# + Ghird Sunday after Pentecost +

June 9, Year of our Lord 2024 | DS1 Today's Guest Pastor: Rev. George Smith (serving Faith Lutheran Church, Oak Ridge) Our Pastor: Rev. Derek Roberts will return to serve next Sunday.

# + Confession and Absolution +

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

# Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

# Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9

- $\mathbf{P}$  If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 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.
- 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]

- 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 H Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

# + Service of the Word +



Matthew 28:19b: 18:20

# Introit

P Blessèd be the LORD!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

- The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.
- P The LORD is the strength of his people;

he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

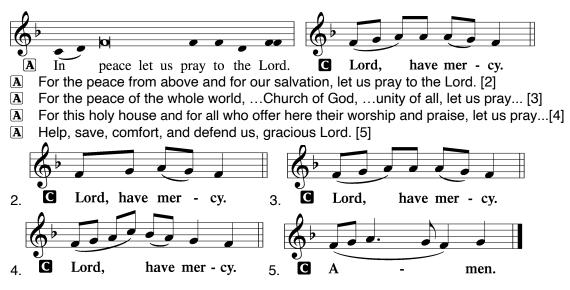
- Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!
   Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
   Glory be to the Father and to the Son
  - and to the Holy Spirit;
- as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Blessèd be the LORD!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

# Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy, p. 152



# Gloria in Excelsis ~ hymnal p. 154 for music

Luke 2:14, John 1:29

- (sung or spoken) Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
- (sung) 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



Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, Your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### **Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 3:8–15

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.
I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

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

### Gradual

# Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. On your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare your greatness.

### Epistle

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

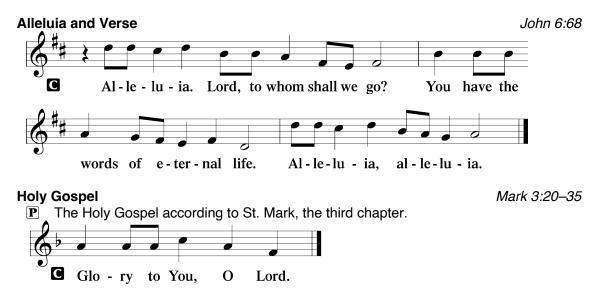
So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

### Verse of the Day

P Alleluia. Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Alleluia.



*Psalm 127:1a* ain. Alleluia. Then [Jesus] went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. But no one can



enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

"Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."



### 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.

of 1 God God of Your peo - ple grace and glo - ry, On 2 Lo. the hosts of vil round us Scorn the Christ, as e -Bend our pride to 3 Cure Your chil dren's war - ring mad - ness; 4 Save res - ig То us from weak na - tion the e - vils Crown Your cient Church's pour Your pow'r; an sto - ry; sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us Your con - trol: Shame our wan ton. self - ish glad - ness. de - plore; gift of Your sal - va - tion we Let the glo - rious flow'r. Bring its wis - dom, bud to Grant us Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom. Rich things Grant wis - dom, in and poor in soul. us Be glo -Grant wis - dom. our ry ev - er - more. us this For the fac - ing of grant us cour age For the liv - ing of these grant cour age us Lest we miss Your king - dom's grant us cour age grant Serv ing You whom we a us cour age,

Hymn of the Day: 850 God of Grace and God of Glory



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+ Sermon +
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#### **Pastor George Smith**



### 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 +



World: Praying for a quick end to the war between modern-day **Israel** and the **Hamas**. For an end of the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia**.

Vocation: For veterans and our military (including Carter Felt, Casey Lawson, Tyler Smith and William Smolter). For those serving in hospitals and homeless shelters. For teachers in our community schools. For our circuit's seminary students: Aaron Wade, Sam Bohnet, Vicar Daniel Bueckman, and Vicar Alex Ogden. For those expecting

children including Jackson and Bri Blankenbeckler and Cole & Tamia Smith. For the recently engaged including Sam Bohnet to Kate Roberts and Turner Gough to Mandy Haynes. For Daniel and Monica Hendricks rejoicing in the birth of Lily 4/24. Safe travels for Rachel Vesper who is travelling in Australia. Michael and children (Flaska and Stolarcysk family) in Michigan. Birth of Shepherd (born to Madeline) the Nunninks' family. For Tony & Rhonda (Seth Pierce's cousin) healthy birth of a grandbaby boy.

Loss and Mourning: Family of **Cheri Phillips** (Chuck Pettyjohn's sister in Missouri who passed away 5/25). Family of **Ruth** (Rachel Ernst's beloved mother) who passed away suddenly due to a heart attack. Family of **Aunt Beverly** (Becky Hamby's Aunt) who passed away. Family of **Julie Bullock** (Tom Wittkopp's sister) who passed away. Family of **Corey Baerns** (Marleen's son, Jeff's brother) who was fatally shot on 4/26. For **Lila Reuer** (AI's wife; Rhonda Heckman's mom) who went to be with the Lord of Life on 3/26. For **Terry Gift** (Rick Gift's father) who entered the Church Triumphant. Family of **Russ Smolter** (William's father) who passed away 3/1. Family of **Kathleen Lane** who passed away on 2/27. Family of *Barbara Moyer's grand-children's mother* who passed away. Family of Deputy **Greg McCowan** (killed in the line of duty in Blount County). Family of **Jeff Ratliff** (Mark's younger brother) who passed away 2/1. Family of **Myrna Frazier** who passed away on 1/27.

Health: For **Sharon Yoder** released today back to Maryville for more stroke rehab and therapy. For **June Latham** (Phyllis Bemba's sister) stroke and vision recovery. For **Pastor Ed Maanum** kidney acceptance and for **Jen Maanum** who donated a kidney. For **Nancy** (Jim Vesper's mother) in finals weeks or days in hospice care. For **Fred Goddard** (nephew of Mary Ellen Brown) lung cancer treatment. For niece of Mary Ellen with a massive blood clot in her leg. For **Herman** her brother recovering from stent procedure. For **Steve** 

Greene (friend of Jim Vesper) dealing with multiple cancers. For Gary Kubin experiencing debilitating back and leg pain and for Jessie his niece recovering from knee surgery. For Joan Large stroke recovery (now home). For Linda Davis for healing from anemia related procedure. For Mary (Ed & Sandy Bagley's daughter) health. For Andrew (son of a friend of Laura Bisconte) treatment for a mass in the base of his brain. For **another friend** of Laura Bisconte who needs good news concerning her heart condition. For Larry & Cathy Wacker's daughter and son-in-law's health and cancer treatments. For Carol (Alex Hick's aunt) recent diagnosis of frontal lobe dementia. For **Tim Smith** heart health. For Chuck Pettyjohn (health). For Jane (Steve Kaiser's sister) suffering severe back pain. For Faith (Jerry and Jennifer Kropp's daughter) health. For Tanner speedy recovery (injured in a work accident), Tatum Smolter's fiance. For **Tom Williams** lung cancer spot treatments. For Frank Davis (Leah Mohr's father) recovering from a heart procedure. For Brad (Phil & Carol Barnett's son) lung blood clots treatment. For **Billye Rave Smith** to build back immunity after multiple myeloma treatments. For Janeen Meier healing for physical and mental health (Maureen Roberts' sister and Pastor Roberts' Aunt). For Pete Gav (Catherine Boute's brother-in-law) terminal cancer. For Marty Smith (Tyler [and Megan] Smith's father) rapidly advancing cancer treatment. For Victor Sebahar (friend of Fred Hansen), cancer in brain, lungs, and bone. For Carol Ehrens diagnosed with Thyroid cancer (slow growing). Ed McGillick persistent dizziness caused by abnormal blood pressure fluctuations. Debbie Johnston kidney health. Bob McDermott dealing with Parkinson's symptoms. Pastor Neil Vanderbush at Immanuel, Memphis, recurrent multiple myeloma treatment. For Alan Stremsterfer's mother health issues. For Lisa Stremsterfer's father health and stability. Aurora Stevens back and shoulder pain treatments. For Barbara Moyers health. For Kathy Bigger (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. Andrew Hebar's Aunt Kara (health).

**Birthdays:** Caleb P 6/8, June M 6/10, William S 6/10, Joshua W 6/11, Rhonda S 6/13, Jack B 6/14, Rebecca J 6/15, George V 6/15, Lee S 8/16, Alessa B 8/17, Jeff J 6/17, Barbara M 6/19, Levi 6/20, Sally C 6/21, Laura B 6/22

Anniversaries: Larry & Phyllis B 6/11, Julian & Emily M 6/12

Benediction for those worshiping 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

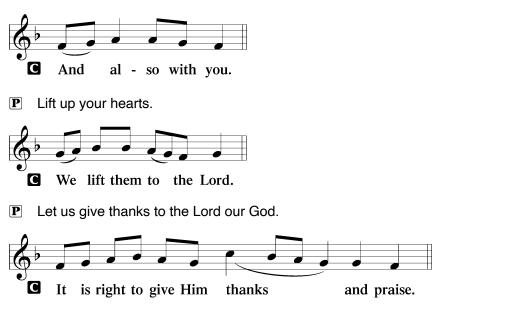


forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death and resurrection until He comes. Scripture 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.

p. 160; 2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

#### Preface

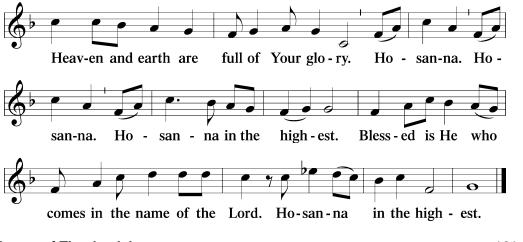
**P** The Lord be with you.



# Proper Preface ~ Altar Book (appropriate to the day or season)

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and saying:





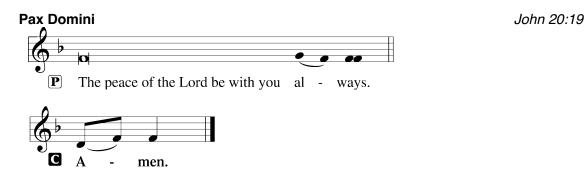
### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

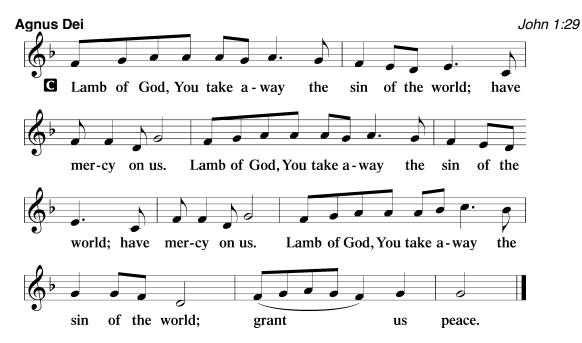
p. 161 or 178

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, ... now and forever.

C Amen.

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."





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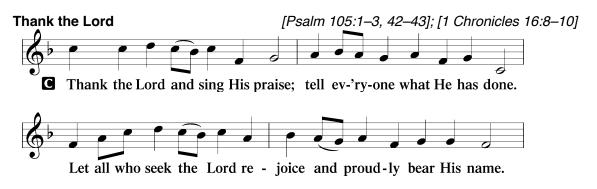
Please see our pastor for details about baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation of our church's teachings prior to taking the Lord's Supper (Communion) at Praise.

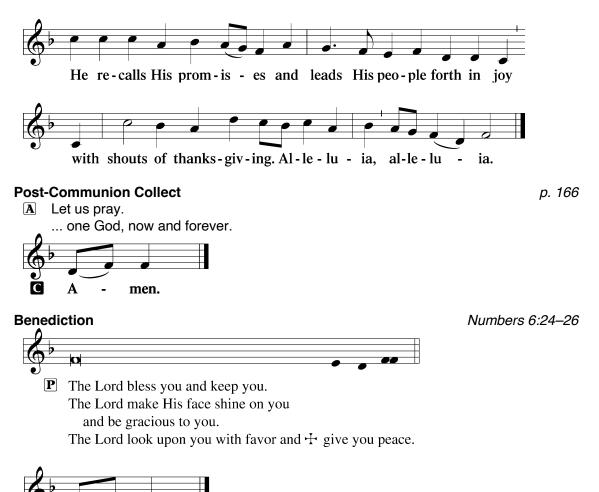
Distribution Hymn: 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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

Distribution Hymn: 672 Jerusalem the Golden

Distribution Hymn: 922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing







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### Praise Lutheran Church (LCMS)

Sunday Divine Services weekly at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

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Organist/pianists: Janice Kaiser, Susan Johnson, Gary Schauermann

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.

**Two Large Print Hymnals** are available. Please ask those who are helping as ushers to locate a large print hymnal for you.

Our address: 315 Southdowne Dr., Maryville, TN 37801.

**The Altar Guild** kindly suggests that women who use the common cup to please remove lipstick prior to communing. The linens require hand scrubbing to remove lipstick and it is breaking down the fabric. Thank you.



Visit praiselutheran.com/build to see our build completion video!

Building Fund	2023 Receipts	2024 Receipts	Total Receipts
Actual	\$345,752	\$88,090	\$1,059,641
Pledged	\$277,877	\$179,106	\$1,065,270
Remaining	-\$67,875	\$91,016	\$5,629

Build Project total cost estimate: ~ 2.8 million (approximately 38% funded).

**Wedding Invite:** Rev. Derek and Gretchen Roberts invite you to celebrate their daughter's wedding, Kate Roberts to Samuel Bohnet, on August 17th, 2024 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at Praise Lutheran Church. Reception to follow.

Please RSVP by July 20th at www.theknot.com/bohnetandroberts

# Youth and Families

# Summer Sunday School

Please join us for the summer to learn about all the different Heros in the bible. Meet for opening in the new nursery (some students may be directed to classrooms from there). We welcome children ages 2 years old up to those entering 5th grade. For those entering 6th grade through high school, please join Shelli Haynes for bible study (Book of Exodus)!

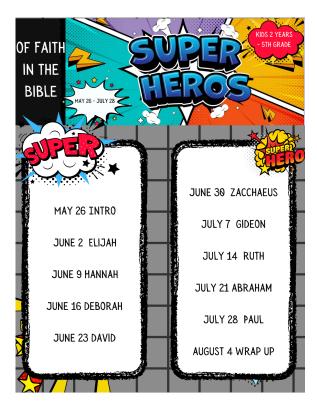
# Middle and High School Youth Groups Wednesdays:

**Middle School** 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Highschool** 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

# High School Summer Retreat: June 7-9

# Campfirmation Week:

Sun-Sat, July 7-13, at Camp Linn Haven, NC



### **Catechesis at Praise**



### **Adult Catechesis**

Tuesday evening, June 11 at 7:00 p.m. (in the Social Hall) Topic: *The Way of the Lord's Prayer (and daily prayers) in the Catechism* 

### This Week at Praise

Youth Group Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Middle School and 7:00 p.m. High School Choir Rehearsal on break until August. Men's Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall Ladies Bible Study Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall with Barbara Morsch

**Pastor Roberts will be returning** this week. Thank you for receiving the ministry of Pastor George Smith today and the Elders last Sunday.