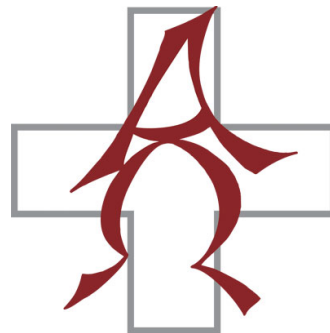


+ Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost +

September 1, Year of our Lord 2024 | DS1

+ 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 ☩ 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 51:7, 10–12; antiphon: v. 2



- L** Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!
- C** **Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;***
wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.
Create in me a clean heart, | O God,*
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.
Cast me not away from your | presence,*
and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.
Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,*
and uphold me with a willing | spirit.
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.
Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!

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 -



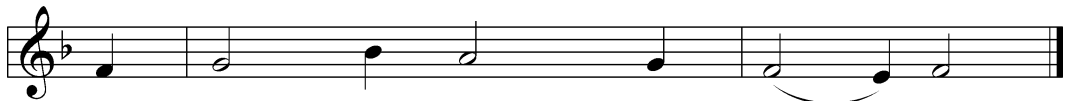
fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - ri - fy A
 ev - er, O Fa - ther, for Your rule is true And
 Fa - ther, Your sav - ing death has made us one With
 la - tion, Pro - tect us from the dev - il's might Through



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. O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. . . .

Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

C **Fear the LORD, | you his saints,***
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle

Ephesians 6:10–20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

Matthew 5:8

P Alleluia. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. 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.

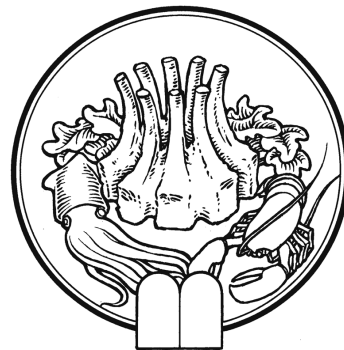
Holy Gospel

Mark 7:14–23

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.



[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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: 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (see hymnal)

+ Sermon +

Defiled *from* Within, Not by what goes In

Offertory, pg. 159-160 for music

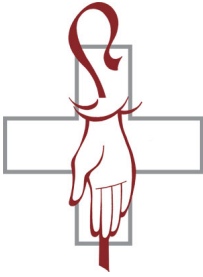
Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19

- C** (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.**

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 **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 those who are engaged including: **Turner Gough** to **Mandy Haynes**, and **Joshua Arguien** to **Adelaide Yoder**. Birth of **Shepherd** (born to Madeline) the Nunninks' family. Birth of **Rowan Blankenbeckler** to Jackson and Bri (7/25). The recently married at Praise: **Sam & Kate Bohnet**.

Loss and Mourning: Family and friends of **Richard Kentner** and **Linda Wilson** (friends of Jerrald and Debbie Johnston) who passed away. Family of **Jeff Frazier** (Ted & Myrna son, Danny's nephew) who passed away. For family of **Cody** (friend of Alex & Shelby Hicks) who passed away suddenly 7/27. For many remembering loved ones who passed away recently.

Health: For **Barbara Moyers** recovery from back surgery and blood clot in lung (hospitalized). **Sharon Yoder** health and hospice care. For **Monia Convington** (Angela Gift's mother) pneumonia recovery and health. **Sandy Bagley** post-surgery rehab at Shannodale. For **Trina Tschappat** (Gretchen Roberts's younger sister) two small brain aneurysms and brain bleed recovery. For **Will Wade** knee surgery recovery. **Rowan Blackenbeckler** (Jackson & Bri's baby boy, born early) and for **Bri's** health. For **Brad Barnett** (Phil & Carol's son) cancer return. For **Larry Wacker** post-surgery recovery (broken elbow and ribs). For **Carole Vitzthum** (and **George** taking care of her). For **Ron** (health) and Pamela Williams (peace and comfort during trying times). For **Ted Frazier** severe headaches treatment. For **David Lloyd** (friend of Tom & Lois Schering) who cannot swallow. For **Greg** (Linda Davis's son) recovery from bicycling accident. For **Garrison** with ALS (student of Amy Mohr's daughter, Coleen Williams). 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** (hamstring and knee fractures 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 **Mary** (Ed & Sandy Bagley's daughter) health. 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**

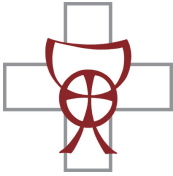
Faberzak (son of friends of Jim Vesper, former Navy serviceman) fighting cancer. For **Pastor Ed Maanum** kidney acceptance. For **Nancy** (Jim Vesper's mother) hospice care. For **Fred Goddard** (nephew of Mary Ellen Brown) lung cancer treatment. For **Steve Greene** (friend of Jim Vesper) dealing with multiple cancers. For **Gary Kubin** experiencing debilitating back and leg pain. 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** maintenance chemo 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: Calvin H 8/31, Owen P 9/1, Sandra W 9/1, Justin G 9/3, Pam T 9/3, Jacob W 9/4, Emma Lu K 9/6, Delaney S 9/7, Sharon F 9/8, Travis H 9/9, Monica H 9/9, Mariah K 9/9, Bob H 9/10, Barbara McG 9/10, Candace P 9/10, Tom W 9/11

Anniversaries: Bill & Diane M 9/7, Robbie & Leah M 9/8, Gary & Carol M 9/9, Ole & Mavis J 9/14

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

p. 161 or 178

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

Lord's Prayer

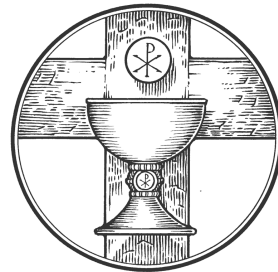
Matthew 6:9–13

- 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

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

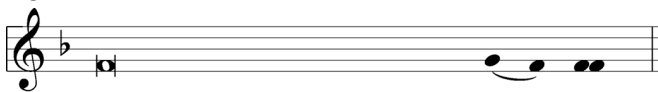
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."



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.



G A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



G 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: 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart (see hymnal)

Distribution Hymn: 769 Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

Distribution Hymn: 662 Onward, Christian Soldiers

Distribution Hymn: 924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Thank the Lord

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



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy

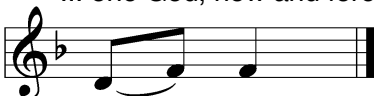


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

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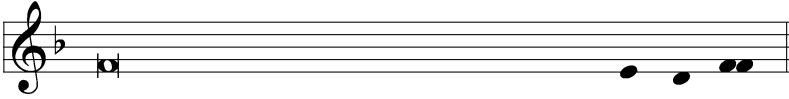
A Let us pray.
... one God, now and forever.



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.



A - men.

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Choir Director: Laura Bisconte, Choir Pianist: Susan Johnson

Church Calendar: praiselutheran.com/events



Moved? Changed your email address? Changed cell phone or home phone? Please let the church office know.

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	\$158,455	\$1,130,007
Pledged	\$277,877	\$179,106	\$1,065,270
Remaining	\$67,875 (over)	- \$20,651 (under)	\$64,737 (over)

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

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) Oct 4 – Oct 6 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*. **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.*

Lectors revised schedules are in your mailboxes and one hanging in the old Narthex (new Library), Tom Schering, coordinator for Lectors.

Church Picnic, Sun, Sept. 22 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sign-up today at praiselutheran.com/picnic (or see the clipboard in the Narthex). Location: Mohr Park Picnic Grounds (Amy Mohr’s home): 222 Woodcrest Dr. Maryville. Hamburgers and hotdogs provided. Members bringing side-dishes and salads. More info online!

Youth Catechesis

Organizational Meeting: next Sun, Sept 8 after church: **bring a parent(s)** and meet with Pastor Roberts in the Social Hall after church. No lunch provided, but we’ll get started ASAP after church, distribute schedule, answer questions, etc. Gather in the new larger classroom across from the kitchen or in the kitchen (depending on number of people present).

Youth and Families

Sunday School (weekly on Sundays) **9:45 a.m.** to 10:45 a.m.

Ages 2 to 4: Meet in the Nursery (new building)

Ages 5 to 7: Meet in the classroom across from the new library (next to Shelli's office).

Grades 2nd to 5th: Meet in the *new* classroom (right-hand door) across from kitchen

Grades Middle- and Highschool: Meet with DCE Shelli Haynes in the new Classroom (left-hand door, across from kitchen)

Wednesday Evening Youth Group (weekly on Wednesdays)

Middle School Youth (grades 6th - 8th) meets in the Social Hall for games and a devotion from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Bring your Bible and a water bottle!

High School Youth (grades 9th - 12th) meets in the Social Hall for games and Bible study from 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. Bring your Bible, a highlighter, a pen, and a water bottle.

Upcoming special Youth events

LCMS Youth Gathering (triennial event for highschool youth) is coming to New Orleans from July 19 – 23, 2025. Who: students who will be entering 9th grade through college freshmen in 2025. Please reach out to April Torres for more info on fundraising.

Commitments and registration due by end of October, 2024. NOTE: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ON **SEPT 8** AFTER CHURCH

Campfirmation (yearly event for middleschoolers and highschoolers) at Camp Linn Haven, North Carolina from July 7-11, 2025. Theme for 2025: *The Sacraments: Signed, Sealed, and Delivered*. Designated fundraising events will take place throughout the year.

* * * Special Announcement for all LCMS churches in Knoxville area * * *

Circuit-wide Event Coming to Praise

Convocation of the Knoxville Circuit LCMS

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024 (10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

A first for our circuit! The LCMS Knoxville Circuit Visitor has called for a Convocation: a large gathering of all our LCMS churches of the Knoxville Circuit for informative and encouraging presentations and to celebrate the Divine Service together. Have you ever wondered what other LCMS churches in our area are doing to reach the lost, teach the faithful, and care for all? You're invited to come enjoy a Saturday filled with ministry leader presentations, get to know other area LCMS clergy, church workers, church leaders, and laity, and then have Absolution, Word, and Communion on the Eve of Saint Michael and All Angels. Visit: praiselutheran.com/convocation to learn more and to RSVP for seating and lunch.

Today Before You Leave

Directory Update please update your information in the directory located on the tall table in the Narthex.

See the Sign-up Clipboards along the wall in the Narthex to learn what's happening at Praise this fall and to RSVP for various events and activities such as the picnic.

Mailboxes have been modified with new dividers (thank you, Seth Pierce!). Take a look!

National Youth Gathering meeting after 11:00 a.m. church service in the Social Hall

This Week at Praise

Youth Group Wed, **6:00 p.m.** for Middle School; **8:00 p.m.** (new time!) for High School

Choir Rehearsal first rehearsal of the season is **THIS Wed, Sept. 4 at 6:00 p.m.**

Men's Bible Study this Wed at 7:00 p.m. Topic: *Romans Chapter 14*.

Ladies Bible Study Thursday 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall with Barbara Morsch

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Our new service time for the early service is: **8:30 a.m.**

Our new Adult Bible Study and Sunday School time is **9:45 a.m.**

Upcoming Events

September 7 (Sat) 6 p.m. Praise Trivia Night (in the Social Hall) Please plan to join us! Cost to play is \$15 (all proceeds will help fund our students going to the Youth Gathering). We will have drinks and snacks for sale as well. If childcare, please let Shelli know by 8/31.

September 8 (Sun) Youth Catechesis first session after 11:00 a.m. church (see p.14)

September 12 (Thurs) Men's Lunch at T.C. Grill 11:30 a.m.

September 15 (Sun) Planning Council

September 22 (Sun) Congregational Picnic: sign-up at praiselutheran.com/picnic

September 28 (Sat) LCMS Knoxville Circuit Convocation at Praise Lutheran Church praiselutheran.com/convocation and RSVP for seating and lunch.

October 4-6 (Fri-Sat) Ladies Retreat (Theme: The Prodigal Son); Location: Townsend.

October 26 (Sat) Octoberfest at Praise Lutheran Church:

Nov 2 (Sat) Lutheran Women in Mission East TN Zone Fall Rally at Praise: 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. RSVP deadline Oct 26: Free Event. More info in the Narthex. Rally will help support the Pregnancy Resource Center and SafeSpace (which serves battered women and their children).

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