

## + Fourth Sunday after Pentecost +

June 25, Year of Our Lord 2023 | DS4

## + 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

*Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** 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

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

### Absolution

**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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## + Service of the Word +

## Introit

*Psalm 56:3–4, 10–11; antiphon: v. 13*



**P** For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from | falling,\*  
that I may walk before God in the | light of life.

**C** When I | am afraid,\*

I put my | trust in you.

In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not | be afraid.\*

What can flesh | do to me?

In God, whose | word I praise,\*

in the LORD, whose | word I praise,

in God I trust; I shall not | be afraid.\*

What can man | do to me?

**G**lory 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.

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from | falling,\*  
that I may walk before God in the | light of life.

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



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

## Gloria in Excelsis



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



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 - shipped 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.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; 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

*Jeremiah 20:7–13*

O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him." But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

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

### Epistle Reading

*Romans 6:12–23*

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to

God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

### Verse of the Day

*Matthew 10:32*

**P** Alleluia. Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven. Alleluia.

### Alleluia and Verse



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



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 10:5a, 21–33*

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

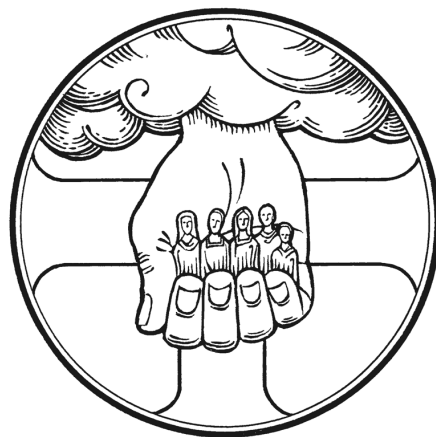
**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .

“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”



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

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

## Nicene Creed

**C** **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary**

and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

### Hymn of the Day: 659 Lord of Our Life



1 Lord of our life and God of our sal - va - tion, Star of our  
 2 See round Your ark the hun - gry bil - lows curl - ing; See how Your  
 3 Lord, be our light when world - ly dark - ness veils us; Lord, be our  
 4 Peace in our hearts, where sin - ful thoughts are rag - ing, Peace in Your



night and hope of ev - 'ry na - tion: Hear and re - ceive Your  
 foes their ban - ners are un - furl - ing And with great spite their  
 shield when earth - ly ar - mor fails us; And in the day when  
 Church, our trou - bled souls as - suag - ing, Peace when the world its



Church's sup - pli - ca - tion, Lord God Al - might - y.  
 fi - ery darts are hurl - ing, O Lord, pre - serve us.  
 hell it - self as - sails us, Grant us Your peace, Lord:  
 end - less war is wag - ing, Peace in Your heav - en.

Text: Matthäus Apelles von Löwenstern, 1594–1648; tr. Philip Pusey, 1799–1855, alt. Tune: Antiphoner, 1746, Poitiers  
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+ Sermon +

**The One Who Endures to the End will be Saved**

### 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**.

Church: For the **Holy Spirit's work** to bring about repentance and faith in Jesus. For **safety and protection** for all who will excavate our land and lay foundation for our new Sanctuary, narthex, and parking lot.

Vocation: For **farmers**. For **caregivers**. For **those who protect us**. For **those who labor in arts and science**.

Mourning: For family of **Mary Croes** (member of First Lutheran, Knoxville), 98 years old, who passed away on 6/21. For family of **Sharon Yoder's mother** who passed away 5/11. For the **family of Scott McNeil** (friend of Matthew Flaska) whose mother passed away suddenly.

Health: For **Tom Williams** recovering from pneumonia. **Ole Johnson** recovery and good outcome of recent surgery. **Lori Smith** hole in her eardrum, slow to heal. For **Alan Tokar** (Judy's husband) recovery from back surgery. **Myrna Frazier** cancer treatments extended for 3 more months. For **Fred Hansen** recovering from surgery. **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. **Jeannie Lindenfelser** for lung cancer treatments. For **Judy Kalkitis** health. **Larry Moore** recovering from ankle replacement surgery. Steve Lee recovery from wrist surgery. **Mary** (Ed & Sandy Bagley's daughter) Legionnaires' disease treatment. **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. **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. Rick & Lisa Gift's family, **Terry & Ann Gift** (both with cancer). **Mark Cutler** (Randy & Carol Groen's brother-in-law) lung cancer surgery recovery. **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. **Sheila Schnepf** (friend of Tom & Lois Schering) 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). **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's sister) health.

**Birthdays:** Joan L 6/25, Christopher S 6/26, Phyllis S 6/27, Al C 6/28, Bill M 6/29 (70!), Hannah H 6/30, Ruth K 6/30, Kimberly S 7/1, Calvin L 7/7, Mavis J 7/8, Tatum S 7/8

**Anniversaries:** Al & Sally C 6/27, Tom & Corlis W 6/28, Chris & Katie F 7/1, Jerry & Jennifer K 7/1, Andrew & Jennifer H 7/3, Ed & Barbara McG 7/11

## + **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** (*Dominus vobiscum*) The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with your spirit.**

**P** (*Sursum corda*) 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.**

**P** 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 praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, 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.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*p. 161 or 178*

**P** Blessed are You...Hear us as we pray in your name and as He has taught us:

## 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.**

### 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."

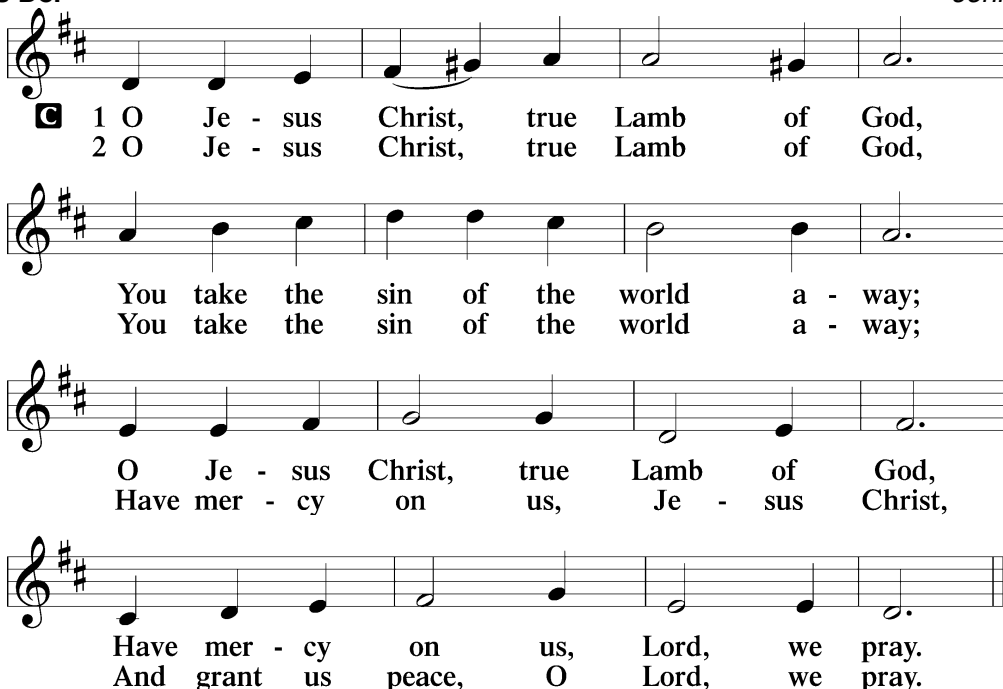
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C Amen.**

### Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*



**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke



## 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: 570 Just as I Am, without One Plea**

**Distribution Hymn: 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

**Distribution Hymn: 744 Amazing Grace**

**Distribution Hymn: 504 Father Most Holy**

## Nunc Dimittis

*Luke 2:29–32*

**C** (sung) O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

## 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 Amen.**

## Benedicamus

*Psalms 103:1*

**A** Let us bless the Lord. **C 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.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **C Amen.**

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## Announcements

**Thank you who came to the Big BBQ Bash** and supported *Praise the Lord BBQ* team headed by Jeff Baerns and sponsored by Praise Lutheran Church. What a great weekend and congratulations to Jeff for competing and thanks for letting us spread the news of our new build.

**Thank you** to all who came to Praise to view the movie *In His Image* this past Wednesday. David Duggan of Faith and Family Coalition was here and had extra copies of the movie to share. After viewing, perhaps some who took a copy can bring the DVD back to church so we can share with those who were unable to come.

**Sunday morning Bible study for students in middle or high school** meets in the office behind the Pastor's office from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. Please bring your Bible! Topic: 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.

**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!

**Women's Retreat** sponsored by Ladies Bible Study at Praise will be held Fri-Sun, Nov 3-5 at the Bear Lodge at Tuckaleechee Retreat Center <https://tuckaleecheeretreatcenter.com> Stay overnight or come just for the day (Saturday). Topic: The Emmaus Revealing. See Kris Smith and Barbara Morsch for details.

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

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

### *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.