

# + Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost +

September 3, Year of Our Lord 2023 | DS1



*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

*Psalms 37:5-7; antiphon: v. 4*



**P** Delight yourself | in the LORD,\*  
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

**C** Commit your way | to the LORD;\*  
trust in him, and | he will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,\*  
and your justice as the | noonday.

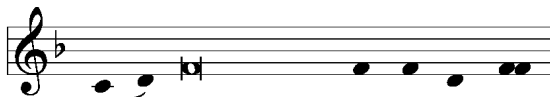
**Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;\***  
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries  
out evil de- | vices!

**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.

Delight yourself | in the LORD,\*  
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

## Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 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. [2]

**A** For the peace of the whole world, ...Church of God, ...unity of all, let us pray... [3]

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray... [4]

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. [5]



2. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



3. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



4. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



5. **C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

**A** (sung) Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**C** (sung, hymnal p. 154 for music) **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

**Old Testament Reading**

*Jeremiah 15:15–21*

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual**

*Psalm 45:6–7b*

**C** Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.

The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;  
you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness.

**Epistle**

*Romans 12:9–21*

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Alleluia and Verse**

*John 6:68*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 16:21–28*

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

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.



### **Apostles' Creed**

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

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

## Hymn of the Day: 531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus



1 Hail, Thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, Thou Gal - i -  
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on  
 3 Je - sus, hail! En - throned in glo - ry, There for - ev - er  
 4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing Thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; Thou didst  
 Thee were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed, Thou hast  
 to a - bide; All the heav'n - ly hosts a - dore Thee, Seat - ed  
 to re - ceive; High - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, Right it



free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, Thou u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior,  
 full a - tone - ment made. All Thy peo - ple are for - giv - en  
 at Thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners Thou art plead - ing;  
 is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its,



Bear - er of our sin and shame! By Thy mer - it  
 Through the vir - tue of Thy blood; O - pened is the  
 There Thou dost our place pre - pare, Ev - er for us  
 All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing our



we find fa - vor: Life is giv - en through Thy name.  
 gate of heav - en, Rec - on - ciled are we with God.  
 in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
 Sav - ior's mer - its, Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise!

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+ Sermon +

Hindrance to Jesus

## Offertory

*Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19*



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## Announcement of Offering and Greetings of Peace

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

## Prayer of the Church

World: Praying for the end of the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia**. 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: **Carolyn Dickie** very weak, heart failure. **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. **Jules Felt** recovery of health and then upcoming treatment for a hematoma. **Ed McGillick** persistent dizziness caused by abnormal blood pressure fluctuations. **Janice Kaiser** health. **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. **Rick Gift** recovering after a cycling accident. **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. **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:** 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, Tom W 9/11, Linda McM 9/15, Carol B 9/16

**Anniversaries:** Bill & Diane M 9/7, Robbie & Leah M 9/8, Gary & Carol M 9/9, Ole & Mavis J 9/14, Tom & Nadine 9/17

\* **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 Tim. 4:22; Col. 3:1, Psalm 136



**P** The Lord be with you.



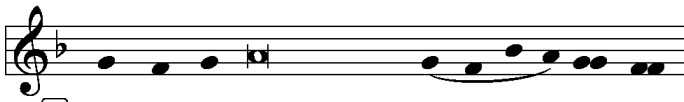
**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** And al - so with you.



**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.

### Proper Preface (Full)

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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 ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

*Isaiah 6:3, Matt 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, ... To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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  $\text{✝}$  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.”

## Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

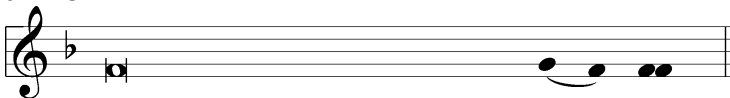
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord’s Prayer

- 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.**

## Pax Domini

*John 20:19*



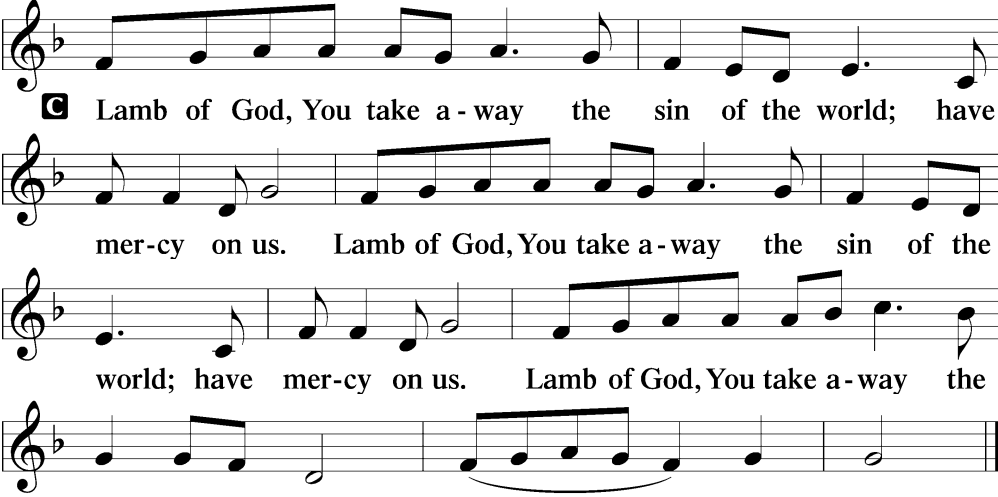
- P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



- C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

John 1:29



☐ 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.

## 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: 706 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living**

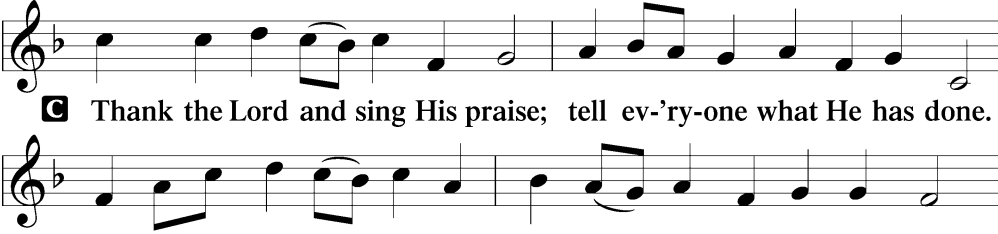
**Distribution Hymn: 843 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"**

**Distribution Hymn: 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

**Distribution Hymn: 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns**

## 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 all who seek the Lord re - joice 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

- 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** A - men.

### 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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Bible Study and Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

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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

**Moved? Changed your email address? Changed cell phone or home phone? Please let the church office know.**



**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

### Parents

Please encourage your kids of all ages to attend **Sunday morning Bible study**. Our children meet in the Sunday School Classroom across from the mailboxes and students from 6th grade through 12th grade (or equivalent) will meet in the Social Hall.

### 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/Young Adults** meet **Thurs, Sept 28** for **trivia at Blackhorse Brewery**. Mark your calendar and plan to join us! Please connect with Travis Haynes with any questions!

**Youth Catechesis** meets TODAY. Here's the upcoming schedule:

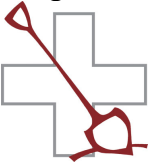
Sun, Sep 3	10 Commandments (1-3) with Pastor Roberts
Sun, Sep 17	10 Commandments (1-3) with Pastor Roberts
Sun, Oct 1	10 Commandments (4-5) with Pastor Roberts
Sun, Oct 15	10 Commandments (6-7) with Pastor Roberts

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.



## Announcements

### Progress on our build



Trusses for the new building were hung this past week. 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!

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. *See new brochure available today.*

**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** resumes THIS WED, Sept 6 in the Sanctuary

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