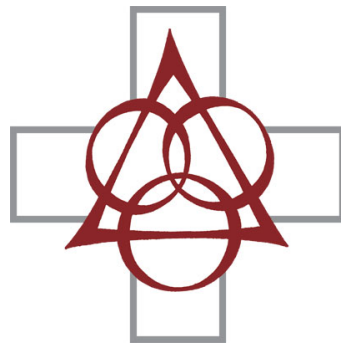


## + Ninth Sunday after Pentecost +

July 30, Year of our Lord 2023 | DS3

## + 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

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

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

### Confession of Sins

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

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

### Absolution

*[John 20:19–23]*

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## + Service of the Word +

### Introit

*Psalm 105:2–6; antiphon: v. 1*



**P** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;\*  
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

**C** **Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;\*  
tell of all his | wondrous works!**

Glory in his | holy name;\*  
let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!

**Seek the LORD | and his strength;\*  
seek his presence con- | tinually!**

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,\*  
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,

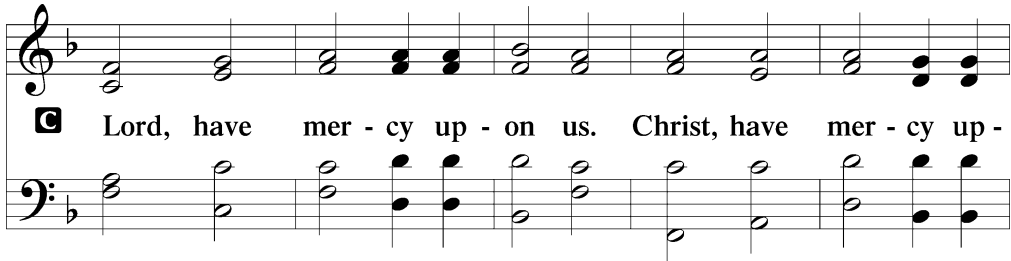
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

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

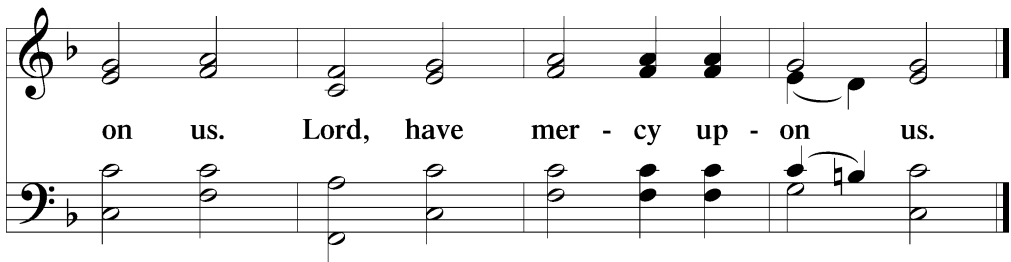
Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;\*  
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

### Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

**P** (*sung*) Glory be to God on high:

**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because

the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

**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 8:28–39*

We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Verse of the Day

*Matthew 13:35b*

**P** Alleluia. I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.

## Triple Alleluia

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

The musical score for 'Triple Alleluia' is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, featuring a series of chords and single notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.' are placed below the treble staff. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 13:44–52*

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

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The musical score for 'Holy Gospel' is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, featuring a series of chords and single notes. The lyrics 'Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.' are placed below the treble staff. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.



[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The musical score for 'Holy Gospel' is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, featuring a series of chords and single notes. The lyrics 'Praise be to Thee, O Christ.' are placed below the treble staff. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

## **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.**

## Hymn of the Day: 646 Church of God, Elect and Glorious



1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, Ho - ly  
 2 God has called you out of dark - ness In - to  
 3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, Strang - ers  
 4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, Be the



na - tion, cho - sen race; Called as God's own  
 His most mar - v'lous light; Brought His truth to  
 to God's heart of love; But He brought you  
 peo - ple He in - tends; Strong in faith and



spe - cial peo - ple, Roy - al priests and heirs of  
 life with - in you, Turned your blind - ness in - to  
 home in mer - cy, Cit - i - zens of heav'n a -  
 swift to an - swer Each com - mand your Mas - ter



grace: Know the pur - pose of your call - ing,  
 sight. Let your light so shine a - round you  
 bove. Let His love flow out to oth - ers,  
 sends: Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing



Show to all His might - y deeds; Tell of love that  
 That God's name is glo - ri - fied; And all find fresh  
 Let them feel a Fa - ther's care; That they too may  
 Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer; Give your lives in



knows no lim - its, Grace that meets all hu - man needs.  
 hope and pur - pose In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.  
 know His wel - come And His count - less bless - ings share.  
 joy - ful ser - vice— Sing His praise, His love de - clare.

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**Offertory**

*Psalm 51:10–12*

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

**Announcement of Offering and Greetings of Peace**

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

**Prayer 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. For **safety for our friends in Kenya** (Pastor Jasper and family).

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** this summer. **Rick Gift** and 30,000 cyclists riding across Iowa. **Luke Johnson** starting new job in security at Oak Ridge National Labs. **Start of School season** in our communities. For **those who serve as officers of the court in our judicial system**.

Mourning: Family of **Brooks** (friend of Paul Ruble) who passed away and for his wife Julie. For family of **Buster** brother in law of a friend of Paul Ruble. For family of **Mary Croes** (member of First Lutheran, Knoxville), 98 years old, who passed away on 6/21.

Health: **Albert Caspers** (Sally Colver’s father in MI) 97 years old, hospitalized. **Myrna Frazier** cancer treatments and treating recurrent pain caused by cancer. **Ed McGillick** persistent dizziness caused by abnormal blood pressure fluctuations. **Carolyn Dickie** weakness (now home). **Janice Kaiser** health (thankful to be back home). **Larry Wacker** thanksgiving for heart cath. and replaced stent, for sustained heart health. **Lee Schuck** at Morningview. **Adam Uebelacker** knee injury at work. **Fred Hansen** recovering from follow-up back procedure. **Jeannie Lindenfelser** for lung cancer treatments. **Billye Raye Smith**





chemo treatment for multiple myeloma. **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. **Carol Webb** (cousin of Linda Davis) recovering from fall from window. **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. **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. 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 **Barbara Moyers** 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). 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. **Janeen Meier** (Maureen's sister) health.

**Birthdays:** Casey L 7/28, Courtney B 7/30, Ted W 7/30, Sharon Y 7/31, Mark R 8/3, Jim T 8/3, Gregory S 8/4, Danny F 8/5, Diane M 8/7, Chuck P 8/7

**Anniversaries:** Alan & Judy T 7/29, Tyler & Megan 7/31, Phil & Carol B 8/5, Tom & Lois S 8/7

**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.

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

**P** (sung) The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains four measures of music: a half note G4, a half note chord of G4 and Bb4, a half note chord of G4 and Bb4, and a half note chord of G4 and Bb4. The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat. It contains four measures of music: a half note chord of G3 and Bb3, a half note chord of G3 and Bb3, a half note chord of G3 and Bb3, and a half note chord of G3 and Bb3. The lyrics "And with thy spir - it." are written below the top staff, with a square box containing the letter 'C' at the beginning of the first measure.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up un - to the Lord.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat. It contains six measures of music: a half note chord of G4 and Bb4, a half note chord of G4 and Bb4, a half note chord of G4 and Bb4, a half note chord of G4 and Bb4, a half note chord of G4 and Bb4, and a half note chord of G4 and Bb4. The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat. It contains six measures of music: a half note chord of G3 and Bb3, a half note chord of G3 and Bb3, a half note chord of G3 and Bb3, a half note chord of G3 and Bb3, a half note chord of G3 and Bb3, and a half note chord of G3 and Bb3. The lyrics "We lift them up un - to the Lord." are written below the top staff, with a square box containing the letter 'C' at the beginning of the first measure.

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

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

### Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus, hymnal p. 195

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

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

### Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be Thy name,**  
**Thy kingdom come,**  
**Thy will be done on earth**  
**as it is in heaven;**  
**give us this day our daily bread;**  
**and forgive us our trespasses**  
**as we forgive those**  
**who trespass against us;**  
**and lead us not into temptation,**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For Thine is the kingdom**  
**and the power and the glory**  
**forever and ever. Amen.**

### The Words of Our Lord

*Mt 26:26-30; Mk 14:22-26; Lk 22:14-23; 1 Cor 11:23-25.*


**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$

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*



The musical notation for Pax Domini is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff is a single melodic line in treble clef. The second and third staves are a piano accompaniment in treble and bass clefs, respectively. The lyrics are: "The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways. A - men."

### Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*

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



### Distribution

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

**Distribution Hymn: 907 God Himself Is Present**

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

**Distribution Hymn: 782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings**

**Distribution Hymn: 727 On Eagles’ Wings**

### Nunc Dimittis

*Luke 2:29–32*

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

## Thanksgiving

*Psalm 107:1*

Musical notation for the Thanksgiving section, featuring a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: **A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, **C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## Post-Communion Collect

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

Musical notation for the Post-Communion Collect, featuring a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: **C** A - men.

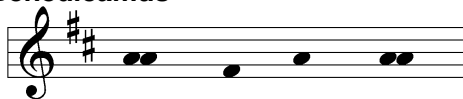
## Salutation

*2 Timothy 4:22*

Musical notation for the Salutation section, featuring a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: **P** The Lord be with you. **C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

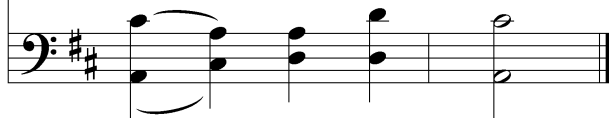
*Psalm 103:1*



**A** Bless we the Lord.

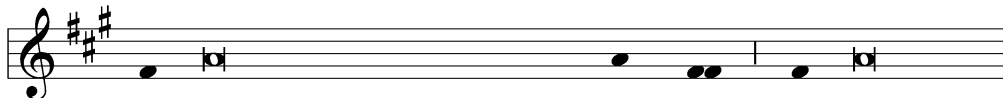


**C** Thanks be to God.

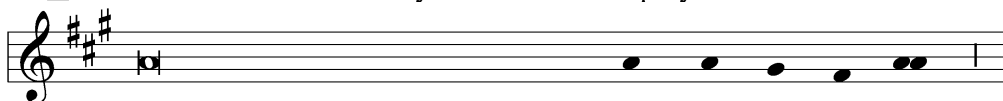


## Benediction

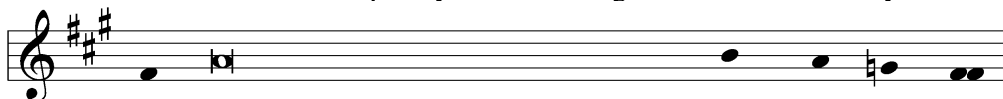
*Numbers 6:24–26*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



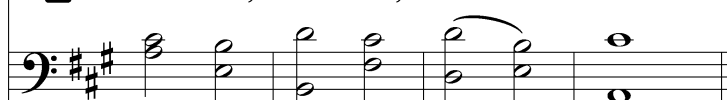
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



**C** A - men, a - men, a - men.



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## Youth and Families Announcements

**Middle and High School students**, buckle up for an end of summer slate of youth activities!

The next four Wednesdays are planned for both groups to savor the end of summer.

Begins at 7:00 p.m. and will end at 9:00 p.m.

- **Aug 2: Progressive Dinner: Fast Food Edition.** Meet at church and travel to FOUR fast food locations to provide a menu of fun and food and fellowship!
- **August 9: City Scavenger Hunt:** Meet at church at 7:00 p.m. for a fun night of clues and competition to see who can complete the Scavenger Hunt first! We will be back to church by 9:00 p.m. for pick up.
- **August 16: Welcome & Goodbye Night:** This is our move-up event of the year! If you are a rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade student, this is your formal invitation to join us at church at 7:00 p.m. We will have special activities planned and will say “so long” to our rising 9th graders. Ninth graders you will be able to enjoy BOTH hours, the first as a farewell to middle school and the second as a welcome to high school! This event will be at church at normal times (Middle school 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. and High school 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)

**High School Camp Out** on Sept 1-3 at the woods of +Dick+ and Amy Mohr’s home. Please see Shelli Haynes for details. Shelby and

## Announcements

**Rally Day for the Whole Congregation** will be **Sun, Aug. 6** Come to Bible Study hour at 10:00 a.m. for a lesson and to hear how to sign-up for fall events: Bible Studies, Ladies Bible Study, Women's Retreat, Men's Bible Study, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, Youth Group, Sunday School, Choir, Altar Guild, Hospitality help, Boards, Mowing, and more!



**Progress on our build:** our land is being prepared for parking and footers for the new building are being poured. Soon contractors will pour the base layers of our parking lots, then we will simply transition from parking to the new lots (minus the top layer until after the building is completed). Visit [praiselutheran.com/build](https://praiselutheran.com/build) to see a video on the progress!

**Mowing Party** at the church this early or mid-week, TBD. See Jim Roberts.

**Planning Council** meets TODAY after church.

**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](https://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.

**\*\*\* sign-up TODAY \*\*\* Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** event: **Sun, Aug 20** from 6:00 (to 8:00 p.m.) Childcare provided at church begins at 5:30 p.m. (provided by our Youth Group). Hosts have volunteered and we are now ready for you to sign up TODAY. You will be matched with other Praise adults for dinner at one of the host locations! You do not need to bring anything, except love, joy, humor, peace, patience, kindness, and thanksgiving! Youth and babysitting will be offered at the church; this is an adult event. See Shelli Haynes for questions.

### *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.