+ Gwenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost +

November 12, Year of our Lord 2023 | DS2

+ Confession and Absolution +

Invocation (pg. 167 in hymnal)

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

- \mathbf{P} If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 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.
- 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.

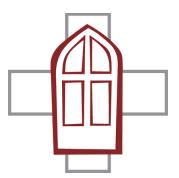
Absolution

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.

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C Amen.

1 John 1:8–9



Matthew 28:19b: 18:20

[John 20:19–23]

+ Service of the Word +

Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3



Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may I lay her young,*

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King I and my God.

G How lovely is your I dwelling place,*

O | LORD of hosts!

Behold our shield, I O God;*

look on the face of your a- I nointed!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand I elsewhere.*

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of I wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and I honor.*

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- I rightly.

O | LORD of hosts,*

blessèd is the one who I trusts in you!

Glory be to the Father and I to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- I ginning,*

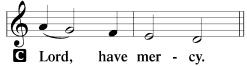
is now, and will be forever. I Amen.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may I lay her young,*

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King I and my God.

Kyrie

(sung) In peace let us pray to the Lord.

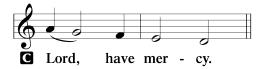


A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



Mark 10:47

A For the peace of the whole world, ... Church of God, ... unity of all let us pray...Lord.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship ... let us pray to the Lord.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



This Is the Feast

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

- (sung) This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
- (sung, p. 171-172 for music) Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



▶ Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him. or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light. and gloom with no brightness in it? "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters. and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." A This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

С These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Blessèd are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Choral Anthem at 11:00 a.m. Service: Sing with All the Saints in Glory (for text see hymnal p. 671)

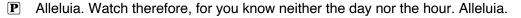
Epistle

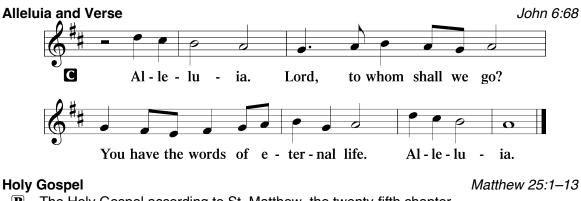
1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

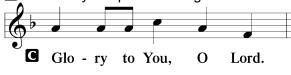
This is the Word of the Lord. **G** Thanks be to God. A

Verse of the Day





The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter. [**P**]



[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry,



'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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,

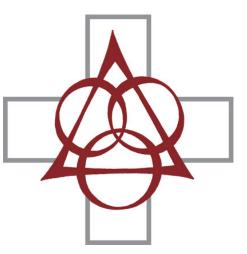
God of God, Light of Light,

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 mean 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: 516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



+ Sermon +

Meet the Bridegroom



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 a guick end to the war between modern-day Israel and the **Hamas**. For an end of the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia**. All areas and peoples around the world affected by fires, flood, earthquakes, and the like.

Church: For missionaries, teachers, and evangelists. For safety and protection for all who will are building a new Sanctuary, narthex, and parking lots for Praise Lutheran Church. For safety for our friends in Kenya (Pastor Jasper and family).

Vocation: For foster children in our community. For veterans and our military (including Carter Felt and Tyler Smith and William Smolter). For those serving in hospitals and homeless shelters. For parents with children and those expecting. For teachers in our community schools. For seminary students at CTSFW: Aaron Wade, Will Bales, and Sam Bohnet.

Loss and Mourning: Family of Greg Nunnink (98 yrs old, father of Tim Nunnink) who passed on 10/25, Family of Joan Hoffman (90 yrs old, faithful friend of Steve & Janice Kaiser) who passed away in Indiana. Family of Jeanette (Deb Wales's sister-in-law) who passed away on 10/7. Family of Jeanne Lindenfelser (78 yrs old, passed away 10/3). Family of the Brekke family's Papa Gary. Family of Carylon Dickie (91 yrs old, passed away 9/24). Family of Maggie McCarty (two-year old daughter of Pastor Nathan McCarty from camp) who passed away. Family of Daidan Lance (friend of Adam Uebelacker) who died from a motorcycle accident. Family of Dwight (Myrna's brother in law) who passed away, especially for Kay (Myrna's sister). Family of Albert Caspers (Sally Collver's father in MI) 97 years old who passed away.

Health: For **Delora Roth** in comfort care in Loudon. **Billye Rave Smith** (now home from UT hospital) recuperation and build back immunity after multiple myeloma treatments. For Steve Clemmer hip replacement recovery. For Bob Goodrich scheduled to receive a pacemaker on Nov 16. For Marty Smith (Tyler [and Megan] Smith's father) rapidly advancing cancer treatment. For Victor Sebahar (friend of Fred Hansen), cancer in brain, lungs, and bone. Alan Tokar shoulder surgery recovery. Charleston Snyder's grandmother Nancy (Sarah Thaemert's mother) in Knoxville whose health is in serious condition. For Lyndsie (Levi & Suzanne's neighbor) cancer treatments. Myrna Frazier cancer treatment and health. Ronnie Riggs (friend of Paul Ruble) declining health. David (friend of Jerald Johnston's brother) congestive heart failure. Lawrence McMichael thanksgiving for prognosis from tests and good treatment plan to come. Bill Solomon (Amy Mohr's brother) eye condition. For Marge (Ted Wilson's former wife)



who has a heart cath on Friday and valve replacement in a few weeks. Gary Kubin experiencing debilitating back and leg pain. Sharon Yoder recovering from mitral valve prosthesis trial (thanksgiving!). Carol Ehrens diagnosed with Thyroid cancer (slow growing). Bronson Butcher (Mary Schopmann's great-grandson) thanksgiving for successful robotic kidney tract stent and soon follow-up procedure. Deb Wales's father (health). Anna Strege broke arm in three places. Landen (family of Brian and Anna Strege) treating a rare virus. Rick & Lisa Gift's family, Terry & Ann Gift (both with cancer), Terry also fell and fractured his hip. Jules Felt recovery of health. Harvey Booher (Lori Smith's brother) recovering from heart attack and 3 stents. Steve (Lainey from Bible Study's husband) hip surgery recovery. Ed McGillick persistent dizziness caused by abnormal blood pressure fluctuations. Janice Kaiser health. Larry Wacker for sustained heart health. Lee Schuck at home, for her health and mobility. Gary Moehling recovery of balance and stability. Rick Gift recovering after a cycling accident. Adam Uebelacker knee injury rehab. Debbie Johnston kidney health. Tim Smith watchman heart procedure recovery. Chuck Pettyjohn recovering from open heart surgery. Mary (Ed & Sandy Bagley's daughter) Legionnaires' disease treatment. Bob McDermott dealing with Parkinson's symptoms. For Karen (Larry & Janet Moore's niece) recovering from surgery. For Judy Kalkitis health. Pastor Neil Vanderbush at Immanuel, Memphis, recurrent multiple myeloma treatment. **Kay** (Myrna's sister) for health. Pastor Ed Maanum of First Lutheran Knoxville, kidney function. For June McDonnell (lung health). Jennifer Morsch (Joel & Barbara's daughter) 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 Barbara Moyers health. For Kathy Bigger (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. 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). Tim Smith (heart and back health). Steve Kaiser's mother Louise (age 92) in Indiana. Andrew Hebar's Aunt Kara (struggling from cancer treatments). Bill (Cathy Wacker's father) dementia, health. Janeen Meier (Maureen's sister) health. Clients and friends of Jim Vesper: Myron Farmer (needing liver transplant), Debbie Buckner (peace and restoration), Steve Phipps (recovery from fall that broke both legs).

Birthdays: Barbara Jo C 11/12, Brian E 11/15, Sophia R 11/20, Nicholas S 11/21, Xavier R 11/23, Brian S 11/23, Joe H 11/24, John H 11/24, Laura B 11/25

Anniversaries: Gary & Faye S 11/11, Ed & Sandy B 11/18, Steve & Janice K 11/18, Jim & Maureen R 11/23

Benediction for those worshipping on the livestream.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

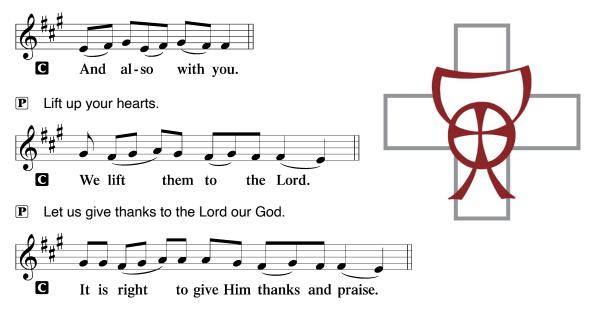
A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death and resurrection until He comes. Scripture warns that those who come forward to eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great spiritual harm. The Lord's Supper is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, any who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet to desire to receive the Sacrament (Communion), are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.

Preface



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



Proper Preface ~ Altar Book (appropriate to the day or season)

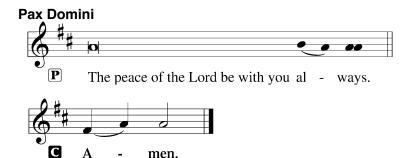
P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and saying:

| Sanctus (p. 178 for music) (sung)Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. | Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 |
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| Prayer of Thanksgiving P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth,now and foreve C Amen. | <i>p. 161 or 178</i> r. |
| Lord's Prayer Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray: 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. | Matthew 6:9–13 |

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."



Agnus Dei (p. 180 for music)

John 1:29

(sung) Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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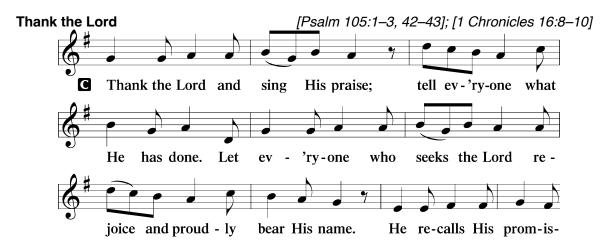
Please see our pastor for details about baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation of our church's teachings prior to taking the Lord's Supper (Communion) at Praise.

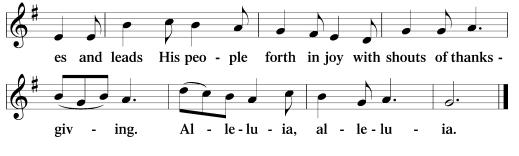
Distribution Hymn: 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Distribution Hymn: 763 When Peace, like a River

Distribution Hymn: 631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

Distribution Hymn: 603 We Know That Christ Is Raised





Post Communion Collect

L Let us pray... now and forever.

C Amen.

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.



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Numbers 6:24–26

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Capital Campaign Info: Ed Hannah; Joel Morsch Prayer requests: if possible, please submit by 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays Organist/pianists: Janice Kaiser, Susan Johnson, Gary Schauerman Choir Director: Laura Bisconte, Choir Pianist: Susan Johnson **Moved? Changed your email address? Changed cell phone or home phone? Please let the church office know.**

Two Large Print Hymnals are available in the back of church. Please ask those who are helping usher, play music, or manage the livestream equipment in the back of church.

Youth and Families

Encourage your kids of all ages to attend **Sunday morning Bible study.** Younger children meet in the Sunday School Classroom across from the mailboxes while students from 6th grade through 12th grade (or equivalent) will meet in the Social Hall.

1st through 5th grades are studying the upcoming Sunday readings $6^{th} - 12^{th}$ are studying the Book of Genesis

Starting early for Christmas Program Rehearsals: Sunday School for **K - 5th grade kids** meets from 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Parents, please plan to have your children meet together to learn more about the faith together. Very soon, we will begin preparing for the Christmas Service which will be Wed, Dec 20.

Middle (6:00 p.m.) and High School (7:00 p.m.) Youth Groups on Wednesdays Nov 15 *Middle and High School Combine:* 6:30 – 8 p.m: Thanksgiving Feast.

Middle and High School parents, please note two important announcements:

- 1. Thanksgiving Feast (Nov. 15): each student should bring 6-8 servings of their favorite part of the Thanksgiving meal. This might be a special time for you and your child to make food together! Please try to work together (even if "making food together" means visiting Kroger).
- 2. Advent Suppers are coming soon! The youth will be hosting the first two dinners. Please help both by contributing food each Wednesday and by having your student at church at 5:30 to help with set up and serving. Thank you!

Youth Catechesis Schedule

with Pastor Roberts - after church, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

TODAY Sun, Nov 12 Sun, Dec 3 Sun, Dec 10 10 Commandments (8-9) 10 Commandments (10 and close) Apostles' Creed **Potluck** NEXT SUN, Nov 19 after 11:00 a.m. service in celebration of **Aiden Gorman's baptism into Christ**. Please bring something to share.

Adopt a College Student or Young Military servant (members of Praise): please see Linda McMichael or Pastor Roberts about how you can help show care and love all year round and specifically before this Thanksgiving.

Youth Group Wednesdays for Middle School: 6 to 7 p.m.; Highschool: 7 to 8 p.m. Choir Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Men's Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary studying *Romans* Ladies Bible Study Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. with Barbara Morsch



Progress on our build

Visit **praiselutheran.com/build** to see a video on the progress! Current projects: roofing, placement of electrical, and interior framing. Parking lot preparation.

| Building Fund Update | 2023 Receipts | Total Receipts |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Actual | \$275,294 | \$900,577 |
| Pledged | \$277,877 | \$1,065,270 |
| Remaining | \$2,583 | \$164,761 |

Build Project total cost estimate: ~ 2.8 million (approximately 36% funded).

Worship chairs: If you're asking, "What can I help fund?" we are in the process of ordering 116 new chairs in the same fabric and similar frame to complete the new Sanctuary. Cost is approx. \$100 per chair with shipping, etc. *Please specify: Worship Chairs with your gift.*

Gifts for Foster Children This year we have 20 foster children (12 boys and 8 girls) to buy Christmas gifts and offer our prayers. 9 envelopes left. **Sign-up sheet** and **envelopes** are in the Narthex. Due by Sun, Dec 3. Place gifts in Social Hall until the Christmas tree is up and check the "delivered to" box on the sign-up sheet for tracking purposes. Thank you.

Planning Council budget meeting NEXT SUN, Nov 19 (enjoy the potluck and then meet in Sanctuary)