



## **As We Gather The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 11, 2021**

In today's Gospel, it looks like the end of the story when John the Baptist is executed. But he was but the forerunner for Jesus, the promised Messiah. Appearances were certainly deceiving! That was the case with Amos, a herdsman and dresser of sycamore figs when the Lord called him. He did not look like a prophet, but he stood up to Amaziah and Jeroboam in a long line of faithful prophets. Sometimes Satan uses appearances to deceive us, but the Epistle reminds us that God had predestined us to be with Him forever—even before He began creation! Although others might not recognize it, the Holy Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

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Please meet with an usher for prayer requests.  
Ask us about Associate Memberships for Lutherans who are part-time residents.

**A Gentle Reminder to turn off cell phones. Thank You.**

## **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION**



As Lutheran Christians, we believe that our Lord's Body and Blood are truly present (not symbolic) in the Bread and Wine and received by all who attend. Since our Lord reminds us that thoughtless or faithless reception of the Sacrament can incur His judgment, all are encouraged to examine themselves that they may receive it worthily.  
(1 Corinthians 11:27-32)

Please use the following questions and LSB p. 329 as a personal guide before partaking of this Holy Sacrament:

- \*Do I renounce sin, Satan and my own flesh, and seek true forgiveness and reconciliation with God and my neighbor?**
- \*Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil?**
- \*Do I believe that Christ's own words, this is my body and this is my blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins (Mt. 26:28), mean exactly what they say for us today?**
- \*Do I earnestly desire to live a Godly life by the power of the Holy Spirit and in thanksgiving to Christ?**

Because attendance at Communion is also a testimony to this faith in the Triune God confessed and taught here, and to unity in belief as brothers and sisters in Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16-17), we ask that any visitors not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, and who desire to receive the Sacrament introduce themselves to the Pastor or Elder beforehand if possible.

### **Please Note**

An invitation for children not confirmed in the Lutheran church can come and receive a blessing at the altar.

We offer a traditional communion wafer,  
Off-White Color Wafers are Gluten Free.

While communing, please point to the bread meeting your preference.  
Clear Color Wine is Alcohol Free

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## PREPARATION

## OPENING HYMN #578 “Thy Strong Word”

## INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Psalm 85:1–13

- P** Today’s psalm has two parts. The first is the plea of the psalmist to God, and the second is his announcement of God’s promised salvation. We now use Psalm 85 as we confess our sins and hear God’s forgiveness for Jesus’ sake.

LORD, You were favorable to Your land;

- C** You restored the fortunes of Jacob.

- P** You forgave the iniquity of Your people;

- C** You covered all their sin.

- P** You withdrew all Your wrath;

- C** You turned from Your hot anger.

- P** Restore us again, O God of our salvation,

- C** and put away Your indignation toward us!

- P** Will You be angry with us forever?

- C** Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?

- P** Will You not revive us again,

- C** that Your people may rejoice in You?

- P** Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,

- C** and grant us Your salvation.

**We confess, Lord our God, that we have listened to the voices of Satan, the world, and our own desires. We have not loved You with all that we are and have, and we have not considered our neighbors’ needs as important as our own. We can only throw ourselves on the mercy of Your gracious court and ask for forgiveness, that we may amend our sinful ways.**

- P** Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints;

- C** but let them not turn back to folly.

- P** Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,  
**C** **that glory may dwell in our land.**
- P** Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
**C** **righteousness and peace kiss each other.**
- P** Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
**C** **and righteousness looks down from the sky.**
- P** Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
**C** **and our land will yield its increase.**
- P** Righteousness will go before Him  
**C** **and make His footsteps a way.**
- P** The steadfast love and faithfulness of our God are endless. For the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for all our sins, God declares us to be His own children and has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## WORD

**GOD’S WORD IS OUR GREAT HERITAGE** (Tune: A “Mighty Fortress”)

**God’s Word is our great heritage  
 And shall be ours forever;  
 To spread its light from age to age  
 Shall be our chief endeavor.  
 Through life it guides our way,  
 In death it is our stay.  
 Lord, grant, while worlds endure,  
 We keep its teachings pure  
 Throughout all generations.**

**KYRIE** Ephesians 1:4, 11; 13–14

- P** In peace, “holy and blameless before Him,” let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For peace from God’s blessing us in Christ, choosing “us in Him before the foundation of the world,” let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For the peace of the whole world, in which all things work “according to the counsel of His will,” let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and all places where people hear “the word of truth, the gospel of Your salvation,” let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord, until we acquire possession of our inheritance.
- C** **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE LSB 545



1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from  
 heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth  
 Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,  
 we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.

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## SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.  
 O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance.
- C** **Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death;**

**P** through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING** Amos 7:7–15

This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.” Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, “‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’” And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **EPISTLE READING** Ephesians 1:3–14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in

him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**VERSE** Matthew 5:10

**P** Alleluia. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

**C** for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL** Mark 6:14–29

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**HYMN OF THE DAY #743 “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”** Vrs. 1, 4-6

**SERMON “King of Our Tell-Tale Heart”** Mark 6:14-29

## **APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Let us go to God in prayer for the Church around the world, the nations of this earth, and all who call to Him in their various needs.

Our Father in heaven, uphold and strengthen all families on the earth. Guide parents to teach their children all that You have done and promised. Grant Your blessing wherever Your people gather around Word and Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** [*Petitions...*] Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your grace for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** LSB 805

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

# SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

LSB 161

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## WORDS OF OUR LORD “Remember Me” G. Gustafson & M. Nystrom

- P** (sung) “On the night ... This is My blood poured out for you and as you drink it remember Me.”

- C** (sung) “**So we thank You for the wine and for the bread;  
For we see the life You gave And the blood you shed.  
And we remember Your wondrous love  
You gave your body You shed Your blood  
And we remember Your wondrous love  
You gave your body You shed your blood.**”

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## LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**G** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI LSB 163

- C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#686 Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing    #628 Your Table I Approach  
#744 Amazing Grace

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us pray. God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, we thank You that in this Sacrament You have spoken Your final word of salvation and peace, graciously bestowed on us for Your Son's sake. Accompany us each day, ruling our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we be enabled to show in our living Your word of grace and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.        **G** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**G** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #728 "How Firm A Foundation"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE

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**Reader Today:** Kathy Hammar

**PRAYER LIST:** Edith Constien, (Pastor's mother) hip surgery recovery; Naomi, cancer (niece of K.Hammar); Harold Holtz, cancer treatments; Marcy West (Daughter-in-Law of DeAnn & Phillip West), cancer treatments; John Jamieson, cancer, hospice; Deedee Halterman, lung cancer, sister-in-law of Maggie Halterman; Lyle Powelson, cancer, hospice; Tom Stettler, Southern Utah Veterans Home; the homebound.

### BIRTHDAYS

July 12 Daniel Aslin	July 15 Roberta Hinson
July 16 Doris Smith	July 17 Bobbie Kale
July 17 Fred Koopman	July 17 Bud Macy
July 23 Beth Reineking	July 24 Sandy Copeland
July 24 Kim Gohlinghorst	July 24 Serene Webb
July 26 Norene Gorder	July 27 Mai Hachler
July 29 Sheri Asay	July 30 Norris Fullmer

### ANNIVERSARIES

July 11 Ron & Linda Grimsrud	July 15 Ted & Kay Durante
July 12 Phillip & DeAnn West	July 19 Bill McKeaque & Mary Jacobsen
July 18 Juls & Helen Gerads	July 30 Jim & Roberta Hinson
July 20 Fred & Bonnie Koopman	

**10 a.m. service available online at our Facebook page** (live and recorded - @MesquiteLCC). You do not need a Facebook account to view. Go to [facebook.com/MesquiteLCC/live](https://facebook.com/MesquiteLCC/live)

### VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

Signup lists for a variety of ways to serve here at MLC are available on the table in the narthex to the left as you exit church. Prayerfully consider your availability and your blessings from the Lord and place your name on a list to be a blessing! Thank you!

**REFRESHMENTS** for the fellowship time following our worship service on Sundays – sign-up to provide food is on the table by the guest book. Coffee is provided. When providing refreshments, **please limit to a few dozen (36) at most of the cookies or whatever you make or purchase.** Thank you!

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