

+ St. Michael and all Angels (observed) +

September 28, Year of Our Lord 2025 | 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

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Exhortation

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

- L** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** who made heaven and earth.

- L** 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.

- L** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word to call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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.

Prayer of Baptismal Remembrance and Forgiveness

- L** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit

Psalm 103:20–22; antiphon: v. 1



P Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!
C Bless the LORD, O you his | angels,*
you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice | of his word!
Bless the LORD, | all his hosts,*
his ministers, who | do his will!
Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his do- | minion.*
Bless the LORD, | O my soul!
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.
Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Te Deum, see p. 223-225 for music

C (sung) We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting.
To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs therein.
To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise You.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You.

The noble army of martyrs praise You.
The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You:
The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

You are the king of glory, O Christ;
You are the everlasting Son of the Father.

When You took upon Yourself to deliver man,
You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin.
When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

**You sit at the right hand of God
in the glory of the Father.
We believe that You will come
to be our judge.**

**We therefore pray You to help Your servants,
whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Your saints
in glory everlasting.**

**O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage.
Govern them and lift them up forever.
Day by day we magnify You.
And we worship Your name forever and ever.**

**Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.
O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.**

Collect of the Day

I Let us pray. Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Daniel 10:10–14; 12:1–3

And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. Then he said to me, “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come. . . .”

“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those

who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

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

Gradual

Psalm 91:11; 103:1

C He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Choir Anthem (11:00 Service)

Rejoice O Pilgrim Throng by Pulmptre/Messiter

Epistle

Revelation 12:7–12

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

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

Verse of the Day

Revelation 12:11

L Alleluia. They have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Alleluia.

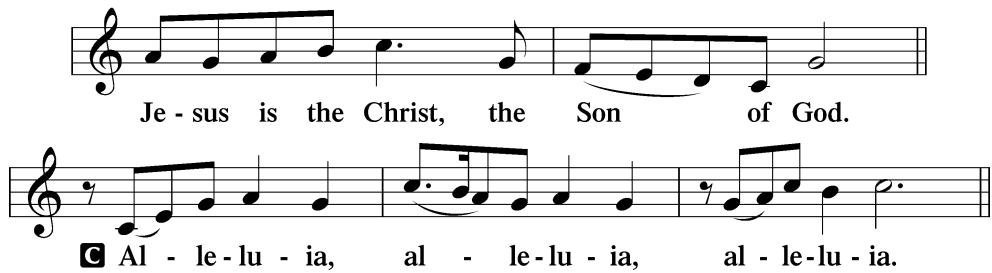
Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Holy Gospel

Luke 10:17-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.



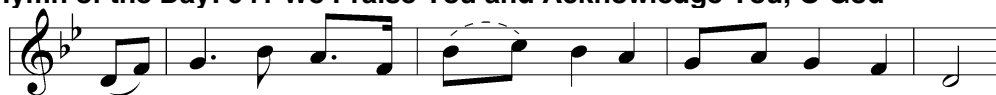
Apostles' Creed

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: 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 Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.
 The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death-less voic - es raise.
 Yet 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.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,
 The mar - tyrs of Your king - dom, a great and no - ble throng,
 You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,
 We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:
 Sing with the ho - ly Church through-out all the world this song:
 Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;
 So help Your ser - vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;



"O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 "O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,
 Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - prieve—
 May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!"
 And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!"
 You o - pened heav - en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.
 In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

+ Sermon +

An Elder will read a Sermon written for today by Pastor Roberts

After Sermon Hymn: 549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (see hymnal)

Offering

Prayer of the Church - see colored insert

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.

Benediction (Pauline)

L The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C Amen.

Choir Anthem (8:30 Service)

Rejoice O Pilgrim Throng by Pulmptre/Messiter

OR

Closing Hymn: 832 Jesus Shall Reign (11:00 Service) (see hymnal)

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For prayer requests to be added in the service, please submit by 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays. If your contact info has recently changed, please let the church office know. Large print hymnals are available (please check with an usher for availability).



+ Prayers +

World: For **protection** and **peace**. For God to cease the wars between modern-day **Israel** and the **Hamas** and the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia**. For **fire, flood, and hurricane** recovery. For **Flood Victims** and their families in Texas and other states with storm and flood.

Concern for the Lost: For family and friends who do not know or have fallen away from the truth, grace, and love of the Savior, Christ Jesus.

Vocation: For the birth of **Jonathan** to **Elijah & Faith Miessler** (born Sept. 20) and for those expecting including **Samual and Sarah Kropp** (girl in Sept.). For the recently engaged: **Jack Nunnink** and **Rachel Holst**. Thanksgiving for the healthy birth of **Judah Samuel Bohnet** on 9/2 to Sam & Kate Bohnet (Judah is Pastor and Gretchen's grandson, Jim & Maureen's great grandson). For the recent **Baptism of Jack Kilbarger** (parents: Jake and Lillie Kilbarger) on 8/25. For **veterans and our military** for **Mason Burkett** (Mary Schopmann's grandson-in-law) being deployed to Poland leaving behind his wife and new baby; military servants: **Carter Felt, Casey Lawson, Tyler Smith** and **William Smolter**. For our singles, parents, grandparents, and families. For our families expecting a baby: **Joshua and Adelaide Arguien, Alex & Shelby Hicks**, and **Luke and Blair Johnson**. For **those serving in hospitals and homeless shelters**. For **teachers** in our community schools. For our circuit's seminary students: **Aaron Wade, Sam Bohnet** (vicarage placement in Louisville, KY). **Michael Saxton** was placed as a convertible vicar at Grace Lutheran, Knoxville. For **children and families** dealing with difficult situations due to drugs, alcohol, violence, abuse, stress, and strife.

Recent Loss and Mourning: For the family and friends of **Stephanie** (Larry Wacker's daughter). For a friend of John Pettyjohn whose mother (**Deb Lovins**) recently passed. For **Lisa Stremsterfer's father** who passed away 8/11. For the family of **Emma Lu Kerekes** (founding member of Praise) who passed on 7/25 (Memorial Service was 9/6). For the family of **Shelby Williams** (granddaughter of Jeanne Lindenfelser) who died tragically in July.

Health: For **Bob McDermott** in hospice care at Life Care. For **Carol Ehrens** health and good days (hospice care at home). For **Fran Wehmeier** (Deb Wale's mother; surgery recovery from broken leg). For **George Gorghis** (friend of Donna Wall) treatment for Lymphoma cancer, stage 4. For **Barbara Morsch** recovery after surgery for breast cancer. For **Chuck Pettyjohn** for lung and heart health (now home). For **Joel Morsch** treatment for a brain bleed. For **Janeen Meier** healing for physical and mental health (Maureen Roberts' sister and Pastor Roberts's Aunt). For **Lois Schering** (eye-lid infection). For **Fred Hansen** recovery of strength and health. For **Bob Goodrich** diabetes management and heart health. For **Linda Davis** a fib treatment. For **Rhonda Heckman** recovering from back surgery and for **Bob Heckman's** health. For **Don Hammond** heart a-fib (Joan Large's son). For **Cole Hammond** (Joan Large's grandson) comfort in dealing with epilepsy. For **Marvin Arcari** (Paul Ruble's cousin, Will Wade's brother-in-law) hospitalized and awaiting biopsy results. For **Sandy Bagley** health. For **Margaret** (Justin Gift's great grandma) in ICU. For **Pat Sweet** (friend of Ole & Mavis) fragile health condition. For **June McDonnell** recovering from falls and lung health. For **Tim Smith** heart and blood pressure health. For **Ted Frazier** headaches and blood pressure drops. For **Lee Schuck** and **Gus** taking care of her. For **Pam** (Jim Roberts's sister) heart and respiratory issues. For **Derek Bryant** (friend of Mary Schopmann) kidney reception. For **Ken Kropp** recovering from heart surgery. For **Kim Smolter** health. For **Gary Kubin** hip surgery rehab (now home). For **Ed & Barbara McGillick** health, pain and dizziness management. For **Haley Jenkins** (Ed & Sandy Bagley's niece) esophageal issues. For **Rachel Ernst**

upcoming rescheduled surgery. For **Margarete** (neighbor to Jim & Maureen Roberts) dealing with advancing cancer. For **Ron Williams** (back at Foothills) and for his wife Pamela. For **Barbara Moyers** health. For **Marie Guinn** (Jennifer Kropp’s mother) cancer treatment and health. For **Mary** (Ed & Sandy Bagley’s daughter) health. For **June Latham** (Phyllis Bembas’ sister) stroke and vision recovery. For **Fred Goddard** (nephew of Mary Ellen Brown) lung cancer treatment. For **Carol** (Alex Hick’s aunt) frontal lobe dementia. For **Tom Williams** maintenance chemo treatments. **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. For **Alan Stremsterfer’s mother** health. **Aurora Stevens** back and shoulder pain treatments. For **Kathy Bigger** (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. Andrew Hebar’s Aunt **Kara** (health).

Birthdays: Lou L(ewis) (9/28), John P (9/28), Katie W(endorf) (9/29), Paul R (10/1), Larry W (10/1), Lou T(rebus) (10/3), Susan J (10/5), Sarah Cate P (10/8), Taylor S(ebright) (10/8), Olivia McC(arty) (10/11), Seth P (10/11), Karen T(rebus) (10/11)

Anniversaries: Rick & Pam Truby (10/2)

Church Operations & Christian Stewardship

Building Fund	2024 Receipts	2025 Receipts	Total Receipts
Actual	\$211,037	\$51,438	\$1,229,434
Pledged	\$179,106	\$42,744	\$1,065,270
Remaining	\$31,931 [over]	\$8,694 [over]	\$164,164 [over]

Build Project total cost: \$2,973,613 (approximately 38% funded).

Visit **praiselutheran.com/build** to see our build completion video! Gifts to the Build Fund are still encouraged (the extended Capital Campaign ends on December 31, 2025). Our total monthly mortgage payments to Lutheran Church Extension Fund: \$11,413 [breakdown: \$10,309 (new building) + \$1,104 (older building)].

Online Giving is available on our website, praiselutheran.com (see the Give button). You can set up recurring gifts to select funds. “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Cor. 9:7

Children and Youth Ministry

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday and is for all children and students, age 2 on up. *Confirmed youth are encouraged to join the Congregational Bible Study with Pastor Roberts in the Social Hall.*

Midweek Youth Group meet this Wed, October 1, at 7:00 p.m. starting in the Narthex with Compline, then move to the Social Hall. Open to all middle and high school students.

Youth Catechesis will meet Sun, Oct 5 at 12:30 p.m. Please bring your *Guided by Truth* journal, Bible, Catechism and lunch.

Worship and Music Ministry

Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., and we're especially looking for sopranos. *For updates and announcements, text @plcchoi to 81010.* Instrumentalists are also invited to reach out to Caleb about opportunities, which will be tailored to your availability.

Piano lessons are also available at Praise. Anyone age 6 and up (with a parent/guardian for children) is welcome to join instructor Caleb Hesse. For any questions or additional information, please reach out to our Director of Worship Arts, Caleb Hesse, at caleb@praiselutheran.com.

Congregational Life & Fellowship

Christian Cycling Group will meet today at 3:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Rick Gift.

Free greeting cards for special occasions are available in the library of the Social Hall. **Thrivent shirts** of various sizes are also available free of charge.

The **Church Directory** is currently being updated and is set for release in November. We plan to make this an annual update, available at the beginning of each church year. Updated photos will be taken between services or emailed to Elissa Upward at officeadmin@praiselutheran.com

Advent by Candlelight, hosted by our Women's Bible Study, will take place on Saturday, December 6, in the Social Hall. This event is a special opportunity for women to kick off the Advent season with hearts centered on Christ, all while enjoying fellowship. If you'd like to host a table (decorating it and providing light refreshments), please sign up in the narthex.

Veterans Pantry Donations are being accepted in the Narthex. All items will be delivered to the Office of Veterans Affairs of Blount County.

Call for Knitted Hats for Blount County Children The fire department is once again accepting knitted hats for distribution this winter. Donations can be dropped off at the church throughout the fall season.

Today

Issues Class meets at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday in the Social Hall. **Topic Today:** [*Special Church Music Education Presentation with Caleb Hesse*]. **Next Sun, Oct 5:** *Contemporary Worship with Pr. Roberts*

September 28 (Sun) Christian Cycling Group meeting at 3:00 p.m.

September 28 (Sun) Youth Group Fun & Games Night – *Pizza and Games at the Nunninks*

This Week

September 30 (Tue) Cards Creation in the Social Hall 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

October 1 (Wed) Choir rehearsal at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

October 1 (Wed) Middle and High School Youth Group at 7:00 p.m. meet in the narthex, enter Sanctuary for Compline at 7:00 p.m., then will move into the Social Hall for the study.

October 1 (Wed) Men's Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. beginning in the Sanctuary with Compline.

October 2 (Thu) Ladies Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall with Lisa Gift.

Upcoming

October 19 (Sun) Youth Group Fun & Games Day – *Lunch and Hike*

October 24–26 (Fri-Sun) Ladies Fall Retreat, A Heart After the Lord's Own Heart, will take place at the Tuckaleechee Retreat Center in Townsend, Tennessee. Guest speaker, Stella Beabout of Crossville, brings deep biblical insight and teaching experience, having studied Old Testament Exegesis in the Ph.D. program at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. She has led many Bible studies and retreats across the region. Scholarships are available for those in need. To learn more, pick up a brochure in the Narthex or reach out to Kris Smith or Barbara Morsch.

November 1 (Sat) Oktoberfest at Praise; save the date for a fun-filled event featuring lots of activities for kids and Oktoberfest-themed fun for adults. Friends and guests are welcome, so be sure to spread the word!

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