

+ Sixth Sunday after Pentecost +

July 9th, Year of our Lord 2023 | DS2

+ Confession and Absolution +

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



Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9

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

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

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

Confession of Sins

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

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

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

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

C Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit

Psalm 91:2, 9–10; antiphon: v. 1



P He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

C I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my | fortress,*
my God, in | whom I trust.”

Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*
the Most High, who is my | refuge—

**no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*
no plague come | near your tent.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

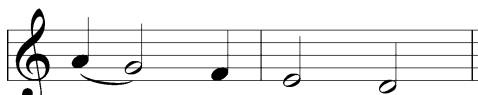
**as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mk. 10:47

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our
salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer
here their worship and praise let us pray
to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us,
gracious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; 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

Zechariah 9:9–12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free

from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Gradual

Romans 11:33, 36

- C** Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!
For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen.

Epistle

Romans 7:14–25a

We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

Verse of the Day

Matthew 11:28

- P** Alleluia. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature and contains the melody for the Alleluia and the start of the verse. The second staff continues the melody for the verse. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:25–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

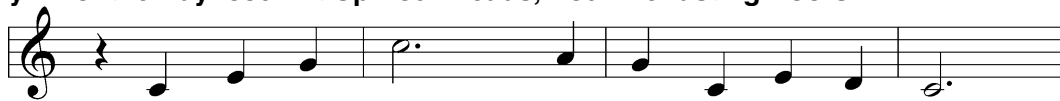
C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**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.

Hymn of the Day: 339 Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors



1 Lift up your heads, you ev - er - last - ing doors,
2 Who is this King of great and glo - rious fame?
3 Who may as - cend Mount Zi - on's ho - ly hill
4 "Wor - thy is Christ!" The Lamb who once was slain



And weep no more! O Zi - on's daugh - ter, sing,
What is His name? Lord God of Sab - a - oth,
To do God's will? The One whose un - stained hands
Now lives to reign. He rules our earth - ly ways



To greet your com - ing King; Now wave the vic - tor's
Of whom the proph - ets wrote, Whose cho - sen, hum - ble
Can meet the Law's de - mands, Whose pu - ri - ty with -
As Lord of An - cient Days— O join the end - less



palm And sing the an - cient psalm: "Lift up your
steed De - clares Him king in - deed! Ho - san - na,
in Re - veals One free from sin. Come, praise this
song Sung by the ran - somed throng: "Wor - thy is



heads, you ev - er - last - ing gates!" Your King a - waits!
Lord! Mes - si - ah, come and save From sin and grave.
King who claims the cross as throne— Praise Him a - lone!
Christ!" The Lamb be praised a - gain! A - men! A - men!

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+ Sermon +

Learn from Me

Offertory

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

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 of the Church

World: Praying for the end of the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia**.

Church: For the **Holy Spirit's work** to bring about repentance and faith in Jesus. For **safety and protection** for all who will excavate our land and lay foundation for our new Sanctuary, narthex, and parking lots.

Vocation: For **the unemployed**. For **veterans and our military**. For **those serving in hospitals and homeless shelters**. For **parents with children and those expecting**. For **those travelling** including our 20 travelling to **Camp Linn Haven** this week.

Mourning: For family of **Mary Croes** (member of First Lutheran, Knoxville), 98 years old, who passed away on 6/21. For family of **Sharon Yoder's mother** who passed away 5/11. For the **family of Scott McNeil** (friend of Matthew Flaska) whose mother passed away suddenly.

Health: **Myrna Frazier** cancer treatments and treating recurrent pain caused by cancer. **Jeannie Lindenfelser** for lung cancer treatments. **Billye Raye Smith** chemo treatment for multiple myeloma. **Brooks** (friend of Paul Ruble) who has inoperable brain cancer (also cancer in his lungs) and his wife Julie. **Tim Smith** watchman heart procedure recovery. **Gary Moehling** (thanksgiving that he is doing better) recovery of balance and stability, further tests in October with a specialist. **Tom Williams** recovering from pneumonia. **Chuck Pettyjohn** recovering from open heart surgery. **Gary Kubin** recovering from back surgery. For **Fred Hansen** recovering from back procedure. **Ole Johnson** recovery and good outcome of recent surgery. For **Alan Tokar** (Judy's husband) recovery from back surgery. **Lori Smith** hole in her eardrum, slow to heal. **Mary** (Ed & Sandy Bagley's daughter) Legionnaires' disease treatment. **Bob McDermott** dealing with Parkinson's symptoms. For **Karen** (Larry & Janet Moore's niece) relief from pain from surgery. **Theresa Lindsay** recovering from knee replacement. **Jesse** (friend of Laura Bisconte) health and mourning loss of her mother. For **Judy Kalkitis** health. **Larry Moore** recovering from ankle replacement surgery. **Sharon Yoder** recovering from tricuspid valve procedure. **Pastor Neil Vanderbush** at Immanuel, Memphis, recurrent multiple myeloma treatment. **Kay & Dwight** (Myrna's sister and Brother-in-law) for health and Dwight's cancer treatments. **Janice Kaiser** sciatic pain treatment. **Soren** (newborn to Julian & Emily Martinez) home and doing well, continued good health. **Paula** (Corlis William's mother) health. Rick & Lisa Gift's family, **Terry & Ann Gift** (both with cancer). **A Teacher at Justin Gift's school**, fighting cancer. **Mary Schopmann** for strength and health. **Pastor Ed Maanum** of First Lutheran Knoxville, kidney function. For **June McDonnell** (lung health). **Jennifer Morsch** (Joel & Barbara's daughter) health. **Delora Roth** good leg circulation health. **Rachel Ernst's mother:** cancer treatments. For **Alan Stremsterfer's mother** health issues. For **Lisa Stremsterfer's father** health and stability. **Sheila Schnepf** (friend of Tom & Lois Schering) back pain. **Nancy** (Jim Vesper's mother) health. **Aurora Stevens** back treatments. For **Carolyn Dickie** (health). For **Barbara Moyers** health. **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. For **Kathy Bigger** (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. For all suffering from mental health issues. **Al Reuer** health. **Gregory Strege** (Phyllis's son, health). **Ken Payne's** health (friends of a friend of Jim Vesper). Ruth Kistler's son **William** (tests and possible cancer treatments). Kenna Chorney's

mother: **Gail Rieman** (wound care). **Tim Smith** (heart and back health). Steve Kaiser's mother **Louise** (age 92) in Indiana. Andrew Hebar's Aunt **Kara** (struggling from cancer treatments). **Connie** (Andrew Hebar's friend) brain and lung cancer. **Bill** (Cathy Wacker's father) dementia, health. **Lee Schuck** (health, unable to walk). **Janeen Meier** (Maureen's sister) health.

Birthdays: Larry B 7/9, Donna W 7/12, Sonja R 7/13, Ed McG 7/14, Debbie S-J 7/14, Cathy W 7/16

Anniversaries: Andrew & Jennifer H 7/3, Ed & Barbara McG 7/11, Alan & Judy T 7/29, Tyler & Megan S 7/31

Benediction for those worshipping on the livestream.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death and resurrection until He comes. Scripture warns that those who come forward to eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great spiritual harm. The Lord's Supper is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, any who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet to desire to receive the Sacrament (Communion), are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.

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P (*Dominus vobiscum*) The Lord be with you.

2 Tim. 4:22



C And al-so with you.

P (*Sursum corda*) Lift up your hearts.

Col. 3:1



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalm 136



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



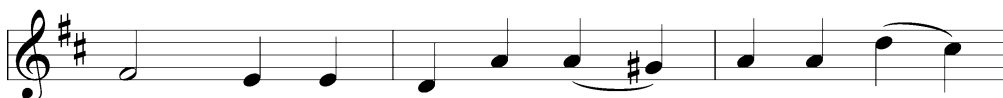
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



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 \dagger 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 \dagger 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

John 1:29



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
 God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, 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: 832 Jesus Shall Reign

Distribution Hymn: 763 When Peace, like a River

Distribution Hymn: 711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Distribution Hymn: 349 Hark the Glad Sound

Thank the Lord

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

- ☐ (sung) Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

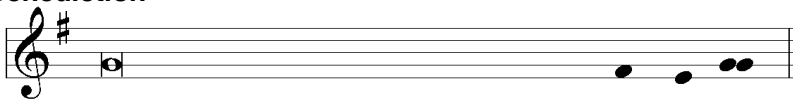
Post Communion Collect

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- ☐ Let us pray... now and forever. ☐ 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.



G A - men.

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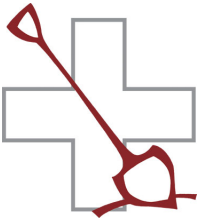
Sunday morning Bible study for students in middle or high school meets in the office behind the Pastor's office from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. Please bring your Bible! Topic: Genesis.

Parents of middle and high school students! We want to partner with you with your kids! We have several important youth events and activities coming up. Are you receiving the monthly newsletter? Are you signed up for *Remind*, the group messaging app? We are using both to communicate with you. Please see Shelli Haynes to get connected.

Announcements

Campfirmation (20 from Praise depart for Camp TODAY) Our youth, chaperones, adult leaders, DCE, and Pastor are heading to Camp Linn Haven (near Grandfather Mountain) in North Carolina TODAY after church for a week of worship, catechesis, hiking, campfires, outpost, and life together with youth, pastors, DCEs, and leaders from 8 other churches from 4 states (Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee). Thank you to all who have helped make this week possible by contributing to our fundraisers throughout the year.

Away this Week: Pastor Roberts, DCE Shelli Haynes, and Jack Nunnink (administrative support) will be away with the Youth and our Adult Leaders for Campfirmation all this week. If needing anything from the Church, pastoral emergencies, etc., please reach out to an Elder or call or text Pastor Roberts.



Progress on our build: our land is being excavated, leveled, and prepared for parking and water drainage and retention. Soon contractors will pour the base layers of our parking lots. We'll keep you updated on any short-term parking changes in the coming weeks, but if weather cooperates we may simply transition from parking on current gravel to parking on the new lots (minus the top layer until after the building is completed).

The Henkel Conference save the date of Aug 7-8, 2023 for great speakers and more at Ascension Lutheran Church in Madison, TN. Visit www.ascensionmadison.com/henkel for more info. Last year we had a great time and look forward to this year's event!

Women's Retreat sponsored by Ladies Bible Study at Praise will be held Fri-Sun, Nov 3-5 at the Bear Lodge at Tuckaleechee Retreat Center <https://tuckaleecheeretreatcenter.com> Stay overnight or come just for the day (Friday evening and/or Saturday). Topic: The Road to Emmaus. See Kris Smith and Barbara Morsch for details.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner event to: **Sun, Aug 20**. Shelli Haynes is seeking hosts for 5-8 people in your home.

High School Camp Out on Sept 1-3. Please see Shelli Haynes.

This Week

Youth meet Wednesday (Middle School from 7 to 8 p.m.; High School from 8 to 9 p.m.)

Choir on break for the summer

Ladies Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays with Barbara Morsch

Capital Campaign reminder: please review your personal commitments made to the capital campaign for the build to help keep our borrowing costs low as the build soon begins. Consider a “ground-breaking” gift to our building fund.