



Welcome to Worship!
November 21, 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.

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 (Psalm 136:1; 145:15-16; 118:1)

P: This morning, we begin our time of Worship in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

C: His steadfast love endures forever.

P: The eyes of all look to You, [O Lord,]

C: You give them their food in due season.

P: You open Your hand,

C: And satisfy the desire of every living thing.

P: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

C: For His steadfast love endures forever. Alleluia!

OPENING SONG: “Breathe”

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe,
Your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread,
Your very Word spoken to me.

Chorus:

And I, I’m desp’rate for You. And I, I’m lost without You.

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe,
Your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread,
Your very Word spoken to me.

And I, I’m desp’rate for You. And I, I’m lost without You.
And I, I’m desp’rate for You. And I, I’m lost without You.

This is the air I breathe. This is the air I breathe.

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OPENING SONG: “Spirit Song”

O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love,
Let Him fill your life and satisfy your soul.

O let Him have the things that hold you
and His Spirit, like a dove,
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy,
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.

O give Him all your tears and sadness,
give Him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

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CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: Dear Friends in Christ, this morning we gather together to give God our thanks and praise! As we do so,

C: We remember the Lord's daily expressions of grace, mercy, and love for each of us!

P: And yet, how often do we stop there?

C: We recall God's blessings but we struggle to respond in ways that honor Him and serve our neighbor.

P: Throughout the Scriptures we see examples of the ways in which remembering resulted in responding with gratitude and in faith. As the Apostle Paul wrote,

C: "The life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me (Galatians 2:20)."

P: With this in mind, let us take this opportunity to confess our sins and seek aid in responding by faith to riches of God's grace for us for Christ's sake.

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

P: Most merciful God,

C: We thank You for graciously calling us to faith through the Gospel of Your Son, Jesus, and the working of the Holy Spirit. We also praise Your Name for showering us

with grace upon grace, daily. And yet, we confess, amidst the hustle and bustle of life, we have not often returned to thank You. Our lives have not been the reflection of gratitude and grace You desire.

P: Most merciful God,

C: For these and all other sins against You and our neighbors, forgive us we pray, for Jesus' sake. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, cultivate within us an attitude of gratitude as we daily live in response to Your love and grace for us.

P: 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 7:9-10,13-14)

⁹ "As I looked, "thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. ¹⁰ A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.

¹³ "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

(Revelation 1:4b-8)

⁴ John,

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

⁷ “Look, he is coming with the clouds,” and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him”; and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.” So shall it be! Amen.

⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

READING SONG: “Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong,”;

let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us."
And now let the weak say,
"I am strong."; let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us."

Repeat from beginning

Give thanks, give thanks.

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GOSPEL READING

(Mark 13:24-37)

²⁴ "But in those days, following that distress, "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; ²⁵ the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'

²⁶ "At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

²⁸ "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

³² "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴ It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

³⁵ "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON SONG: “Now Thank We All Our God”

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers’ arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Oh may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed;
And free us from all harm, in this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
The Son and Him Who reigns with them in highest Heaven;
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav’n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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REMEMBERING RESULTS IN RESPONDING

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

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.**

<p><u>We remember in our prayers</u></p>
<p><u>Members of Praise:</u> 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</p>
<p><u>Family & Friends:</u> 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</p>

For our Little Praiser 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 11/21: Steven Bennett (21), Mary Wilson (24), Bekcy Siefel (24)

Anniversaries - Week of 11/21: 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.)

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: "Praise and Thanksgiving"

Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
For all things living, created good:
Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

Bless Lord, the labor we bring to serve You
That with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with You,
Harvesting, milling for daily bread.

Father, providing food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding teach us to share.
One with another, so that, rejoicing
With us, all others may know Your care.

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Distribution Song: “Come, You Thankful People, Come”

Come, you thankful people come;

Raise the song of harvest home.

All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.

God, our Maker, does provide for our wants to be supplied.

Come to God's own temple, come,

raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto his praise to yield.

Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.

First the blade, and then the ear,

then the full corn shall appear.

Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome

grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come

and shall take His harvest home,

From His field shall in that day all offenses purge away,

Give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast

But the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to Your final harvest home.

Gather all Your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,

There, forever purified, in Your garner to abide.

Come, with all Your angels, come,

raise the glorious harvest home.

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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: “Build Your Kingdom Here”

Come, set Your rule and reign in our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we’re made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,
like wildfire in our very souls.
Holy Spirit, come invade us now.
We are Your church. We need Your pow’r in us.

We seek your Kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;
Refuse to waste our lives, for You’re our joy and prize.
To see the captive’s heart released;
The hurt, the sick, the poor, at peace.
We lay down our lives for Heaven’s cause.
We are Your church. We pray, revive this earth.

Chorus:

Build Your Kingdom here. Let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back.
Change the atmosphere. Build Your Kingdom here, we pray.

Unleash Your Kingdom’s pow’r, reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts.

You made us for much more than this.
Awake the Kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are Your church. We are the hope on earth.

Chorus

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DISMISSAL:

P: Go in Peace – Serve The Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

FULL LISTING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers - Week of 11/21: The altar flowers are donated by Fred Schroeder in celebration of his birthday.

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!

Christmas Decorations Everyone is invited to come and help put up our Church's Christmas decorations on Saturday, November 27 from 9 am to 12 noon.

Voter's Meeting for 2022 Budget Adoption

Immediately following Worship on Sunday December 5 Praise will hold its next regularly scheduled Voter's Meeting to adopt the 2022 Budget. A quorum is needed to ensure the adoption of the Budget. Your attendance and participation are encouraged.

December 12 Carry-In In celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Praise Lutheran will have a carry-in dinner after service on Sunday, Dec. 12. Everyone is invited for a time of celebration and fellowship. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary/fellowship area to bring your favorite casserole, salad, or dessert. Meat will be provided.

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

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 We will be starting a new study, Advent, on November 28.

“*Advent* is a season of preparation. While we take time to celebrate Jesus' promised birth and arrival some 2,000 years ago, we also pause to rejoice in His promised Second Coming as King and Judge. Throughout this study we will explore the Old Testament names given to Jesus which offer hope for God's people today. Come experience The Good News of a Savior that will bring light even in the darkness!”

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!

Giving Tree Do you know someone who could use some help for Christmas?? Family, friends, or even yourself; we want to help anyone that needs it. Would a gift card for groceries or gas, etc help them? Maybe getting gifts for children, things needed at home, clothes, etc. Please give this some thought. Everything is always confidential; no one knows who the recipients are except me, and I have a bad memory!!

I will need the following information to get everything together: is it for a man or woman; if boy or girl give their age; if clothes, list the size needed. If a toy(s) is needed, please list the name/type of toy with some information about it. Please get the information to me AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

The Giving Tree will be put up on Saturday, November 27th (same day as when the church gets decorated) and we will need time to get the tags ready BEFORE that.

Contact me at 260-637-1132, or srwright68@yahoo.com. Hope to hear from you soon!

Meal Train Aysha is back to work and won't be needing meal deliveries anymore. We want to let everyone know how thankful and blessed they felt for all the meals and contributions during that trying time.

If anyone needs help you can contact Praise church, Darla and Steve Pierzchala or Tim McKeachie.

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

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may continue to support our Gospel ministries. You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates on our church!

Sermon Reflections

Do you ever find yourself struggling to say “thank you”? Feeling reluctant to acknowledge a gift or act of kindness? Why is that? In other words, why do you suppose it’s so easy for us to overlook the opportunity to show gratitude for what we have been given?

As you reread today’s passages what common themes of “thanksgiving” come to mind? How did those involved react/respond to the grace/gifts they were given?

Deuteronomy 8: _____

Philippians 4: _____

Luke 17: _____

Take a moment to jot down some of God’s gifts to you. As you celebrate Thanksgiving this week consider: where is God opening up an opportunity for you to respond with gratitude? What form(s) will your gratitude take? (e.g. acts of kindness, serving others, contacting someone you haven’t spoke to in a while, etc.) How will that ultimately point others to your relationship with Jesus?

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Worship Service on November 28
at 10:30am!**