



## **Welcome to Worship!**

**April 4, 2021 at 10:30am**

Livestreaming Sunday mornings at 10:30am at  
Praise Lutheran's YouTube Channel:

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**If You Are Looking For A Church Home/Family**, interested in learning more about who we are or would like to discuss any of the following: Baptism, setting up a hospital or home visit, arranging a counseling session, planning a wedding, etc., please contact Pastor Seth. He would love to visit with you!

### **We Would Like To Get To Know You**

We at Praise would like to get to know you! Prior to leaving this morning, please take a moment to fill out the *Friendship Note* left on your seat and return it to the Offering Plates near the Sanctuary Doors. Pastor Seth and our leaders would like to follow-up with you, so please take a moment to let us know how we may contact you and serve you.

*In celebrating Holy Communion, Lutherans believe that when we receive the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper (also known as Holy Communion, The Sacrament of the Altar, and/or Eucharist) they also receive the true body and blood of Jesus Christ (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; and 1 Corinthians 11:23-25). If you: share this belief with us, are an adult or one who has received instruction on the Lord's Supper, are a baptized Christian seeking to confess your sins to God, believing that Jesus Christ is your Savior, and desiring to live a new life in Jesus Christ, you are welcome to join us as we celebrate this means of God's grace. We kindly ask that those who have not received education on the Lord's Supper, both adults and children, take a moment to visit with Pastor Seth prior to learn more about this special gift of the Lord's Supper. Those who are not receiving the Sacrament are still warmly invited to come forward at that time for a prayer and/or blessing at the altar; we kindly ask that you let Pastor Seth and the Assistant(s) know you do not intend to receive Communion by crossing your arms across your chest as you come forward. The colored glasses in the center of the tray (held by a Communion Assistant) contain a non-alcoholic wine intended for those who, for personal or medical reasons, are unable to use regular wine. Gluten-free wafers are also available for those with dietary/health considerations.*

## **WELCOME**

Welcome to Worship at Praise Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here and pray that today's Worship and Message are meaningful to you in some special way.

## **Call to Worship**

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The stone has been rolled away! Alleluia!

**C: The crucified is risen! Alleluia!**

P: Christ has conquered death by the cross!

**C: He has come out of the tomb!**

P: Christ has risen and will not die again!

**C: Death has been swallowed up in victory!**

P: This is the day the Lord has made!

**C: We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**OPENING SONG: “Let Everything That has Breath Praise the Lord”**

**Chorus**

Let ev’rything that, ev’rything that,  
Ev’rything that has breath, praise the Lord.  
Let ev’rything that, ev’rything that,  
Ev’rything that has breath, praise the Lord.

Praise You in the morning, praise You in the evening,  
Praise You when I’m young and when I’m old.  
Praise You when I’m laughing, praise You when I’m grieving,  
Praise You ev’ry season of the soul.  
If we could see how much You’re worth,  
Your pow’r, Your might, Your endless love,  
Then surely we would never cease to praise.

**Chorus**

Praise You in the heavens, joining with the angels,  
Praising You forever and a day.  
Praise You on the earth now, joining with creation,  
Calling all the nations to Your praise.  
If we could see how much You’re worth,  
Your pow’r, Your might, Your endless love,  
Then surely we would never cease to praise.

**Chorus 2x**

## **OPENING SONG: "Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)"**

One day when heaven was filled with His praises  
One day when sin was as black as could be  
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin  
Dwelt among men my example is He  
The Word became flesh  
And the light shined among us  
His glory revealed

### **Chorus**

Living He loved me dying He saved me  
Buried He carried my sins far away  
Rising He justified freely forever  
One day He's coming  
O glorious day (glorious day)

One day they led Him up Calv'ry's mountain  
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree  
Suffering anguish despised and rejected  
Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He  
The hand that healed nations  
Stretched out on a tree  
And took the nails for me

### **Chorus**

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer  
One day the stone rolled away from the door  
Then He arose over death He had conquered  
Now is ascended my Lord evermore  
Death could not hold Him  
The grave could not keep Him  
From rising again

### **Chorus**

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## **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

P: Dear Friends in Christ, this morning as we come to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we proclaim with the rest of the Church on earth and in heaven: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Christ has shattered the chains of sin, death, and the enemy for us!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: He has set us free to love God, to live with Him, and serve Him forever!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: And yet even as we celebrate the reality of Christ's resurrection, we also recognize the effects of sin in our lives. Perhaps while we gather with alleluias on our lips this morning, our heads and hearts are filled with hurts from recent events. We know that God is right when He shares:

**C: All of us have sinned and have fallen short of God's desires for our lives. We have failed to love Him with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. We have also failed to love others as ourselves.**

P: Thanks be to God that we can take Him at His Word when He shares that grace, mercy, and forgiveness are never in short supply. This morning, let us take the opportunity to draw near to our Heavenly Father's throne of grace, confessing our sins and once again seeking forgiveness for the sake of His Risen Son, Jesus Christ.

***We pause for reflection upon God's Word and self-examination***

P: Almighty God, Heavenly Father,

**C: As our lips are filled with Easter morning alleluias, we confess that our lives are filled with struggles, poor decisions, and brokenness stemming from our sin. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

P: Almighty God, Heavenly Father,

**C: We have sinned against You and those around us, and so we justly deserve Your punishment. But for the sake of Jesus' perfect life, innocent death, and victorious resurrection, we ask You to forgive us of all our sins, and to have mercy upon us.**

P: Dear Friends in Christ, upon this your confession I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of God's Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen!**

**FIRST READING**

**(Isaiah 25:6-9)**

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. <sup>7</sup>On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

**(1 Corinthians 15:1-11)**

<sup>1</sup>Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. <sup>2</sup>By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup>After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, <sup>8</sup>and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

<sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL READING**

**(Mark 16:1-8)**

<sup>1</sup>When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup>Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb <sup>3</sup>and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

<sup>4</sup>But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

<sup>6</sup>“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”

<sup>8</sup>Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON SONG: “Christ Is Risen”**

Let no one caught in sin remain  
Inside the lie of inward shame  
But fix our eyes upon the cross  
And run to Him who showed great love  
And bled for us  
Freely You've bled for us

#### **Chorus**

Christ is risen from the dead  
Trampling over death by death  
Come awake come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave  
Christ is risen from the dead  
We are one with Him again  
Come awake come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave

Beneath the weight of all our sin  
You bowed to none but heaven's will  
No scheme of hell no scoffer's crown  
No burden great can hold You down  
In strength You reign  
Forever let Your church proclaim

#### **Chorus**

**SERMON TITLE**  
**“Eyes on Jesus: The Risen One”**  
**Rev. Seth Korte**

**THE STATEMENT OF FAITH:                    *“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.**

**GATHERING OF GOD'S GIFTS**

During this season, you are invited to join us as we continue to give thanks to God with our Tithes and Offerings. Tithes and Offerings may be left within the Offering Plates near the Sanctuary Doors as you enter/leave, or you may utilize one of

two additional options: online giving via Praise’s website ([www.praiselutheran.org](http://www.praiselutheran.org)) or physical mailings to Praise Lutheran Church (Attn: Church Office).

### **PRAYERS**

Please respond after each prayer petition:

P: Lord, in Your mercy;

C: **Hear our prayer.**

#### **We remember in our prayers**

**Members of Praise:** Jean Boyer, Brandon Rice, Bob and Deb Kennedy, Mary Clendenen, Mike Lehman, Evan Korte, the Mullet Family, Jackie Strasser, Linda Arven, Dick Renbarger, Steve Pierzchala

**Family & Friends:** Mike Fisher, Betty, Susan Joers, Eric Donaldson, Leona Puff, Jim Taylor, Marilyn Elger, Kimberly Auld, Gloria Cook, Ashby Family, Danelle, Erika, Jim, Gayle Peters, John Stucky, CJ, Jeremy, Calvin, Marilyn, Ron Bartholow, Bonnie, Carol, Jan, Mike, Greg Hull, Jackson Hull, Mike, Maddie, Alida, Joyce Simmons, Nancy, Sandy, John, Joanna, Dorothy Miller, Sherry Yeakey, Henry and Freda, Bill, Bruce Buchanan, Joyce, Sherri, Iva Lue

**For Those Impacted by Natural Disasters:** N/A

**For our Little Praisers staff, families, and volunteers:** Tilden, son of Danielle McEntee (one of our teachers), Little Praisers Director Roxanne and her grandson Braxdin, Harmon Family (Justin, Harper, Avery), Aysha Craig Family (Sampson, Kayleigh, Kamille, Karmine, Kristiana)

**For the Leadership in Praise Ministries:** that our Lord’s will continues to be done and that His Kingdom continues to come among us within and through His Church

**Those Serving our Nation:** Chris Hufford

**Those living in assisted living, nursing homes**

**or shut-ins:** Bonnie Gordon, Don Hissong, Harold and Dolores King, Evelyn Rodriguez, Rick Wright

**April Birthdays - Week of 04/04:** James Prachar  
(April 10)

**April Anniversaries - Week of 04/04:** N/A

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*(Matthew 6:9-13)*

**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.**

**†THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER†**

(As we prepare our hearts and minds for this special means of grace, please take a moment to prayerfully revisit the statement of belief on the top of Page 2, concerning what God's Word says about The Lord's Supper and participation.)

**A Note on Distribution:**

Holy Communion will be offered in a continuous flow fashion this morning that allows individuals or family units to Commune while observing social distancing.

We ask that you please observe the blue markings in the center aisle and follow the guidance of our Usher as you wait to be communed.

As you near Station 1, Pastor Seth will direct you to the host/wafer. Please let him know if you need one that is gluten free.

After receiving the body of Christ please proceed to Station 2, where a Communion Assistant will direct you to the wine/non-alcohol option. Upon receiving the blood of Christ, you are encouraged to place your individual cup in the trash receptacle as you return to your seat along the respective side aisle.

If you are in need of assistance or unable to come forward, please let Pastor Seth or an Assistant know.

\*Volunteers have been asked to wear masks and gloves while preparing and setting up Holy Communion.

### **WORDS OF CONSECRATION**

*(Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)*

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My (†) body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My (†) blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C: And also with you.**

### **Distribution Song: "In Christ Alone"**

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

### **BENEDICTION**

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you, may the Lord look upon you with His favor, and give you His peace.

**C: Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(Please refer to the back of today's Worship Bulletin for more information and additional announcements.)

### **CLOSING SONG: "Everlasting God"**

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord

#### **Pre-Chorus**

Our God You reign forever  
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

#### **Chorus**

You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint  
You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
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We will wait upon the Lord  
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#### **Pre-Chorus**

#### **Chorus 2x**

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## **EASTER ACCLAMATION**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace – Serve the LORD!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **DISMISSAL:**

(An Usher will dismiss by rows this morning to coincide with Praise's Reopening Plan and Safety Steps. Once you have been dismissed you are encouraged to proceed directly outside.)

## **FULL LISTING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Voter's Meeting** Please note that the next regularly scheduled meeting for our members is Sunday, April 25. If you are interested in running, or have a good candidate in mind, you are encouraged to run nominations by Stewardship, Spiritual Care, and/or Pastor Seth.

**April Pulse** is now available for pick up or download. Please pick up a copy on the table near the main entrance or go to our website and download a copy today!

**Easter Flower** Do not forget to take home your Easter Flowers after the service today, if you ordered any. If you ordered and are not attending onsite services, please contact John or Susie Dykhuizen so that we may get your flowers to you!

**Adult Bible Study** Join us every Sunday at 9:30am in the Fellowship area. For more information, visit our website! Also, please contact Pastor Seth if you would like to join virtually.

The Book of *Judges* cracks the door and provides us with a glimpse into a murky period of time following Israel's conquest of the Promised Land. *In those days Israel had no king;*

*everyone did as he saw fit* (Judges 21:25). While it is known as a time of heroes and heroines, *Judges* is also known as a period of disobedience and rebellion, of attachment to idols and broken, would-be saviors. As Israel searched for security and hope amidst the depths of sin and oppression, God consistently showed Himself as The Faithful One Who does the saving. Journey with us as we discover God's heart for His wayward people and the ways in which He is still passionately pursuing us today

**Meal Train** We are currently providing meals for one of our families in Little Praisers. If you are interested in having your name put on the list of people to contact for a meal in the near future for them please contact the church office or Tim McKeachie at [outreach2@praiselutheran.org](mailto:outreach2@praiselutheran.org) for more information.

**Personal Communion** Are you recognizing quarantine and social distancing but would still like to receive communion? Please contact Pastor Seth to set up a private communion date and time.

**Little Praiser's Fundraiser** has begun, and they are selling Little Praiser car decals. Please consider buying and participating in this great fundraiser with our daycare/pre-school! If you are interested in participating contact Elizabeth at [littlepraisers@praiselutheran.org](mailto:littlepraisers@praiselutheran.org)

**Ministry Needs** Praise is in need of member assistance in two areas: *Sunday/Wednesday Audio/Video* and *Sunday morning Worship Ministry preparations* (chancel parament updates and Holy Communion set up). Please contact the church office for information on how to assist with Worship Audio/Video needs.

Please contact John and Susie Dykhuizen for information on how to assist with Worship Ministry preparations prior to Worship. Your help in these areas will ensure that our ministries maintain precious Gospel momentum at this time. Thank you!

We recognize that folks may not feel comfortable coming onsite when groups are gathering, due to social distancing and health concerns. With this in mind, we would like to ask for your consideration in coming onsite prior to the day of Worship. This will not only help ensure that you are able to socially distance, it will also help ensure that precious ministries continue moving forward. Arrangements for set up prior to group gatherings can be comfortably arranged.

**Thrivent Action Grants** If you have a policy or investment with Thrivent, you may also be eligible for two \$250 action grants per calendar year! These grants are available to help with a wide variety of projects at Praise. If you are a Thrivent member, we ask you contact the church office to make sure you are in our database.

Our Little Praisers Daycare and Pre-school need this grant; consider donating to them! Please contact Roxanne at [lpdirector@praiselutheran.org](mailto:lpdirector@praiselutheran.org) for more information on how you can help and specific needs for our daycare!

**Cross Connections Christian Counseling** is blessed to offer free Biblical counseling to healthcare professionals and their immediate family members through the Serve our Servants (SOS) Fund. Please contact Cross Connections for more information. (260)-373-0213  
<https://www.crossconnectionsounseling.com/>

**Audio/Video Platform Updates** Please use YouTube to access both our current and past Worship Services. Also, please be sure to click the red “Subscribe” button so that we may continue to support our Gospel ministries. You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates on our church!

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**Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings to The Lord**

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**SERMON REFLECTIONS/NOTES:**

Today’s Gospel lesson from Mark 16 gives us reason for hope: Jesus is risen! He has overcome death and now holds before us the gift of eternal life in His Name. What does it mean to you that Jesus has paid the debt of your sin, that He has provided the way to eternal life (through Himself), and that He promises to be with you always?

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Upon sharing with the women at the tomb the Good News that “Jesus is risen,” the angel gave them an assignment. What was it? Who did it involve?

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The angel also gave the women a promise. What was it?

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Having heard the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection, what similar assignment have we been given? Who does it involve?

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**We hope to see you at our next  
Worship Service on  
Sunday, April 11 at 10:30am!**