

+ Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost +

August 13, Year of our Lord 2023 | 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 34:4–8; antiphon: v. 1



P I will bless the LORD at | all times;*
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

C I sought the LORD, and he | answered me*
and delivered me from | all my fears.

Those who look to him are | radiant,*
and their faces shall never | be ashamed.

**This poor man cried, and the LORD | heard him*
and saved him out of all his | troubles.**

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear him,*
and de- | livers them.

**Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!*
Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in 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.**

I will bless the LORD at | all times;*
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mk. 10:47

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



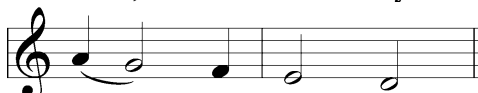
C Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



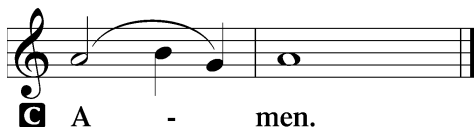
C Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



This Is the Feast, p. 171 for music

Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9

- A** (sung) This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
- C** (sung) **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day



- P** Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Job 38:4–18

[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? “Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’? “Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken.

“Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.”

- 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

Romans 10:5–17

Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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

Verse of the Day

Matthew 14:27

- P** Alleluia. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” Alleluia.

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



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

Matthew 14:22-33

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."



And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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.**

Hymn of the Day: 752 Be Still, My Soul



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa - tient-
 2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take To guide the
 3 Be still, my soul; though dear - est friends de - part And all is
 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on When we shall



ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or - der
 fu - ture as He has the past. Your hope, your con - fi - dence let
 dark - ened in this vale of tears; Then you will bet - ter know His
 be for - ev - er with the Lord, When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and



and pro - vide; In ev - 'ry change He faith - ful will re -
 noth - ing shake; All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at
 love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your
 fear are gone, Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re -



main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly Friend
 last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
 fears. Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay
 stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.
 From His own full - ness all He takes a - way.
 All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

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+ Sermon +

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.**

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 **School children** 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 Collver's father in MI) 97 years old, in hospice care. **Jeannie Lindenfesler** for lung cancer treatments. **Myrna Frazier** cancer treatments and treating recurrent pain caused by cancer. **Billye Raye Smith** chemo treatment for multiple myeloma. **Rick Gift** recovering after a cycling accident. **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 receiving physical therapy. **Gary Moehling** seeing a specialist this week to help recover of balance and stability. **Bronson Butcher** (Mary Schopmann's greatgrandson) upcoming robotic kidney procedure. **Adam Uebelacker** knee injury rehab. **Delora Roth** thankful for recent procedure for her leg. **Fred Hansen** recovering from follow-up back procedure. **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. **Carol Webb** (cousin of Linda Davis) recovering from fall from window. **Tim Smith** watchman heart procedure recovery. **Chuck Pettyjohn** recovering from open heart surgery. **Gary Kubin** recovering from back surgery. **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) recovering from surgery. **Theresa Lindsay** recovering from knee replacement. **Jesse** (friend of Laura Bisconte) health and mourning loss of her mother. For **Judy Kalkitis** health. **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. Rick & Lisa Gift's family, **Terry & Ann Gift** (both with 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. **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: Tonie H, 8/15, Jayden C 8/16, Kayla Del C 8/16, Carol E 8/17, Sabrina B 8/22, Jane N 8/22, Tim S 8/23, Chris F 8/24, Bob McD 8/24, Donna C 8/25, J J S 8/25, Chris B 8/26, Susan H 8/26

Anniversaries: Matthew & Megan F 8/14, Alex & Shelby H 8/18, Seth & Tina P 8/25, Derek & Gretchen R 8/26

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, p.177

P The Lord be with you.

2 Tim. 4:22



C And al-so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

Col. 3:1



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalms 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.

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

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: 607 From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee

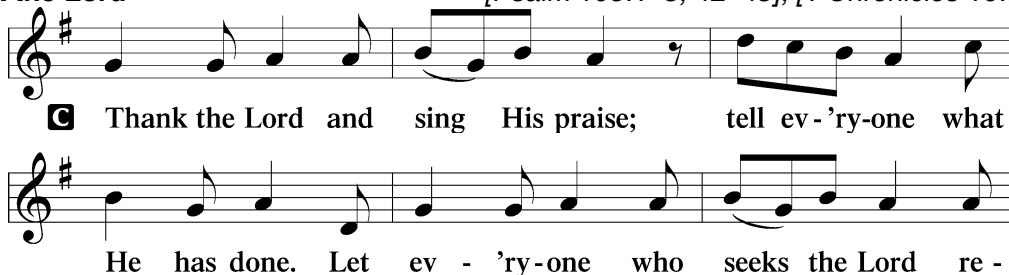
Distribution Hymn: 815 All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

Distribution Hymn: 728 How Firm a Foundation

Distribution Hymn: 792 New Songs of Celebration Render

Thank the Lord

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



Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
 He has done. Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -

joyce 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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Choir Director: Laura Bisconte, Choir Pianist: Susan Johnson



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.

Youth and Families Announcements

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

- **August 16: Welcome & Goodbye Night:** This is our move-up event of the year! If you are a rising 6th 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

Youth Catechesis schedule:

Sun, Sep 3 10 Commandments (1-3) with Pastor Roberts

Sun, Sep 17 10 Commandments (1-3) with Pastor Roberts

Sun, Oct 1 10 Commandments (4-5) with Pastor Roberts

Sun, Oct 15 10 Commandments (6-7) with Pastor Roberts

Parents: please work with your youth to help them (re-) memorize the 10 Commandments with explanations from the Small Catechism.

Special note: We will be distributing a resource for your family to learn Luther’s morning, evening, and mealtime prayers. Please begin to use daily with your family.

Announcements

Rally Day Forms (reminder): please complete and submit today. If you were away last week, please pick up a form: *Building Up the Priesthood at Praise*, fill out, and return today.

***** Last chance to 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.

Pastor Roberts will be away next Sun, Aug 20 (to help move Kate back to Wisconsin for college). Please welcome back **Pastor Michael Thurau**, member of from Concordia Lutheran Church in Kingsport, who will preside for both services and Bible Study.



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 to see a video on the progress!

Mowing Party at the church this week, TBD. See Jim Roberts.

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.

Congregational Picnic: Sun, Sept 24 in the forest of +Dick+ and Amy Mohr's home.
New Members will be received on Sun, Sept 24. Please see Pastor Roberts for details.

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, resumes Wed, Sept 6

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