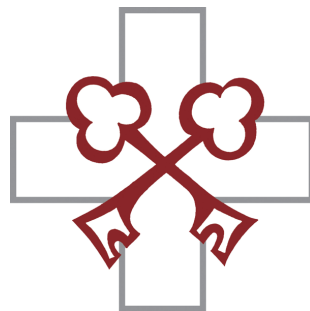


+ Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost +

August 27, Year of Our Lord 2023 | DS4

+ 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

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution

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 2:6-7; 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18



P But we will | bless the LORD*

from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

C As for me, I have | set my King*
on Zion, my | holy hill.

I will tell of | the decree.*

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you."

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. | Praise the LORD!

Glorify 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.

But we will | bless the LORD*

from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with your spirit.**

- P** Let us pray. Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:1–6

"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. "Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

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

Epistle

Romans 11:33—12:8

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

“Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

Ephesians 2:19b–20

P Alleluia. You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 16:13–20*

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter



replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C 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: 645 Built on the Rock



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how
 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



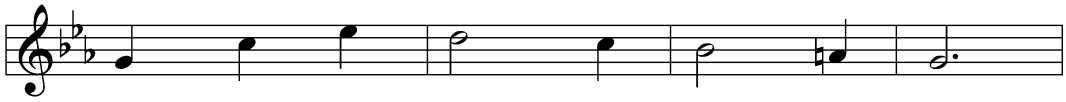
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives
 faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
 ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
 Choos - es to live with us in love,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
 You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
 My peace I leave with you. A - men.”

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+ Sermon +

People Say vs. What the Father Reveals

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**. Hundreds who lost family members and homes and business in **Maui (fires)**.

Church: For the **Holy Spirit’s work** to bring about repentance and faith in Jesus. For **safety and protection** for all who will be building a new Sanctuary, narthex, and parking lots for Praise Lutheran Church. 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**.

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 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. **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: Gretchen R 8/28, Gracie S 8/30, Owen P 9/1, Justin G 9/3, Pam T 9/3, Jacob W 9/4, Emma Lu K 9/6, Delaney S 9/7, Sharon F 9/8, Travis H 9/9, Monica H 9/9, Mariah K 9/9, Bob H 9/10, Barbara McG 9/10, Candace P 9/10

Anniversaries: Steve & Rebecca K 8/28, Al & Sharon F 8/28, Bill & Diane M 9/7, Robbie & Leah M 9/8, Gary & Carol M 9/9

* **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 also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



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



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving *p. 161 or 178*

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei *John 1:29*



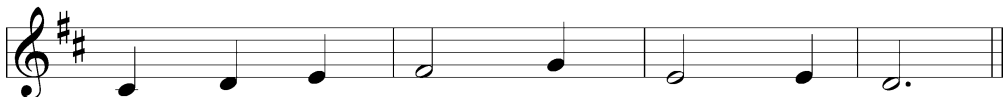
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke



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: 839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light

Distribution Hymn: 666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

Distribution Hymn: 473 Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free

Distribution Hymn: 821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Nunc Dimittis *Luke 2:29–32*

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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. **C Amen.**

Benedicamus *Psalm 103:1*

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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 Amen.



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Capital Campaign Info: Ed Hannah; Joel Morsch

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:

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

Thank you to all who hosted guests and all who attended *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* (last Sunday evening)! Thank to Shelli Haynes for coordinating!



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!

Building Fund Update	2023 Receipts	Total Receipts
Actual	\$156,723	\$779,263
Pledged	\$277,877	\$1,065,270
Remaining	\$121,154	\$286,007

Note: gifts to the Building Fund now will help us delay borrowing funds. Though we haven't yet needed to borrow, that will change in the coming weeks. Consider giving scheduled 2023 and/or 2024 commitments early in order to help avoid interest payments.

General Fund Giving Update: we are approximately current (with budget) on unrestricted gifts and tithes. Thank you for remembering both regular giving and commitments to building fund.

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.

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

Choir on break for the summer, resumes Wed, Sept 6