

+ Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost +

August 4, Year of our Lord 2024 | DS1

+ 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 78:23–25; antiphon: v. 72



P With upright heart he shep- | herded them*
and guided them with his | skillful hand.

G He commanded the | skies above*
and opened the doors of | heaven,
and he rained down on them man- | na to eat*
and gave them the grain of | heaven.

**Man ate of the bread of the | angels;*
he sent them food in a- | bundance.**

**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.**

With upright heart he shep- | herded them*
and guided them with his | skillful hand.

Kyrie Eleison ~ Lord, Have Mercy



1 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.



Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - - - i - son.
Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.

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All Glory be to God on High (Hymn 947; Gloria in Excelsis Versification)



1 All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all His
2 We praise and laud and wor - ship You; We give You thanks for -
3 O Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son Be - got - ten of the
4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, our de - light And source of con - so -

fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - ri - fy A
 ev - er, O Fa - ther, for Your rule is true And
 Fa - ther, Your sav - ing death has made us one With
 la - tion, Pro - tect us from the dev - il's might Through

child of God for - ev - er. God shows His good and
 just and chang - es nev - er. With bound - less pow'r, Your
 God and with each oth - er. O Lamb of God, to -
 Je - sus, our sal - va - tion, Who by His death up -

gra - cious will And grants His peace, the world to fill—
 might - y reign Ful - fills what - ev - er You or - dain.
 You on high In our dis - tress we sin - ners cry,
 on a tree Has res - cued us from mis - er - y:

All strife at last has end - ed.
 Lord, grant us ev - 'ry bless - ing!
 Have mer - cy on us, a - men!
 To this we hold for - ev - er.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray. Merciful Father, You gave Your Son Jesus as the heavenly bread of life. Grant us faith to feast on Him in Your Word and Sacraments that we may be nourished unto life everlasting; 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

Exodus 16:2–15

The whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. And the LORD said to Moses, “I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

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 knowl- | edge 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 4:1–16

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is

one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,
and he gave gifts to men.”

(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

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

Verse of the Day

John 6:35b

- P** Alleluia. I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. Alleluia.

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the". The second staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are: "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The piece ends with a double bar line.

Holy Gospel

John 6:22–35

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

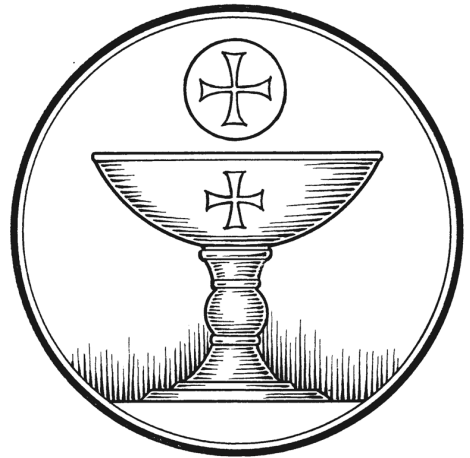
When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: 648 Glorious Things of You Are Spoken



1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y
 2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e -
 3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, See the cloud and
 4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a



of our God; He whose word can - not be bro - ken Formed you
 ter - nal love, Well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters And all
 fire ap - pear For a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, Show - ing
 mem - ber am, Let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will



for His own a - bode. On the Rock of A - ges found - ed,
 fear of want re - move. Who can faint while such a riv - er
 that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner
 glo - ry in Your name. Fad - ing are the world's vain plea - sures,



What can shake your sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's
 Ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace, which like the
 Light by night and shade by day, Safe they feed up -
 All their boast - ed pomp and show; Sol - id joys and



walls sur - round - ed, You may smile at all your foes.
 Lord, the giv - er, Nev - er fails from age to age.
 on the man - na Which God gives them on their way.
 last - ing trea - sures None but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

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+ Sermon +

Bread from Heaven

Offertory

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19

☐ (sung) 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

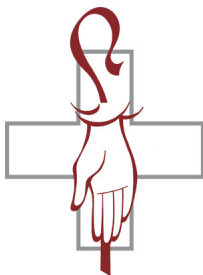
now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Rites of Confirmation and Reception into Membership (by transfer, etc.)

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 **new members** at Praise and those being confirmed in the faith. For **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 our circuit's seminary students: **Aaron Wade, Sam Bohnet, Vicar Daniel**

Bueckman, and **Vicar Alex Ogden**. For those expecting children including **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. Birth of **Rowan Blackenbeckler** to Jackson and Bri (7/25). Upcoming Baptisms for **Everett** and **Iris Fritts** (Aug 18).

Loss and Mourning: Family of **Stephanie Hunze Lee** who passed away suddenly on 7/26. For family of **Cody** (friend of Alex & Shelby Hicks) who passed away suddenly 7/27. Family of **Tony** (Jennier Hebar's uncle). 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: **Sharon Yoder** (recovering from gall procedure). **Rowan Blackenbeckler** (Jackson & Bri's baby boy, born early) and for **Bri's** health. For **Barbara Moyers** upcoming back surgery in August. For **Larry Wacker** surgery recovery (broken elbow and ribs). For **Ted Frazier** severe headaches, was hospitalized recently. For **John Machadow** (friend of Larry Moore) cancer. For **Dominic Steer** (Steve Kaiser's brother in law) health. 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 healing). 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 WELS) 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 finals weeks or days in hospice care. For **Fred Goddard** (nephew of Mary Ellen Brown) lung cancer treatment. 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 **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 **Tom Williams** lung cancer spot treatments. For **Brad** (Phil & Carol Barnett's son) lung blood clots treatment. 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 **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 **Kathy Bigger** (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. Andrew Hebar's **Aunt Kara** (health).

Birthdays: Mark R 8/3, Jim T 8/3, Danny F 8/5, Diane M 8/7, Chuck P 8/7, Carmella L 8/8, Corlis W 8/8, Janet M 8/10, Corlis W 8/8, Janet M 8/10, Kayla DC 8/16, Carol E 8/17

Anniversaries: Phil & Carol B 8/5, Tom & Lois S 8/7, Chris & Rose B 8/8, Jason & Meagan C 8/8, Bob & Theresa M 8/8, Travis & Shelli H 8/10, John & Courtney B 8/12, Matthew & Meghan F 8/14

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

p. 160; 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

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

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.

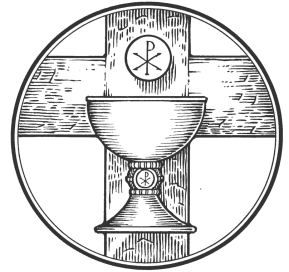
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Mt 26:26-30; Mk 14:22-26; Lk 22:14-23; 1 Cor 11:23-25.

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 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.



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: 821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (see hymnal)

Distribution Hymn: 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Distribution Hymn: 697 Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

Distribution Hymn: 822 Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

Thank the Lord

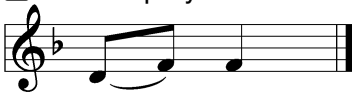
[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10]

C (sung) Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek 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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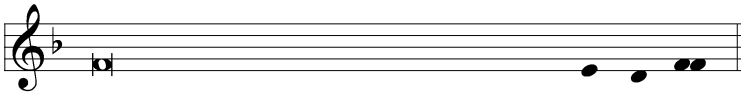
A Let us pray. ... one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

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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Two Large Print Hymnals are available. Please ask those who are helping as ushers to locate a large print hymnal for you.



Visit praiselutheran.com/build to see our build completion video!

Building Fund	2023 Receipts	2024 Receipts	Total Receipts
Actual	\$345,752	\$153,851	\$1,125,403
Pledged	\$277,877	\$179,106	\$1,065,270
Remaining	-\$67,875	\$25,255	-\$60,133

Build Project total cost estimate: ~ 2.8 million (approximately 38% funded).

Gifts to the Build Fund are still encouraged (through at least the extended end of the Capital Campaign in December 2025). Please prayerfully (continue to) give gifts.

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. 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





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. Please contact Mark (865-724-5657) or Sonja (423-802-9955) Ratliff. Frequency of once per month or once every other month, depending on the number of drivers.

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 preferred now if possible, or please pay by Sun, August 25. Cash or check made payable to Praise Lutheran Church, designate for Ladies' Retreat. Sign-up in the narthex today. *Please submit payment to Kris Smith.*

Today

Welcome New Members: *By Confirmation:* Justin & Nicole Fritts (Everett and Iris), Angela Gift, Faith Kropp, Megan Morehead; *By Transfer:* Judy Davis, Charles (Lou) Lewis & Betty Gouley, Ray & April Torres (Lily, Avery, and Ray), Pamela Sokoll, and Adelaide Yoder.

This Week at Praise

Youth Group Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Middle School and 7:00 p.m. High School
Choir Rehearsal on break; resumes Wed, August 25
Men's Bible Study Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall
Ladies Bible Study Thursday 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall with Barbara Morsch

Upcoming Events

August 17 (Sat) 3 p.m. Wedding for Samuel Bohnet and Kate Roberts
August 25 (Sun) Rally Day with Ministry Fair

September 7 (Sat) 6 p.m. Praise Trivia Night
September 22 (Sun) Church Picnic
September 28 (Sat) LCMS Knoxville Circuit Convocation at Praise Lutheran Church

October 4-6 (Fri-Sat) Ladies Retreat (Theme: The Prodigal Son); Location: Townsend.
October 26 (Sat) Oktoberfest at Praise Lutheran Church

November 30 (Sat) Advent by Candlelight, coordinator: Shelli Haynes: (909) 226-3179)