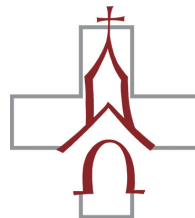


# + Eighth Sunday after Pentecost +

July 14, Year of our Lord 2024 | DS2

## + Confession and Absolution +



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

### Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

*1 John 1:8–9*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### Confession of Sins

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

### Absolution

*[John 20:19–23]*

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## + Service of the Word +

### Introit

*Psalm 143:1–2, 8a; antiphon: v. 11*



- P** For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!\*  
In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!
- C** **Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!\***  
**In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!**
- Enter not into judgment with your | servant,\*  
for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.
- Let me hear in the morning of your | steadfast love,\***  
**for in | you I trust.**
- 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.**
- For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!\*  
In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

### Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*

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

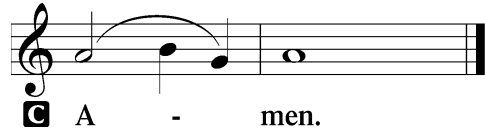
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- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

*Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9*

**This Is the Feast** (hymnal pg. 171-172 for music)

- A** (sung) This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
- C** (sung) **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



**P** The Lord be with you.



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

- P** Let us pray. O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; 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

*Amos 7:7–15*

This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

“Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.”

And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Romans 11:33, 36*

**C** Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!  
For from him and through him and to him are all things.  
To him be glory forever. Amen.

## Epistle

*Ephesians 1:3–14*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

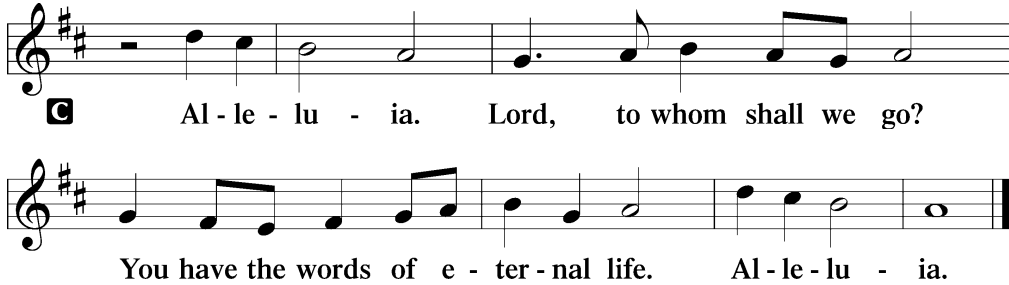
## Verse of the Day

*Matthew 5:10*

**P** Alleluia. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 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.

## Holy Gospel

Mark 6:14-29

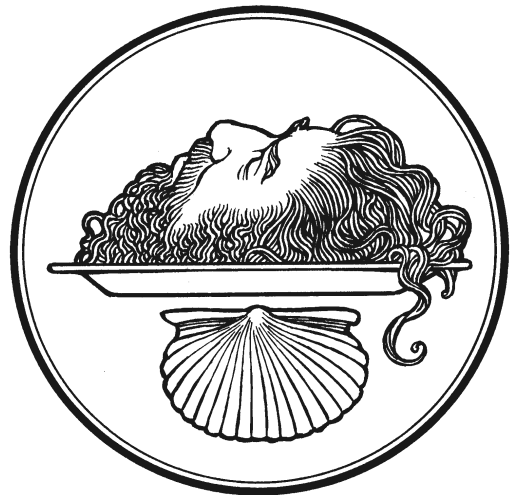
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.



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

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king



sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

**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: 743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,  
 2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me  
 3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;  
 4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,



Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish  
 Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,  
 Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me  
 Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?  
 Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.  
 Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.  
 Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer  
 Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and  
 God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its  
 Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my



naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.  
 hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
 depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.  
 Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.

5 Evil world, I leave thee; Thou canst not deceive me, Thine appeal is vain. Sin that once did blind me, Get thee far behind me, Come not forth again. Past thy hour, O pride and pow'r; Sinful life, thy bonds I sever, Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness! For the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in. Those who love the Father, Though the storms may gather, Still have peace within. Yea, whate'er I here must bear, Thou art still my purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!

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**+ Sermon +**

**For What Should I Ask?**

**Offertory** (hymnal pg. 176 for music)

*Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19*

**C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**

**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.**

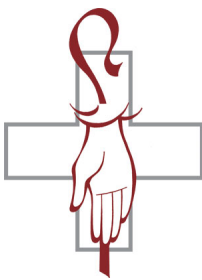
**I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

### **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 +**



World: Praying for a quick end to the war between modern-day **Israel** and the **Hamas**. For an end of the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia**.

Vocation: For our **nation** (Independence Day) and **veterans and our military** (including **Carter Felt, Casey Lawson, Tyler Smith** and **William Smolter**). For **those serving in hospitals and homeless shelters**. For **teachers** in our community schools. For those going to **Campfirmation** this week. For our circuit's seminary students: **Aaron Wade, Sam Bohnet, Vicar Daniel Bueckman**, and **Vicar Alex Ogden**. For those expecting children including **Jackson and Bri Blankenbeckler** and **Cole & Tamia Smith**. For the recently engaged including **Sam Bohnet to Kate Roberts** and **Turner Gough to Mandy Haynes**. For **Daniel and Monica Hendricks** rejoicing in the birth of **Lily** 4/24. **Michael and children** (Flaska and Stolarcysk family) in Michigan. Birth of **Shepherd** (born to Madeline) the Nunninks' family. For **Tony & Rhonda** (Seth Pierce's cousin) healthy birth of a grandbaby boy.

Loss and Mourning: Family of **Jacqueline Heathcoat** (Steve's mother, who passed away. Family of **Bill Millsaps** (Cathy Wacker's father in Kansas) entered into the Church Triumphant. Family of **Victor Sebahar** of Chicago (friend of Fred Hansen) who recently passed due to cancer. Family of **Cheri Phillips** (Chuck Pettyjohn's sister in Missouri who passed away 5/25). Family of **Ruth** (Rachel Ernst's beloved mother) who passed away suddenly due to a heart attack. Family of **Aunt Beverly** (Becky Hamby's Aunt) who passed away. Family of **Julie Bullock** (Tom Wittkopp's sister) who passed away. Family of **Corey Baerns** (Marleen's son, Jeff's brother) who was fatally shot on 4/26. For **Lila Reuer** (Al's wife; Rhonda Heckman's mom) who went to be with the Lord of Life on 3/26. For **Terry Gift** (Rick Gift's father) who entered the Church Triumphant. Family of **Russ Smolter** (William's father) who passed away 3/1. Family of **Kathleen Lane** who passed away on 2/27. Family of **Barbara Moyer's grand-children's mother** who passed away. Family of **Jeff Ratliff** (Mark's younger brother) who passed away 2/1. Family of **Myrna Frazier** who passed away on 1/27.



Health: For **Larry Wacker** (fell and broke ribs and elbow, requiring surgery). For Jerry & Jennifer Kropps's mothers: **Louise Kropp** and **Marie Guinn** (both turning 90 and recently diagnosed with lung mass [Louise] and cancer [Marie]). For **Linda McMichael** (torn hamstring, may require surgery). For **Dana** (Ed & Sandy's) niece recovering from tongue and throat cancer surgery. For **Bradley Happel** (Becky Hamby's brother) open heart surgery/quadruple bypass recovery. For **Sharon Yoder** released back to Maryville for more stroke rehab and therapy. For **Sandy Bagley** (health and mobility). For **Marleen Baerns** recovering from gall bladder surgery. Bill & Diane's son **Luke Miller** (a Lutheran pastor in the WEL's synod) treatment after (first) onset of seizures. For **June Latham** (Phyllis Bembas' sister) stroke and vision recovery. For **Edward Faberzak** (son of friends of Jim Vesper, former Navy serviceman) fighting cancer. For **Pastor Ed Maanum** kidney acceptance and for **Jen Maanum** who donated a kidney. For **Nancy** (Jim Vesper's mother) in final weeks or days in hospice care. For **Fred Goddard** (nephew of Mary Ellen Brown) lung cancer treatment. For niece of Mary Ellen with a massive blood clot in her leg. For **Herman** her brother recovering from stent procedure. For **Steve Greene** (friend of Jim Vesper) dealing with multiple cancers. For **Gary Kubin** experiencing debilitating back and leg pain and for **Jessie** his niece recovering from knee surgery. For **Joan Large** stroke recovery (now home). For **Linda Davis** for healing from anemia related procedure. For **Mary** (Ed & Sandy Bagley's daughter) health. For **Andrew** (son of a friend of Laura Bisconte) treatment for a mass in the base of his brain. For **another friend** of Laura Bisconte who needs good news concerning her heart condition. For **Larry & Cathy Wacker's daughter** and **son-in-law's** health and cancer treatments. For **Carol** (Alex Hick's aunt) recent diagnosis of frontal lobe dementia. For **Tim Smith** heart health. For **Chuck Pettyjohn** (health). For **Jane** (Steve Kaiser's sister) suffering severe back pain. For **Faith** (Jerry and Jennifer Kropp's daughter) health. For **Tanner** speedy recovery (injured in a work accident), Tatum Smolter's fiancé. For **Tom Williams** lung cancer spot treatments. For **Frank Davis** (Leah Mohr's father) recovering from a heart procedure. For **Brad** (Phil & Carol Barnett's son) lung blood clots treatment. For **Billye Raye Smith** to build back immunity after multiple myeloma treatments. For **Janeen Meier** healing for physical and mental health (Maureen Roberts' sister and Pastor Roberts' Aunt). For **Pete Gay** (Catherine Boute's brother-in-law) terminal cancer. 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. For **Carol Ehrens** diagnosed with Thyroid cancer (slow growing). **Ed McGillick** persistent dizziness caused by abnormal blood pressure fluctuations. **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. **Bob McDermott** dealing with Parkinson's symptoms. **Pastor Neil Vanderbush** at Immanuel, Memphis, recurrent multiple myeloma treatment. For **Alan Stremsterfer's mother** health issues. For **Lisa Stremsterfer's father** health and stability. **Aurora Stevens** back and shoulder pain

treatments. For **Barbara Moyers** health. For **Kathy Bigger** (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. Andrew Hebar's **Aunt Kara** (health).

**Birthdays:** Sonja R 7/13, Calvin L 7/14, Ed M 7/14, Debbie J 7/14, Boston S 7/15, Cathy W 7/16, Meghan F 7/17, Renee H 7/19, Lori S 7/19, Samuel H 7/21, Tammy C 7/22, Mike W 7/22

**Anniversaries:** Steve & Rosalyn L 7/14

**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]*

**P** (sung) The Lord be with you.



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

**P** Lift up your hearts.



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

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



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

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

**Sanctus** (hymnal pg. 178 for music)

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**C** (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.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

*p. 161 or 178*

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

**C** Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 ✠ 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

*John 20:19*

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



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei (hymnal pg. 180 for music)

*John 1:29*

**C** 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.

## 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: 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing** (see hymnal)

**Distribution Hymn: 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

**Distribution Hymn: 913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In**

**Distribution Hymn: 632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee**

**Thank the Lord** (hymnal pg. 181) *[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10]*

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Post Communion Collect

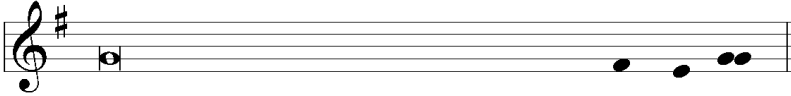
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**L** Let us pray... now and forever.

**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.



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**Special Opportunity** to give a gift to the **Build Fund** now before rolling the Construction Loan over to a Mortgage. You will help the church reduce our monthly interest payments. Please specify: Build Fund on your gift (via check or online at [praiselutheran.com](https://praiselutheran.com)).

**Shop at Kroger?** Link your account to Praise Lutheran Church in the “Community Rewards” area from your digital account for Praise Lutheran to receive community funds from Kroger. We were recently awarded a quarterly sum of **\$106.82** (because of 34 families who have designated the church in their profile). Thank you to those of you who are already signed up. Please reach out to the church office for help: (865) 977-5810 or [tina@praiselutheran.com](mailto:tina@praiselutheran.com)



**The Altar Guild** kindly suggests that women who use the common cup to please remove lipstick prior to communing. The linens require hand scrubbing to remove lipstick and it is breaking down the fabric. Thank you.

**Ride Sharing to Church** We’re looking for volunteer drivers for our Ride to Church Program. If you would like to volunteer to provide rides to church on Sundays to those that are unable to drive, contact Mark (865-724-5657) or Sonja (423-802-9955) Ratliff. Frequency would be once per month or once every other month, depending on the number of drivers we have.

**Ladies Autumn Retreat** (ages 18 yrs. and up) Still room for more, if you don't mind a top bunk. Sign-up in Narthex or see Kris Smith or Barbara Morsch if interested. Scholarships available. The theme for this year's (second annual) retreat is: *The Prodigal Son*. The retreat will be: Fri, Oct 4, beginning at 4 p.m. and will continue through Sun, Oct 6. We'll depart at 10 a.m. to return to the Divine Service at Praise. Location: Bear Lodge at Tuckaleechee Retreat Center, Townsend. Either stay two nights at the cabin (Fri-Sat, \$150) or attend on Saturday daytime only (\$75). Payments due by Sun, August 25, cash or check made payable to Praise Lutheran Church, designate for Ladies' Retreat. Sign-up in the narthex today.

## Youth and Families

### Summer Sunday School

Please join us for the summer to learn about all the different Heros in the bible. Meet for opening in the new nursery (some students may be directed to classrooms from there). We welcome children ages 2 years old up to those entering 5th grade. For those entering 6th grade through high school, please join Shelli Haynes for bible study (Book of Exodus)!

### Middle and High School Youth Groups on Wednesdays:

**Middle School** 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Highschool** 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Campfirmation Week** was last week, July 7-13, for middle schoolers, high school, and adult leaders at Camp Linn Haven, NC (30 people from Praise are going this year).

**OF FAITH IN THE BIBLE**  
MAY 26 - JULY 28

**KIDS 2 YEARS - 5TH GRADE**

**SUPER HERO**

MAY 26 INTRO	JUNE 30 ZACCHAEUS
JUNE 2 ELIJAH	JULY 7 GIDEON
JUNE 9 HANNAH	JULY 14 RUTH
JUNE 16 DEBORAH	JULY 21 ABRAHAM
JUNE 23 DAVID	JULY 28 PAUL
	AUGUST 4 WRAP UP

## **This Week at Praise**

**Youth Group** Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Middle School and 7:00 p.m. High School  
**Choir Rehearsal** on break until August  
**Men's Bible Study** resumes THIS Wed, July 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall  
**Ladies Bible Study** Thursday 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall with Barbara Morsch

## **Catechesis at Praise**



### **Adult Catechesis**

Next meeting THIS Tues evening, **July 16** at 7:00 p.m. (in the Social Hall); Topic:  
*The Way of The Lord's Supper, part 2*

## **LATER this SUMMER**

**Wedding Invite:** Rev. Derek and Gretchen Roberts invite you to celebrate their daughter's wedding, Kate Roberts to Samuel Bohnet, on August 17th, 2024 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at Praise Lutheran Church. Reception to follow.

RSVP by July 20th at [www.theknot.com/bohnetandroberts](http://www.theknot.com/bohnetandroberts)