# + Last Sunday of the Church Year +

Nov 24, Year of Our Lord 2024 I DS4

## + Confession and Absolution +

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



Matthew 28:19b: 18:20

- Invocation Matth

  P In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
  - **G** 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?
- **©** But 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

## + Service of the Word +



- P We are looking forward to a new heaven and a l new earth,\* the home of l righteousness.
- O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure I of my days;\* let me know how fleeting I I am!
- Behold, you have made my days a few I handbreadths,\* and my lifetime is as nothing be-I fore you.

And now, O Lord, for what I do I wait?\*

My hope I is in you.

Deliver me from all my trans- I gressions.\*

Do not make me the scorn I of the fool!

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear I to my cry;\*

hold not your peace I at my tears!

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

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

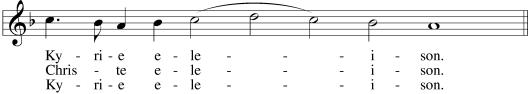
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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## Hymn: 944 Kyrie — II





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### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.
- Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 51:4-6

"Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me. and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath: for the heavens vanish like smoke. the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever. and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

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

#### Gradual

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu-I lation.\*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood I of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is I in you,\*

in whose heart are the highways to I Zion.

Choral Anthem: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (11:00 a.m. service only)

Epistle Jude 20–25

But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them

out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

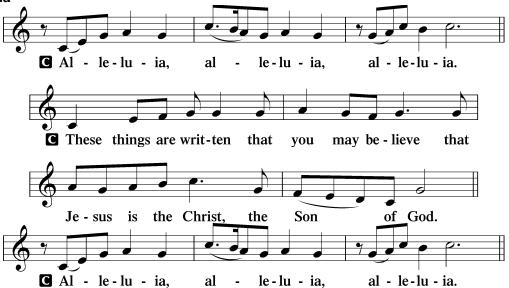
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### Verse of the Day

Revelation 22:13

P Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Alleluia.





Holy Gospel Mark 13:24–37

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

## **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking

place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

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

## **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life 

→ everlasting. Amen.



- 5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim, Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name. Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!
- △6 God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be. To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally. Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee. Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

+ Sermon + The Time Will Come

**Confirmation and Reception into Membership** for Jackson & Briana Blankenbeckler (son Rowan)

## **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: For **Hurricanes Milton and Helene flood relief** and recovery in the Southeast. For **Camp Linn Haven** (North Carolina) flood cleanout and reconstruction. For God to cease the wars between modern-day **Israel** and the **Hamas** and the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia**.

Vocation: For our nation's **newly elected leaders**. For **Sunday H. Smith**, daughter of Cole and Tamia, born 10/2. Birth of **Autumn Lea** (granddaughter to Rick & Lisa Gift). 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 who are engaged including: Turner Gough to Mandy Haynes and Elijah Miessler to Faith Kropp. For children and families dealing with difficult situations due to drugs, alcohol, violence, abuse, stress, and strife.

Loss and Mourning: For the family of **Curtis** (Joshua Buslovich's brother in Virginia) who passed away. For family of **Robert** (dear friend of Chuck Pettyjohn) who passed away. For the family of **Phyllis Strege** who passed away 9/18 and whose memorial service was held at Praise on 9/26. For the family of **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. For many remembering loved ones who passed away.

Health: For **Sharon Yoder** health and hospice care. For **Sandy Bagley** knee pain and stroke recovery. For **Barbara McGillick** nerve root pain in back. For **Emma Lu Kerekes** health and hospice care. For **Korinne** (Karen Forsyth's granddaughter) hospitalized with RSV and pneumonia. For Katie Felt's uncle, **Tim** in Florida, final months. For **Catherine Boute** post-surgery recovery (now home from hospital). For **Rachel Ernst** upcoming rescheduled surgery. For **Chuck Pettyjohn** health. For **Ed McGillick** persistent dizziness and tendencies to fall. For

Bill Frazho (Paul Ruble's brother-in-law) lung and overall health. For Carol Ehrens home recovering from pneumonia. For Bill who has started chemo for cancer (friend of Seth and Tina Pierce). For Ron Williams (back at Foothills) and for his wife Pamela. For Barbara Moyers recovery from back surgery (now home). For **Trina Tschappat** (Gretchen Roberts's younger sister) two small brain aneurysms. For Will Wade knee surgery recovery. Rowan Blankenbeckler born early, now home from hospital. For Larry Wacker post-surgery recovery (broken elbow and ribs). For Gary Kubin experiencing debilitating back and leg pain. For Carole Vitzthum (and George taking care of her). For Garrison with ALS (student of Amy Mohr's daughter, Coleen Williams). 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 Fred Goddard (nephew of Mary Ellen Brown) lung cancer treatment. For Steve Greene (friend of Jim Vesper) dealing with multiple cancers. For **Andrew** (son of a friend of Laura Bisconte) treatment for a mass in the base of his brain. 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-inlaw) terminal cancer. For Marty Smith (Tyler [and Megan] Smith's father) rapidly advancing cancer treatment. 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:** Xavier R 11/23, Brian S 11/23, Joe H 11/24, John H 11/24, Angela G 11/24 (previously mis-reported as October, corrected), Laura Burkhardt 11/25, Rachel E 11/28, Steve K 11/29, Valerie V 11/29, Nicole F 11/30, Tylen E 12/2, Suzanne N 12/2, Evy U 12/2, Lisa G 12/3, Tiana S 12/4, Jim V 12/5, Cheryl D 12/6, Rebecca K 12/6

Anniversaries: Jim & Maureen R 11/23, Brian & Rachel E 11/27, Larry & Theresa L 11/27

**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

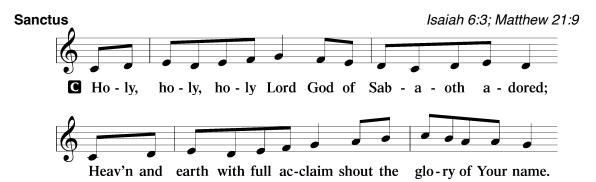


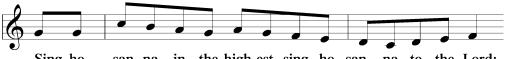
drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death and resurrection until 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 ... evermore praising You and saying:





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



Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

p. 161 or 178

- Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, ... now and forever.
- $\mathbf{C}$ Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

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

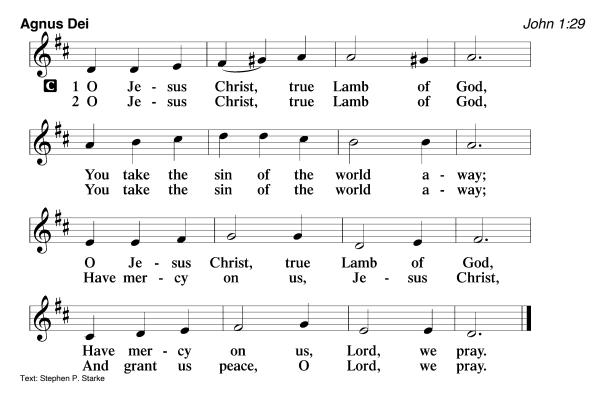
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks. He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My 

→ 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 1. 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.
- $\mathbf{C}$ 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: 506 Glory Be to God the Father** (see hymnal) Distribution Hymn: 646 Church of God, Elect and Glorious

Distribution Hymn: 832 Jesus Shall Reign

Distribution Hymn: 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Nunc Dimittis pg. 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. **©** Amen.

Benedicamus Psalm 103:1

A Let us bless the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

#### **Benediction**

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 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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Congregational President: Dr. Tom Wittkopp, Vice President: Tim Nunnink

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.

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

Building Fund	2023 Receipts	2024 Receipts	Total Receipts
Actual	\$345,752	179,390	\$1,150,922
Pledged	\$277,877	\$179,106	\$1,065,270
Remaining	\$67,875 [over]	\$284 [over]	\$85,655 [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. Please reach out to the church office for help: (865) 977-5810 or tina@praiselutheran.com.

#### Youth and Families

**LCMS Youth Gathering** is coming to New Orleans July 19 - 23, 2025! Praise will send a group of 12 to the gathering! Our students are raising money for this camp and invite you to mark your calendars for a special Mardi Gras themed Gala February 22 here at Praise! Please see Linda McMichael or April Torres with any questions.

- **Tidal Wave Car Wash Vouchers** available now. Secure their BEST car wash (normally a \$30 wash) for \$12, or 2 vouchers for \$20. Purchase from our Youth.
- BJ's new club membership available now. Secure a 12-month membership for only \$20 regularly \$55. Call (800) 313-8887 and reference promo code: 814025. Offer expires Dec. 31. Pick-up membership at the temporary office 139 Foothills Mall Dr.

**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.

**Preparing teams to help restore Camp Linn Haven** (LCMS camp and church near Grandfather Mountain in NC). Please see Pastor Roberts if you'd like to go help in the recovery efforts at our beloved place for Campfirmation every summer.

**Sunday School** (weekly on Sundays) for 2 year olds - 12th grade kids will meet during the Education hour from 9:45 - 10:45. Please see Shelli Haynes or Linda McMichael with questions on specific meeting places for each group.

**Middle and High School Midweek Youth will resume in January!** This Wednesday we will have Thanksgiving Eve service, and the Wednesdays leading up to Christmas we will enjoy Advent dinners and worship.

**Children's Handbell Choir** We have started a children's handbell choir (2 yrs to 7 yrs old) as a part of our Sunday morning Bible class. We are making great progress on two Advent hymns to share in our December worship. Please see Kris Smith with any questions!

**Youth Catechesis** with Pastor Roberts Sun, Dec 1 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. in the Social Hall Sun, Jan 5 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. in the Social Hall

#### Today

Voters Meeting TODAY at 9:45 a.m. in the Social Hall: Proposed Budget and Bylaws

**Baby Shower** TODAY at around 12:15 p.m. (after 11:00 a.m. service). Please join us to celebrate the birth of Rowan to Jackson and Bri Blankenbeckler. Baby registry is at Amazon.com under Bri Blankenbeckler.

Photo Directories are placed in your mailbox at Praise.

**Directory Corrections** please email any corrections (phone number changes, new portrait size family photo) to tina@praiselutheran.com. Thank you.

**Foster Children Christmas Gift** please indicate on the sign-up sheet check box you have brought your gift; return by NEXT Sun, 12/1. Thank you.

**Poinsettias** sign up in the Narthex to designate a flower for Christmas. Suggested donation: \$17.50 each. Funds raised for Youth Campfirmation next summer.

**Adopt a College Student:** We have a couple of students who could benefit from some love and care from you! Please see Shelli Haynes if you are willing pray for and share some love with one of our college young adults!

Advent Soup Supper sign-up sheets are in the Narthex (begin Wed, Dec. 4 at 6:00 p.m.)

#### This Week at Praise

**Sing with the Choir!** Special Choir request for **More Women/Ladies/Girls:** Can you sing the melody line of songs (also known as singing *soprano*)? We really need you in the choir.

Cards Creation Tuesday at 1:00 p.m., Social Hall

Choir Rehearsal Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

**Thanksgiving Eve Services** Wednesday at 12 noon and 7:00 p.m.

Ladies Bible Study Thursday resumes next week

Advent by Candlelight Nov 30 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Ladies, please let Shelli know if you plan to attend Advent by Candlelight at Praise. We have a wonderful group signed up and would be overjoyed to add your name to our list! Please email Shelli (shellihaynes@gmail.com) or sign up to attend in the Narthex!

## **Upcoming Events**

Dec 4, 11, 18 (Wed) Advent Midweek Services; Noon and 7:00 p.m.

Dec 18 (Wed) Children's Christmas Service 7:00 p.m.

Dec 24 (Tues) Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m.

Dec 25 (Wed) Christmas Day service 10:00 a.m.