Church's One Foundation (see hymnal)

Distribution Hymn: 412 The People That in Darkness Sat

Distribution Hymn: 825 Rise, Shine, You People

Distribution Hymn: 875 Father, We Praise Thee

Nunc Dimittis Luke 2:29-32 **C** 1 0 Lord, Your now let ser vant De 2 All All glo - ry to the Fa ther, heav'n - ly For part in peace, Ι have the seen the All the glo - ry to Son, glo - ry to glo Spir Ōf Your deem - ing grace: ry it, re For ev -Three One: er in Un light lead the to Gen tiles For the gin ning, Is as in be Your hill, The glo - ry ho - ly Your to of God's tri - une name re now, shall ev - er be,

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Post-Communion Collect

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. • Amen.

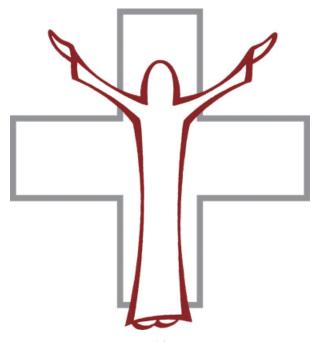
Benedicamus Psalm 103:1

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.



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Choir Director: Laura Bisconte Choir Pianist: Susan Johnson

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DVD and Online Videos of Praise's weekly Divine Service are available for shut-ins/homebound members. Please let the church office (Pastor Roberts or Vicky Gorman know) if you'd like a DVD or visit our website to watch online.

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**

Reminders

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

Open House for First Lutheran School: Serving Knoxville since 1869, First Lutheran School and ECE educates and nurtures students from age 1 year to 8th grade. Everyone is welcome to our annual Open House on January 26th from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. At the open house you can tour the classrooms, browse the book fair, meet the teachers, enjoy a Soup and salad dinner, and learn about enrolling for next year. More information can be found on Facebook or by calling 865-524-0301

Announcements

Please welcome Pastor Michael Thurau TODAY to preside the services and Bible study while Pastor travels with Gretchen to California for work and some sight-seeing. Pastor Thurau is no stranger to Praise and we thank him for travelling from Kingsport to serve once again!

Chad Bird (Christian Lutheran author, presenter, and poet) from Texas will be speaking at Grace Lutheran Church in Knoxville on **Sat, Feb 4** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please **RSVP** online or with Pastor Roberts so that Grace can provide refreshments and lunch.

No Catechesis today but will next meet on Sun, Jan 29. Please help your children memorize the *Sacrament of the Altar* (questions and answers from the Small Catechism).

This Week

Choir Practice this Wednesday from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Ladies Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays with Barbara Morsch

Men's Lunch (weekly): Thurs. at 11:30 a.m. Location this week: to be announced

Next Sunday and beyond

Scripture Readings for 1/29/23 4th Sunday after Epiphany: Mic. 6:1-8, 1 Cor. 1:18-31, Mat. 5:1-12

Young Adults dinner and study led by Levi Nunnink at Levi and Suzanne's home meets on first and third Sundays of the month. Next meets on Sunday evening, February 5 at 5:00 p.m. (ends at 8:00 p.m.)

Voters Meeting to approve budget and decide on proposals is coming up. Please prayerfully consider Planning Council's recommendation to call Shelli Haynes to be our DCE to help serve the congregation. Meeting will be held between services on **Sun**, **Feb 5**.

Upcoming Build: pricing with our contractor is near completion followed by document completion and permitting, final loan approval, and soon, we pray, breaking ground for excavation work. Keep the process in your prayers and we'll soon have many details to share!

Knoxville Circuit Pastors Meeting at Praise to be held on **Thurs**, **Feb 9** in the Social Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.