



Welcome to Worship!

November 14, 2021 at 10:30am

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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.

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.

OPENING SONG: “Our God Saves”

In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son,
In the name of the Spirit, Lord, we come.
We're gathered together to lift up Your name,
To call on our Savior, to fall on Your grace.

Hear the joyful sound of our offering
As Your saints bow down, As Your people sing.
We will rise with You, lifted on Your wings,
and the world will see that...
Our God saves, our God saves. There is hope in Your Name.

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Our God saves, our God saves. There is hope in Your Name.
Mourning turns to songs of praise;
Our God saves, our God saves, our God saves.

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OPENING SONG: “Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down”

Come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before the Lord our God, our Maker.
Come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before the Lord our God, our Maker.

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture
And the sheep of His hand, Just the sheep of His hand.

Repeat from beginning

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CONFESSiON & ABSOLUTION

P: Dear Friends in Christ, this morning as we gather for worship “let us also draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith”- fully leaning upon and trusting in our Lord Jesus Christ (Hebrews 10:22).

C: Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful (Hebrews 10:23).

P: Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24).

C: Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing.

P: Let us encourage one another – and all the more as we see the Day approaching (Hebrews 10:25). With this in mind, let us take this opportunity to approach our Heavenly Father’s throne of grace, confessing our sins and seeking grace to remain steadfast in faith and committed within the body of Christ, The Church.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and personal confession)

P: Heavenly Father,

C: We believe that You do something special within the context of Christian community that is done nowhere else. You give us Your Word proclaimed. You give us Your Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Communion. You refresh the hearts of Your sons and daughters through fellowship.

P: Heavenly Father, we have heard Your call to continue coming together (Hebrews 10:25),

C: And yet, we confess, we have struggled to honor this as You desire. We have also struggled to allow Your Word to have its way in our lives. For these and all other sins, known and unknown, forgive us we pray for Jesus' sake. By the Holy Spirit encourage us to hold fast to the rich truths of Your Word, and through Your grace keep us connected to our Christian family.

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 unto you all, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you, all of your sins, in the Name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit!

C: Amen!

FIRST READING

(Daniel 12:1-3)

¹"At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. ² Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

(Hebrews 10:11-25)

¹¹ Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ and since that time he waits for his enemies to be

made his footstool. ¹⁴ For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

¹⁵ The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:

¹⁶ “This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.”

¹⁷ Then he adds: “Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.”

¹⁸ And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

READING SONG: “Blessed Assurance”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

CHORUS

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long:

Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Chorus

Perfect submission – all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Chorus

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GOSPEL READING

(Mark 13:1-13)

¹As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!”

² “Do you see all these great buildings?” replied Jesus. “Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.”

³ As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ “Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?”

⁵ Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶ Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁸ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

⁹ “You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. ¹⁰ And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. ¹¹ Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

¹² “Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ¹³ Everyone will hate you because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON SONG: “Our God”

Water You turned into wine, Opened the eyes of the blind.
There's no one like You, None like You.
Into the darkness You shine, Out of the ashes we rise.
There's no one like You, None like You.

Chorus:

Our God is greater, Our God is stronger.
God You are higher than any other.
Our God is healer, Awesome in power our God, our God.

And if our God is for us, Then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, Then what could stand against?
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Chorus

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SERMON
Access Granted
Rev. Seth Korte

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH: "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 life everlasting. Amen

GATHERING OF GOD'S GIFTS

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) 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: Bob and Deb Kennedy, Mary Clendenen, Mike Lehman, Aaron Korte, Evan Korte, Mullet Family, Jackie Strasser, Linda Arven, Dick Renbarger, Marianne Krueger, Mike and Lynette and Family

Family & Friends: Gayle Peters, Joyce Simmons, Nancy, Sandy, John, Joanna, Dorothy Miller, Sherry Yeakey, Joyce, Sherri, Pam (cancer), Christine and daughter Elaina, Gary (healing), Joyce (healing), Tim, Matthew, Sophia, Jason French, Norma (mother of Steve Pierzchala), Therese Gibson (cancer), Makayla Noble, Alex Smith, Family of Barbara Lehman at her passing

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, Aysha Craig Family, Pam Finton

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, Marianne Krueger, Linda Arven

For Robin Cooper and her family at the passing of her husband, Richard

Birthdays - Week of 11/14: Diann Cawvey (16), Fred Schroeder (18), Lucas Keller (19)

Anniversaries - Week of 11/14: 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.

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 the Worship Bulletin for additional information and announcements.)

CLOSING SONG: “All Because of Jesus I’m Alive”

Giver of every breath I breathe, Author of all eternity.

Giver of every perfect thing, To You be the glory.

Maker of Heaven and of earth

No one can comprehend Your worth.

King over all the universe To You be the glory.

And I am alive because I’m alive in You.

Chorus:

It’s all because of Jesus I’m alive.

It’s all because the blood of Jesus Christ.

It covers me and raised this dead man’s life.

It’s all because of Jesus I’m alive.

Giver of every breath I breathe, Author of all eternity.

Giver of every perfect thing, To You be the glory.

Maker of Heaven and of earth

No one can comprehend Your worth.

King over all the universe To You be the glory.

And I am alive because I'm alive in You.

Chorus

Every sunrise sings Your praise,
the universe cries out Your praise.
I'm singing freedom all my days, now that I'm alive.

Chorus

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DISMISSAL:

P: Go in Peace – Serve The Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

FULL LISTING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be no Sunday Morning Adult Bible study on November 21. We will begin a NEW Advent-themed Bible study on Sunday November 28 to help us prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ our Lord.

This year we will observe Thanksgiving during our Sunday morning Worship Service, November 21. There will be no Thanksgiving Eve/Day service.

Altar Flowers - Week of 11/14: N/A

If you are interested in ordering, please contact John or Susie Dykhuizen for information. Remember, you get to take your flowers home after the service on Sunday!

Women's Bible Study We have restarted our Women's Bible Study and they are currently studying "12 Extraordinary Women". We will be meeting on Thursdays at 7:00pm. We will be meeting in the conference room! If you have any questions, please contact either the office or Sandy Wright at [srwright68@yahoo.com](mailto:swright68@yahoo.com)

Community Clubhouse will be meeting at 11:00am on the first and third Monday of each month. **Special Meeting will be taking place this Monday November 15!** Everyone is welcome! Please join us at Sunrise Café, 10230 Coldwater Road. Come join for lunch, fun, games, and fellowship! Please contact the church office with any question or for more information; you may also contact Lois Gumbert or Becky Stiefel.

New Member Class will be coming soon! Please contact Pastor Seth if you are interested in attending this class. The date is currently to be announced, but we would like to gather names so that we can arrange the date with everyone!

Little Praisers Preschool and Daycare is seeking additional part time Teachers and Assistants. If you are interested, or know of anyone who may be interested, please call Director Roxanne Gerardot at 260-490-9529. (Assistants must be 18 years or older to apply.)

Our Daycare is also in desperate need of coverage in the classrooms. They are looking for anyone that is willing to get fingerprinted and come help cover multiple different rooms. The peak hours of need are between 12pm-6pm. Please contact Little Praisers at 260-490-9529 ASAP!

Adult Bible Study our current Bible Study is “Unshakable Hope”. Come join us for a new adventure into the Word of God.

“This world has a tremble to it. There are things that seem unsteady in this life. But when we belong to God, it allows us to filter our problems through the promises of God. We choose to be people of the promise, we choose to build our lives on the promises of God, not the circumstances of life.

The stories of the men and women in Scripture were different, but the theme was the same: they were People of the Promise. Because of God's promises, Noah built an ark on dry

land, Joshua claimed the Promised Land, David became king, Peter preached the first sermon, and John caught a glimpse of the future. Like them, we can also build our lives on God's promises, and trust him to keep them." - By Max Lucado

Coffee and Donut Fellowship Please join us as we restart our fellowship time. Every Sunday in our fellowship area, at the back of the sanctuary, we will have coffee and donuts from 9:45am-10:30am. Come and join us for a morning snack and fellowship!

Meal Train We are currently providing meals for one of our families in Little Praisers. Please visit the meal train website that was sent via email or contact Tim McKeachie for further information.

Ministry Needs Praise is in need of member assistance with *Sunday Audio/Video*. Please contact the church office for information on how to assist in this area.

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, including helping our Little Praisers.

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.crossconnectionscounseling.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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When was the last time you lost your keys? What emotions were racing through your heart? How did you regain access?

Access is an important consideration on God's heart as well, especially when it comes to you having an unhindered connection with Him for life! What echoes of "access" do you hear referenced in today's reading from Hebrews 10?

How does the encouragement in Hebrews 10:25 fit into this idea of access? What special blessings accompany "meeting together" in the context of Christian worship and fellowship? Have you experienced those blessings lately?

Who is someone you know currently missing out on meeting together? What is standing in the way of you inviting them to join in?

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**We hope to see you at our next
Worship Service on November 21
at 10:30am!**