

+ **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost** +

September 8, Year of our Lord 2024 | DS2

+ **Confession and Absolution** +



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

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9

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

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

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

Confession of Sins

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

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

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

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

C Amen.

+ **Service of the Word** +

Introit

Psalm 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8



P The LORD is the strength of his | people;*
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

C To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,*
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the pit.

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,*
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.

Blessèd | be the LORD!*

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;*
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.

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.

The LORD is the strength of his | people;*
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy ~ from the Order of Matins, p. 227)

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

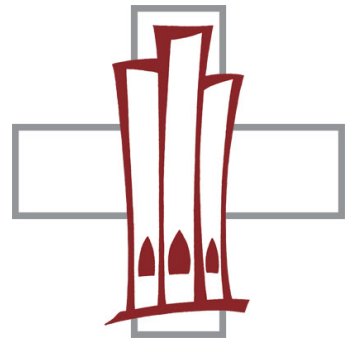
Venite (O Come, Let us Sing ~ from Order of Matins, p. 220)

Psalm 95:1–7

C (sung) **O come, let us sing to the Lord,**
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it,
and His hand formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.



**For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray. O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; 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

Isaiah 35:4–7a

Say to those who have an anxious heart,
“Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you.”
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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 2:1–10, 14–18

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

Psalm 147:2–3

P Alleluia. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

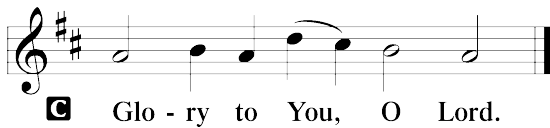


C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:24–37

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.



From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. And he said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” And he said to her, “For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.” And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C 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 +

Even the Dogs Eat the Children's Crumbs

Offertory, p. 176 for music

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19

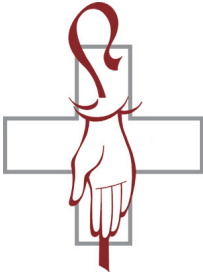
☩ (sung) What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Reception of new members: Keith and Cheryl Denton (8:30 a.m. service)

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 later this month. 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**. The recently married at Praise: **Sam & Kate Bohnet**.

Loss and Mourning: Family of **Brad Barnett** (Phil & Carol's son) who passed away and whose memorial service was 9/3. 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 **Nancy Vesper** (Jim's mother, Valerie's mother-in-law) for who fell last Saturday and for dementia care. For **Bill Galamore** (in final days of life; in memory and hospice care). 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** 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 **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. For **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).

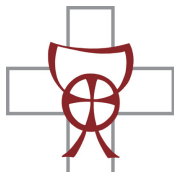
Birthdays: Delaney S 9/7, Sharon F 9/8, Travis H 9/9, Monica H 9/9, Mariah K 9/9, Bob H 9/10, Barbara McG 9/10, Candace P 9/10, Tom Witt. 9/11, Aiden G 9/15, Linda McM 9/15, Carol B 9/16, Al R 9/19, Carter F 9/20, Sam N 9/20, Sydney P 9/21

Anniversaries: Bill & Diane M 9/7, Robbie & Leah M 9/8, Gary & Carol M 9/9, Ole & Mavis J 9/14, Tom & Nadine W 9/17, Lou & Betty (Gouley) Lewis 9/19

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 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, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. 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

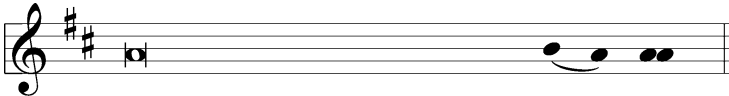
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 (Lamb of God ~ p. 180 for music)

John 1:29

C (sung) **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**



Distribution

Please see our pastor for details about baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation of our church's teachings prior to taking the Lord's Supper (Communion) at Praise.

Distribution Hymn: 793 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (see hymnal)

Distribution Hymn: 637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

Distribution Hymn: 851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

Distribution Hymn: 584 Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing

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 ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joice 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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L Let us pray... now and forever. **C** Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C A - men.

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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.

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Prayer requests: if possible, please submit by 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays

Organist/pianists: Janice Kaiser, Susan Johnson, Gary Schauerman

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 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.*

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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 |



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 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.

Youth Catechesis

Organizational Meeting: TODAY 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, (714) 264-4111, for more info on fundraising. Commitments and registration due by end of October, 2024.

NOTE: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING **TODAY** 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.

Thank you to all who served and all who came to Praise Lutheran's Trivia last evening (fundraiser for the youth)

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!

Youth Catechesis meet with Pr. Roberts after church today (11:00 a.m. service)

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 Wednesdays 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

Men's Lunch Thursday, Sept 12, at T.C. Grill 11:30 a.m.

***** Important Reminder *****

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 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