



**Welcome to Worship!**  
**November 7, 2021 at 10:30am**

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Praise Lutheran's YouTube Channel:

**<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNiuzgog2-goj1YBnMjgQUQ>**

**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.

## **OPENING SONG: "Shout to the North"**

Men of faith, rise up and sing  
Of the great and glorious King.  
You are strong when you feel weak,  
In your brokenness complete.

### **Chorus:**

Shout to the north and the south,  
Sing to the east and the west;  
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up, women of the truth, Stand and sing to broken hearts.

Who can know the healing power Of our awesome King of love.

### **Chorus**

We've been through fire, We've been through rain,  
We've been refined by the power of His name;  
We've fallen deeper in love with You,  
You've burned the truth on our lips.

### **Chorus**

Rise up Church with broken wings,  
Fill this place with songs again  
Of our God Who reigns on high, By His grace again we'll fly.

### **Chorus**

We will shout to the north and the south,  
Sing to the east and the west;  
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.  
Lord of heaven and earth; He is Lord of heaven and earth.

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## **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

P: Dear Friends in Christ, this is the day the Lord has made.

### **C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

P: This morning in our Gospel gladness we welcome the Word of God for us, and we ask that this same Word would bear fruit in our lives according to God's most perfect and holy will.

With this in mind, let us approach our Heavenly Father at this time, confessing our sins and seeking grace to live lives consistent with the Word of God for us.

***(Silence for reflection on God's Word and personal***

## **confession)**

P: Almighty God, Heavenly Father,

**C: We thank You for calling us to faith through the working of the Holy Spirit and Your Word. More, we thank You for setting before us what You desire within our thoughts, words, and deeds. And yet, we confess, we have fallen short of Your will for our lives. We have often lived in ways that our not consistent with Your Word.**

P: Almighty God, Heavenly Father,

**C: For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us. Forgive us of all our sins against You and others. Through Your Holy Spirit, lead us to walk faithfully the path You set before us, even today.**

P: 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 (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit!

**C: Amen!**

### **FIRST READING**

**(Revelation 7:(2-8)9-17)**

(<sup>2</sup> Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: <sup>3</sup> "Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." <sup>4</sup> Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.

<sup>5</sup> From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben 12,000, from the tribe of Gad 12,000, <sup>6</sup> from the tribe of Asher 12,000, from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000, from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000, <sup>7</sup> from the tribe of Simeon 12,000,

from the tribe of Levi 12,000, from the tribe of Issachar 12,000, <sup>8</sup> from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000, from the tribe of Joseph 12,000, from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000.)

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

<sup>11</sup> All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

<sup>14</sup> I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. <sup>16</sup> ‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup> For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; ‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**READING SONG: “Salvation Belongs to Our God”**

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits upon the throne,

And unto the Lamb; praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,  
Honor and power and strength.

**Chorus:**

Be to our God forever and ever,  
Be to our God forever and ever,  
Be to our God forever and ever, Amen.

And we the redeemed shall be strong in purpose and unity,  
Declaring aloud praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,  
Honor and power and strength.

**Chorus**

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**EPISTLE READING**

**(1 John 3:1-3)**

<sup>1</sup> See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**READING SONG: “Behold What Manner of Love”**

Behold what manner of love the Father has given unto us.  
That we should be called the children of God;  
That we should be called the children of God.

**Repeat**

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**GOSPEL READING**

**(Matthew 5:1-12)**

<sup>1</sup> Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them.

He said: <sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. <sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON SONG: “Blest Are They”**

Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

**Chorus:**

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst, they shall have their fill.

**Chorus**

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.

## Chorus

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### SERMON TITLE Rev. Ryan Tietz

#### 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](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:** 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 11/07:** Rudy Keller (11)

**Anniversaries - Week of 11/07:** James Jr and Michele Prachar (7)

**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: "I Will Rise"**

There's a peace I've come to know,  
though my heart and flesh may fail.  
There's an anchor for my soul, I can say, "It is well."  
Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed.  
The victory is won; He is risen from the dead.

**Chorus:**

And I will rise when He calls my name;  
No more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagles' wings, before my God fall on my knees  
And rise, I will rise.

There's a day that's drawing near  
when this darkness breaks to light,  
And the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my eyes.  
Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed,  
The victory is won; He is risen from the dead.

**Chorus**

And I hear the voice of many angels sing,  
"Worthy is the Lamb."  
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb.  
Worthy is the Lamb."

**Chorus**

I will rise.

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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: “Glory to God Forever”**

Before the world was made, before You spoke it to be.  
You were the King of kings, yeah, You were, yeah, You were.  
And now You're reigning still, enthroned above all things.  
Angels and saints cry out; we join them as we sing:

#### **Chorus:**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God forever!  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God forever!

Creator God, You gave me breath so I could praise  
Your great and matchless Name all my days, all my days.  
So let my whole life be a blazing offering,  
A life that shouts and sings the greatness of our King!

#### **Chorus**

Take my life and let it be all for You and for Your glory.  
Take my life and let it be Yours.  
Take my life and let it be all for You and for Your glory.  
Take my life and let it be Yours. We sing:

#### **Chorus**

We sing: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God forever!

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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 10/31:** The altar flowers are donated by Fred Schroeder.

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

**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!

**Giving Tree** As we are now in November our thoughts are about Christmas, which brings us to the Giving Tree here at Praise. This helps a number of people every year. Please, if you know of ANYONE (whether members or non members or

yourself) that could use our help, get in touch with Sandy Wright (260-637-1132 or srwright68@yahoo.com) before Saturday November 20th. She will need information about the persons, such as man, woman, boy or girl; also sizes for clothing needs. For toys, need exact names. Please leave your name with phone number and/or email address and she will get back with you. Everyone's help is very much appreciated.

**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.

**Dan's Famous Fish & Tenderloin** St. Peter Immanuel Lutheran School is having a Dan's Famous Fish & Tenderloin

dinner and bake sale on Sat November 6th from 4:00-7:00 pm with dine in or drive thru service. The school is located at 3845 E 1100 N Decatur, IN. Cost is \$12.00 per meal and includes AYCE fish & tenderloin, cheesy potatoes, coleslaw or applesauce, cookies and a beverage. All proceeds will go towards landscaping upgrades and a memorial garden for Bob & Marilyn Lehrman.

**Christmas Bazaar & Sale** The Women's Guild of Emmaus Lutheran Church, 8626 Covington Road, will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar & Sale on Saturday, November 6 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the gym. A variety of hand-crafted items; a country store with jams, jellies, and baked goods; New & Next-to-New gift items, and used books will be available to purchase; and some direct sales companies will be participating in the event. Get an early start on your Christmas shopping and support local crafters! A variety of delicious concessions will be available to purchase. Deadline for vendor table rentals is Friday, October 29. Please call Margie at (260) 440-4037, or Darlene at (260) 418-4285 for more information or go to [www.emmausfortwayne.org](http://www.emmausfortwayne.org) and check out "Latest Announcements."

**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.crossconnectionsounseling.com/>

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**We hope to see you at our next  
Worship Service on November 14  
at 10:30am!**