

+ Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost +

September 15, Year of our Lord 2024 | DS3

+ 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

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

Confession of Sins

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 31:14–16; antiphon: v. 24



P Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,*
all you who wait | for the LORD!

C But I trust in you, | O LORD;*
I say, “You | are my God.”

My times are | in your hand;*
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my perse- | cutors!

Make your face shine on your | servant;*
save me in your | steadfast love!

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.

Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,*
all you who wait | for the LORD!

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

Gloria in Excelsis, p. 187-189 for music

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

P (sung) Glory be to God on high:

C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
 O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
 O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
 For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4–10

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

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

James 3:1–12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

Mark 9:23b

P Alleluia. All things are possible for one who believes. Alleluia.

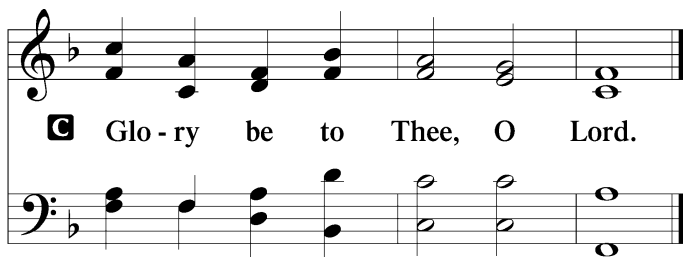
Triple Alleluia

C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:14–29

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

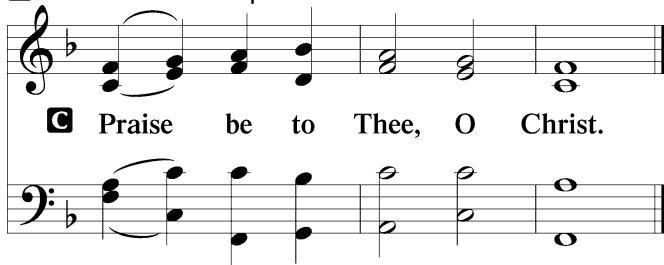


C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.



When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, 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: 533 Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure (see hymnal)

+ Sermon +

Guest Pastor Today: Rev. Kent Dockery

Offertory, p. 192-193 for music

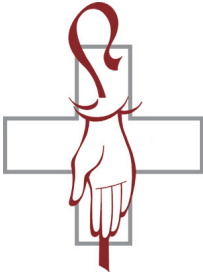
Psalm 51:10–12

- C** (sung) **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

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 **Joshua Arguien** and **Adelaide Yoder** who will be wed this week (private ceremony until later public blessing in April). 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**.

Loss and Mourning: For **Nancy Vesper** (Jim's mother) who passed away 9/9. Family of **Brad Barnett** (Phil & Carol's son) who passed away and whose memorial service was 9/3. 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 **Bill Galamore** (in final days of life; in memory and hospice care). For **Chris King** (Thomas Lane's son-in-law in Texas) hospitalized for severe issue with his transplanted kidney. For **Carol Ehrens** hospitalized this past week due to pneumonia. For **Ron Williams** (hospitalized in ICU) and for his wife Pamela. **Phyllis Strege** (broken ankle rehab at Foothills). For **Ronald Haskins** (in final days of life, hospice care). For **Barbara Moyers** recovery from back surgery (now home). **Sharon Yoder** health and hospice care. For **Monia Convington** (Angela Gift's mother) pneumonia recovery and health. **Sandy Bagley** now home after leg fracture surgery and rehab. For **Trina Tschappat** (Gretchen Roberts's younger sister) two small brain aneurysms. For **Will Wade** knee surgery recovery. **Rowan Blackenbeckler** (**Jackson** & Bri's baby boy, born early) and for **Bri's** health. For **Larry Wacker** post-surgery recovery (broken elbow and ribs). For **Carole Vitzthum** (and **George** taking care of her). 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 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 **Tom Williams** maintenance chemo 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. **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).

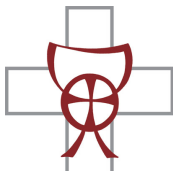
Birthdays: Aiden G 9/15, Linda MM 9/15, Carol B 9/16, Al R 9/19, Carter F 9/20, Sam N 9/20, Sydney P 9/21, Gus S 9/22, Matthew F 9/24, Jennifer K 9/26, Jack N 9/26, Lou L 9/28, John P 9/28

Anniversaries: Ole & Mavis J 9/14, Tom & Nadine W 9/17, Lou & Betty (G) L 9/19, Ed & Susan H 9/26

Benediction for those worshiping on the livestream.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise

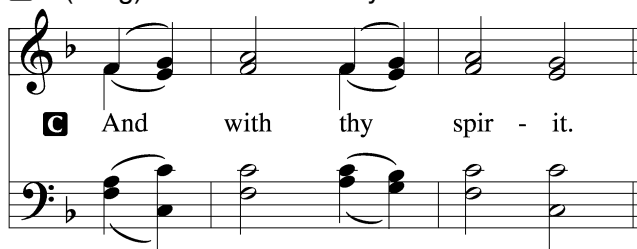


The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our 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 with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy, p. 195 for music

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C (sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

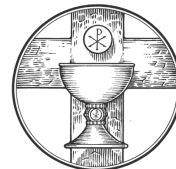
Matthew 6:9–13

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, p. 198 for music

John 1:29

C (sung) O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.



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: 619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior (see hymnal)

Distribution Hymn: 819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

Distribution Hymn: 846 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

Distribution Hymn: 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

Nunc Dimittis, p. 199-200 for music

Luke 2:29-32

C (sung) **Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1

A (sung) O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps). The treble staff begins with a whole chord of D major (D, F#, A) and continues with a melodic line for the words 'and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.' The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and a lower melodic line.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major. The treble staff features a melodic line for the word 'Amen' with a long note on 'A' and a shorter note on 'men.' The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and a lower melodic line.

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

The musical notation consists of a single treble clef staff in the key of D major. It features a simple melodic line for the words 'The Lord be with you.' The notes are: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4.

And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

A (sung) Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

A-men, a-men, a - men.

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Prayer requests: if possible, please submit by 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays
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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	\$159,165	\$1,130,717
Pledged	\$277,877	\$179,106	\$1,065,270
Remaining	\$67,875 (over)	- \$19,941 (under)	\$65,447 (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 Thank you to those of you who have signed up!

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.*

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* * * Special Announcement for all LCMS churches in Knoxville area * * *
Convocation of the Knoxville Circuit LCMS (at Praise Lutheran Church)
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.

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.

Youth Catechesis Schedule

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

Sun, Sept 29 The Faith, The Bible, The Catechism, start of the 10 C.

Sun, Oct 20 The Ten Commandments

Upcoming special Youth events

LCMS Youth Gathering (triennial event for high school 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, (714) 264-4111, for more info on fundraising. Commitments and registration due by end of October, 2024.

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.

Today Before You Leave

Thank you to **Pastor Kent Dockery** for serving today while Pastor Roberts is away. Pastor Roberts will be back in town and office on Tuesday.

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 Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Men's Bible Study this Wed at 7:00 p.m. Topic: *Romans Chapter 15*

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

Upcoming Events

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.

September 29 (Sun) 7:00 pm: Faith and Family Coalition event: Prof. Andrew T. Walker at Broadway Baptist Church (free event)

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

October 13 (Sun) Planning Council 12:30 p.m.

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

Church Picnic, NEXT 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 for a head count only). Sign-up online to bring other items: drinks, etc.! *Hamburgers and hotdogs provided.*

Last name begins with:

A-M: bring **salads**

N-Z: bring **side-dishes**

(and please bring serving utensils)

Location: Mohr Park Picnic Grounds 222 Woodcrest Dr. Maryville, TN.

CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday September 22, 2024 1 - 4pm+

Mohr Park Picnic Grounds
222 Woodcrest Dr. Maryville
Rain Date: Sunday, October 3, 2024

Come one and all! We're grilling hot dogs and hamburgers.

We will have a golf cart to assist any who might need it!

We need:

Salads for 10 people (last names A - M)
Side Dishes for 10 people (last names N - Z)

Please bring your:
camp chairs | yard games | guitars & songs |

