

## + Second Sunday after Pentecost +

June 11, Year of our Lord 2023 | DS2

## + Confession and Absolution +

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



*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  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  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## + Service of the Word +

## Introit

Psalm 50:7–10; antiphon: v. 1



**P** The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and sum- | mons the earth\*  
from the rising of the sun to its | setting.

**C** Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify a- | gainst you.\*  
I am | God, your God.

Not for your sacrifices do I re- | buke you;\*  
your burnt offerings are continually be- | fore me.

**I will not accept a bull | from your house\*  
or goats | from your folds.**

For every beast of the for- | est is mine,\*  
the cattle on a | thousand hills.

**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.**

The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and sum- | mons the earth\*  
from the rising of the sun to its | setting.

## 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. Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

### Old Testament Reading

*Hosea 5:15—6:6*

I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me. “Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.” What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?

What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that

goes early away. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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

### Gradual

*Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b*

- C** Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.  
On your wondrous works, I will meditate,  
and I will declare your greatness.

### Epistle Reading

*Romans 4:13–25*

The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

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

### Verse of the Day

*Matthew 9:13b*

- P** Alleluia. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners. 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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 9:9–13*

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

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major. The lyrics are written below the notes.

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”



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

Praise to You, O Christ.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## 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: 689 Let Me Be Thine Forever



1 Let me be Thine for - ev - er, My faith - ful God and Lord;  
 2 Lord Je - sus, my sal - va - tion, My light, my life di - vine,  
 3 And Thou, O Ho - ly Spir - it, My com - fort - er and guide,



Let me for - sake Thee nev - er Nor wan - der from Thy Word.  
 My on - ly con - so - la - tion, O make me whol - ly Thine!  
 Grant that in Je - sus' mer - it I al - ways may con - fide,



Lord, do not let me wa - ver, But give me stead - fast - ness,  
 For Thou hast dear - ly bought me With blood and bit - ter pain.  
 Him to the end con - fess - ing Whom I have known by faith.



And for such grace for - ev - er Thy ho - ly name I'll bless.  
 Let me, since Thou hast sought me, E - ter - nal life ob - tain.  
 Give me Thy con - stant bless - ing And grant a Chris - tian death.

Text: tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.; (st. 1): Nicolaus Selnecker, 1532–92; (sts. 2–3): Gesang-Büchlein, 1688, Rudolstadt  
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+ Sermon +

Eating with Tax Collectors and Sinners

## 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).

## Prayer of the Church

World: Praying for the end of the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia**. For **Victims of gun violence** (including recent shooting in Nashville.)



Church: For remembrance of St. **Barnabas**. For the **Holy Spirit's work** to bring about repentance and faith in Jesus. For our **groundbreaking** and the ongoing **church building/expansion planning** with architect Studio 4, contractor Creative Structures, and our 3-year Capital Campaign with LCEF. For our confirmands (of last Sunday): **Kayla Del Carpio, Lucy Nunnink, Auggie Mohr, and Jonathan Roberts**.

Vocation: For **farmers**. For **caregivers**. For **those who protect us**. For **those who labor in arts and science** (for Nick Johnson in TVP's *Beauty of the Beast*).

Mourning: For family of **Sharon Yoder's mother** who passed away 5/11. For the family of **Pat Hinds** who passed away and services will be 4:00 p.m. on May 20 at First Lutheran Church in Knoxville. For the **family of Scott McNeil** (friend of Matthew Flaska) whose mother passed away suddenly.

Health: For **Chuck Pettyjohn** recovering from open heart surgery. For **Karen** (Larry & Janet Moore's niece) relief from pain from surgery. **Theresa Lindsay** recovering from knee replacement. **Jesse** (friend of Laura Bisconte) health and mourning loss of her mother. **Myrna Frazier** cancer and pain treatments. **Jeannie Lindenfelser** for lung cancer treatments. For **Judy Kalkitis** health. **Larry Moore** recovering from ankle replacement surgery. **Steve Lee** recovery from wrist surgery. **Melissa Lyke** (Ed & Sandy Bagley's daughter) open heart surgery recovery. **Sharon Yoder** recovering from tricuspid valve procedure. **Pastor Neil Vanderbush** at Immanuel, Memphis, recurrent multiple myeloma treatment. **Billye Raye Smith** chemo treatment for multiple myeloma. **Kay & Dwight** (Myrna's sister and Brother-in-law) for health and Dwight's cancer treatments. For **Analisa** (Karen Forsyth's daughter in Cincinnati), her baby was born early, please pray for health. **Janice Kaiser** sciatic pain treatment. **Gary Kubin** recovering from back surgery. **Soren** (newborn to Julian & Emily Martinez) breathing and oxygen levels. **Paula** (Corlis William's mother) health, hospitalized recently, doing better. Rick & Lisa Gift's family, **Terry & Ann Gift** (both with cancer). **Mark Cutler** (Randy & Carol Groen's brother-in-law) lung cancer surgery recovery. **Ole Johnson** upcoming tests for cancer. **A Teacher at Justin Gift's school**, fighting cancer. **Mary Schopmann** for strength and health. **Pastor Ed Maanum** of First Lutheran Knoxville, kidney function. For **June McDonnell** (lung health). **Jennifer Morsch** (Joel & Barbara's daughter) health. **Delora Roth** good leg circulation health. **Rachel Ernst's mother**: cancer treatments. For **Alan Stremsterfer's mother** health issues. For **Lisa Stremsterfer's father** health and stability. **Brad** (Phil and Carol Barnett's son) cancer surgery recovery. **Sheila Schnepf** (friend of Tom & Lois Schering) experiencing 24/7 back pain. **Nancy** (Jim Vesper's mother) health. **Aurora Stevens** back treatments. For **Carolyn Dickie** (health). For **Barbara Moyers** health. **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. For **Kathy Bigger** (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. **Bob McDermott** dealing with Parkinson's symptoms. For **all suffering from mental health issues**. **Al Reuer** health. **Gregory Strege** (Phyllis's son, health). **Tom Williams**, health and care for heart. **Ken Payne's** health (friends of a friend of Jim Vesper). Ruth Kistler's son **William** (tests and possible cancer treatments).

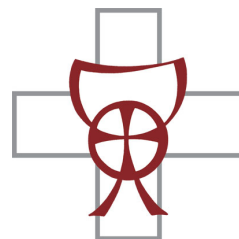
Kenna Chorney's mother: **Gail Rieman** (wound care). **Tim Smith** (heart and back health). Steve Kaiser's mother **Louise** (age 92) in Indiana. Andrew Hebar's Aunt **Kara** (struggling from cancer treatments). **Connie** (Andrew Hebar's friend) brain and lung cancer. **Bill** (Cathy Wacker's father) dementia, health. **Lee Schuck** (health, unable to walk). **Janeen Meier** (Maureen Roberts's sister) health. **Melissa Gilmore** (friend of Jim Vesper) COPD.

**Birthdays:** Joshua W 6/11, Lisa W 6/11, Jack B 6/12, Zachary H 6/15, Rebecca J 6/15, Jeanne L 6/15, George V 6/15, Lee S 6/16, Alyssa B 6/17, Jeff J 6/17, Barbara M 6/19, Sally C 6/21, Laura B 6/22, Levi N 6/23, Johnathan R 6/24

**Anniversaries:** Larry & Phyllis B 6/11, Steven & Rosalyn L 6/14, Ted & Myrna F 6/15, Levi & Suzanne N 6/23, Al & Sally C 6/27, Tom & Corlis W 6/28

\* **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.

### Proper Preface, p.177

**P** (*Dominus vobiscum*) The Lord be with you.

2 Tim. 4:22



**C** And al-so with you.

**P** (*Sursum corda*) Lift up your hearts.

Col. 3:1



**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Psalm 136*



**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  $\text{✝}$  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  $\text{✝}$  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 teach us to pray:

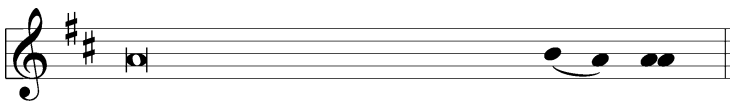
## Lord’s Prayer

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.

## 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: 487 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain** (see hymnal)


**Distribution Hymn: 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be**

**Distribution Hymn: 437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed**

**Distribution Hymn: 803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

## 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*

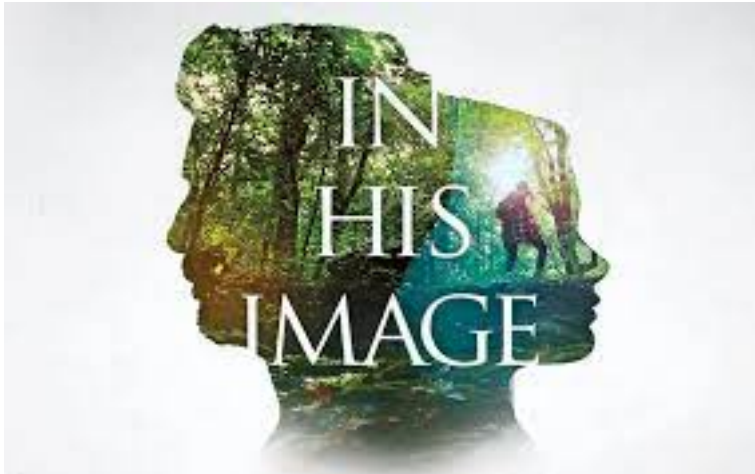
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you  
 and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

- C** A - men.

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Announcements  
(see next page also)



**Wed, June 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Praise**

**In His Image** is a critical and urgent message designed to equip the church to answer culturally controversial questions about gender and sexuality from a biblical perspective. Every church in America is filled with hurting people asking these tough questions: Can you be gay and be a Christian? What if someone genuinely feels trapped in the wrong body? Did God make me this way? Is change even possible? This feature-length documentary presents much-needed truth with compassion and clarity through powerful personal testimonies, careful Bible teaching, and scientific evidence.

View this documentary movie (hosted by Praise's Elders) with discussion to follow. Pastor Roberts, the Elders, and DCE Shelli Haynes will recap highlights for discussion after the film.

Intended audiences for this film: middle schoolers, high schoolers, college students, parents, (others who are interested). We do not advise parents to bring young children.

Announcements (see previous page also)



**Groundbreaking Ceremony TODAY** at 3:00 p.m. with refreshments to follow. Meet the architects and general contractor. Welcome Blount County Mayor Ed Mitchell.

**High School Camp Out** on Sept 1-3. Please see Shelli Haynes.

**Sunday morning Bible study for students in middle or high school** has begun and meets in the office

behind the Pastor's office from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. Please bring your Bible! We are studying Genesis.

**Parents of middle and high school students!** We want to partner with you with your kids! We have several important youth events and activities coming up. Are you receiving the monthly newsletter? Are you signed up for *Remind*, the group messaging app? We are using both to communicate with you. Please see Shelli Haynes to get connected.

**Women's Retreat** sponsored by Ladies Bible Study at Praise is being planned for mid-to-late September at a nearby venue (to be determined). Stay overnight or come for the day. See Kris Smith for details.

**The Henkel Conference** save the date of Aug 7-8, 2023 for great speakers and more at Ascension Lutheran Church in Madison, TN. Visit [www.ascensionmadison.com/henkel](http://www.ascensionmadison.com/henkel) for more info. Last year we had a great time and look forward to this year's event!

**Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** event to: **Sun, Aug 20**. Shelli Haynes is seeking hosts for 5-8 people in your home.

*This Week*

**Youth** meet Wednesday (Middle School from 7 to 8 p.m.; High School from 8 to 9 p.m.)

**Choir** on break for the summer

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

**Capital Campaign reminder:** please review your personal commitments made to the capital campaign for the build to help keep our borrowing costs low as the build soon begins. Consider a "ground-breaking" gift to our building fund.