+ Gwelfth Sunday after Pentecost +

August 20, Year of our Lord 2023 I DS3
Pastor Roberts is away today.
Please welcome **Pastor Michael Thurau**a member of Concordia Lutheran Church in Kingsport, TN
as our guest minister.



+ Confession and Absolution +

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

Invocation Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- 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,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- 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,
- 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]

+ Service of the Word +

Introit

Psalm 28:1-2, 6-7; antiphon: v. 8

- P The LORD is the strength of his I people;* he is the saving refuge of his a-I nointed.
- To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not I deaf to me,*
 lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down I to the pit.

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to I you for help,*

when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- I ary.

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

Glory be to the Father and I to the Son*

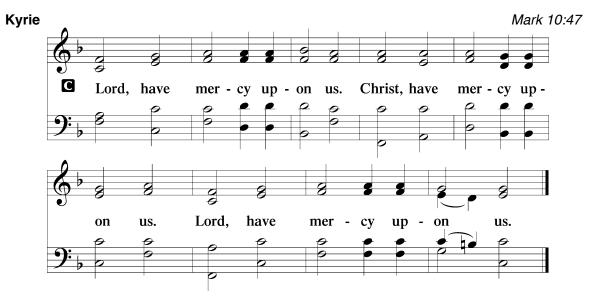
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. I Amen.

The LORD is the strength of his I people;*

he is the saving refuge of his a-I nointed.



- (sung or spoken) Glory be to God on high:
- 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.

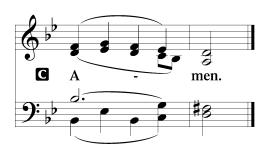
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day



Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; 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

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. . . .

"And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. "The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

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

Gradual Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

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 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .

As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

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

Verse of the Day

Psalm 147:2-3

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

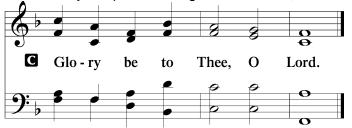




Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

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



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Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed

by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

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

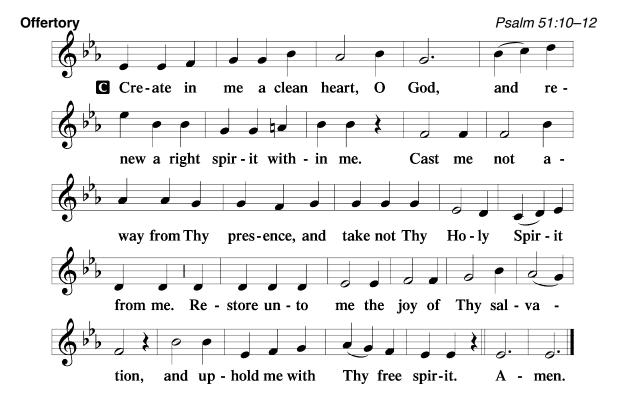
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the 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: 941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God 1 We praise You and ac - knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord. 2 The band of the a - pos tles in glo - ry sing Your praise; -3 You, Christ, are King of glo ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son, 4 You sit in splen - did glo ry, en-throned at God's right hand, The ev - er - last - ing, Fa - ther by all the earth a - dored. fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death-less voic - es raise. You, with bound-less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one: Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com-mand. all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav-ens sing, То You mar - tyrs of Your king-dom, a great and no - ble throng, a - side Your glo - ry, were vir - gin's womb. You laid born of We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es Sing with the ho - ly Church through-out all the world this song: Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray; "O ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth; ho - lv. ho - lv. "O all - ma - ies - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re-prieve bv May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!" Your maj - es - ty Spir - it, Com-fort-er— for - ev - er Three in One!" Ho - lv You o - pened heav-en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve. glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

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Announcement of Offering (offering plates stationed in the rear of Sanctuary or gifts and tithes may be submitted electronically online)

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

<u>World:</u> Praying for the end of the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia**.

<u>Church:</u> 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).

<u>Vocation:</u> 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.

Loss and Mourning: Stokes Family (friend of Kim Smolter) who lost their home in recent tornado thru Knoxville. Family of Albert Caspers (Sally Collver's father in MI) 97 years old who passed away. Family of Ted Wilson's nephew in MI, who passed away. 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.

Health: Jeannie Lindenfelser 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 great-grandson) 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. 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. Clients and friends of Jim Vesper: Myron Farmer (needing liver transplant), Debbie Buckner (peace and restoration), Steve Phipps (recovery from fall that broke both legs).

Birthdays: 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: Seth & Tina P 8/25, Derek & Gretchen R 8/26, Steve & Rebecca K 8/28, Al & Sharon F 8/28

* **Benediction** for those worshipping via the Livestream. **P** The Lord bless you and keep you...

+ 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.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary (see altar book). . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

(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 in the highest.

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
→ 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



Sung or spoken:

P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



Agnus Dei, p. 198 *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: 615 When in the Hour of Deepest Need

Distribution Hymn: 668 Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

Distribution Hymn: 613 To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All

Distribution Hymn: 935 Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

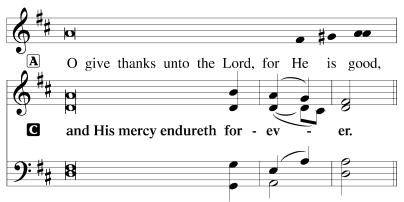
Nunc Dimittis, p. 199

Luke 2:29-32

(sung) 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

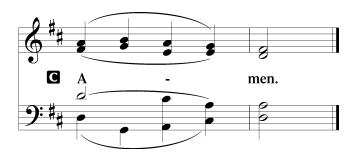
Psalm 107:1



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.





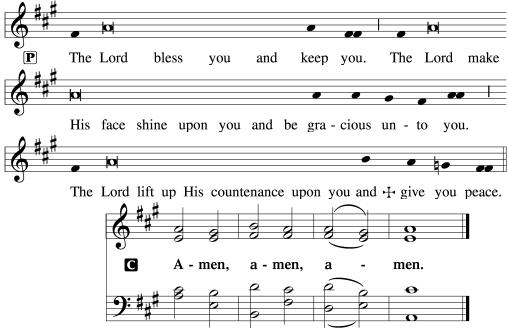
2 Timothy 4:22



Benedicamus Psalm 103:1



Benediction Numbers 6:24–26



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

Organist/pianists: Janice Kaiser, Susan Johnson

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...

YOUTH GROUP TIME CHANGE

Starting: Wed, Aug 23

Middle School Youth Group will begin at **6:00 p.m.** High School youth group will begin at **7:00 p.m.**

College Students, Middle school, and High School students:

Please look in your email for a newsletter outlining the activities and events! If you didn't receive an email, please see Shelli because she might not have your email address!

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

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER is **TODAY** If you are sign-up as a guest for this event, you should have received an email with your host's address! PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL and have a wonderful time this evening. Please arrive at 6:00 p.m. (ends at 8:00 p.m.). Childcare is at the church and will be supervised by our Youth Groups. See Shelli Haynes. Shelli's cell: (909) 226-3179

GermanFest (9th Annual) at First Lutheran Church (LCMS), Knoxville is this coming Sat, Aug 26 (11 a.m. to 8 p.m.) See the poster in the Narthex and feel free to take admission tickets (if any left) for free admission.

Rally Day Forms (reminder): please complete and submit today. Form title: *Building Up the Priesthood at Praise*.



Progress on our build: our land is being prepared for parking. 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 NOTE TIME CHANGE: Wednesdays for Middle School from 6 to 7 p.m. and for High School from 7 to 8 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

Elders meet this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at Praise