## + Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost +

September 22, Year of Our Lord 2022 I DS4

## + Confession and Absolution +

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



#### Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- Amen.

#### **Exhortation**

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3-4; Luke 18:13

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **B**ut with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

#### Confession of Sins

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 37:5-7; antiphon: v. 4



- P Delight yourself I in the LORD,\* and he will give you the desires I of your heart.
- Commit your way I to the LORD;\*
  trust in him, and I he will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness I as the light,\* and your justice as the I noonday.

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently I for him;\*

fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil de- I vices!

Glory be to the Father and I to the Son\*

and to the Holy I Spirit; as it was in the be- I ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Delight yourself I in the LORD,\*

and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

Kyrie Mark 10:47

(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. Refrain
- 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. *Refrain*
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Refrain



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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- And with your Spirit.
- Let us pray. O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **Old Testament Reading**

Jeremiah 11:18-20

The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.

I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more."

But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

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

Gradual Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

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

Epistle James 3:13—4:10

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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

Verse of the Day Mark 9:35b

P Alleluia. If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel Mark 9:30–37

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."



- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

#### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was 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.



#### + Sermon +

## + Prayer +



World: For God to cease the wars between modern-day **Israel** and the **Hamas** and the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia**.

Vocation: For Joshua Arguien and Adelaide Yoder who were married on 9/20. 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 the family of **Phyllis Strege** who passed away 9/18. For the family of **Nancy Vesper** (Jim's mother) who passed away 9/9. Family of **Ronnie Riggs** (Paul Ruble's friend) who passed away. Family of **Brad Barnett** (Phil & Carol's son) who passed away and whose memorial service was 9/3. For many remembering loved ones who passed away recently.

Health: For **Bill Galamore** (in final days of life; in memory and hospice care). For **Sharon** Yoder health and hospice care. For Sandy Bagley (recurrent stroke on 9/15) back at Shannondale for rehab. For Bill (Paul Ruble's brother-in-law) lung and overall health. For Lisa Gift hip infection treatment (now home from hospital); For Chris King (Thomas Lane's son-in-law in Texas) hospitalized for severe issue with his transplanted kidney. For Carol Ehrens home recovering from pneumonia. For Ron Williams (back at Foothills) and for his wife Pamela. For Barbara Moyers recovery from back surgery (now home). For Monia Convington (Angela Gift's mother) pneumonia recovery and health. For Trina Tschappat (Gretchen Roberts's younger sister) two small brain aneurysms. For Will Wade knee surgery recovery. Rowan Blackenbeckler born early, now home from hospital. 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 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 Pettviohn (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:** Sydney P 9/21, Gus S 9/22, Matthew F 9/24, Jennifer K 9/26, Jack N 9/26, Lou Lewis 9/28, John P 9/28, Paul R 10/1, Larry W 10/1, Nancy P 10/2, Susan J 10/5

Anniversaries: Ed & Susan H 9/26, Rick & Pam T 10/2

**Benediction** for those worshiping on the livestream.

## + Service of the Sacrament +

#### A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise



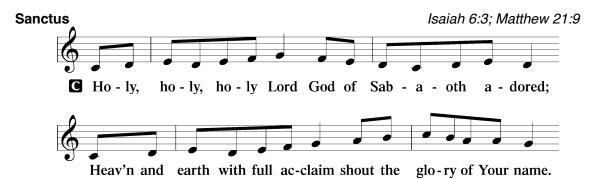
The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our 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** The Lord be with you.
- And with your spirit.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... praising You and saying:





Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;



Text: Stephen P. Starke

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

p. 161 or 178

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

## Lord's Prayer

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

- The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **G** Amen.

**Agnus Dei**, p. 210 for music

John 1:29

- (sung) 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
  - 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke



#### 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: 434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy (see hymnal)

Distribution Hymn: 725 Children of the Heavenly Father

Distribution Hymn: 594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

Distribution Hymn: 561 The Tree of Life

Nunc Dimittis, p. 211 for music

Luke 2:29-32

- (sung) 1 O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
   For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
   A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
   The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.
  - 2 All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

#### **Post-Communion Collect**

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 Amen.

#### **Benedicamus**

Psalm 103:1

- **A** Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

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#### Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

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## **Praise Lutheran Church (LCMS)**

Sunday Divine Services weekly at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Bible Study and Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Address: 315 Southdowne Dr, Maryville, TN 37801 Phone: (865) 977-5810; Website: **praiselutheran.com** 

Online giving: praiselutheran.com (click the blue "Give" button) Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/PraiseLutheranChurch/

Staffed Office Hours: Monday through Thurs. 9:00 to Noon, Thurs. also: 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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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.

## **Upcoming Events**



**September 29 (Sun)** 7:00 p.m. Faith and Family Coalition speaker event: **Prof. Andrew T. Walker** (author of: *Faithful Reason* and *God and the Transgender Debate*) at Broadway Baptist Church (free event)

October 1 (Tues) Board of Church Safety meeting 7:00 p.m.

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



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

Building Fund	2023 Receipts	2024 Receipts	Total Receipts
Actual	\$345,752	\$161,831	\$1,133,383
Pledged	\$277,877	\$179,106	\$1,065,270
Remaining	\$67,875 (over)	- \$17,275 (under)	\$68,113 (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?** \$128.64 was raised this last quarter! 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!

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#### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>: 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 -  $8^{th}$ ) 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.



\* \* \* Special Announcement for all LCMS churches in Knoxville area \* \* \* Convocation of the Knoxville Circuit LCMS (at Praise Lutheran Church)
This 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 (deadline: Tues. Sept 24) for seating and lunch.

## **Today**

**Church Picnic** TODAY from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Mohr Park Picnic Grounds **222 Woodcrest Dr. Maryville, TN** (property entrance will be decorated)

Bring: Chairs, outdoor games, and items you sign-ed up to bring.

Remember:

Last name begins with:
A-M: bring salads
N-Z: bring side-dishes
(and please bring serving utensils)

# 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 Young Adult/College Thursday, Sep 26 at 8:00 p.m. Trivia Night, Blackhorse Brewing; please text or call Shelli Haynes: (909) 226-3179) if you're planning on going.

Convocation Sat, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Divine Service at 3:00 p.m.)

Clayton Narveson Memorial Bridge Dedication (at Rio) this Sat, 10:30 a.m., Rio's address: 3419 E Lamar Alexander Pkwy, Maryville