

As We Gather The 17th Sunday after Pentecost Sept. 19, 2021

Jesus' disciples did not understand the prophecy about His death and resurrection. They focused, instead, on their personal greatness. So, He inverted their viewpoint, using a child to explain that true greatness is in humble servanthood, in welcoming even children (then considered to be without status). But our inner passions rebel and war against such servanthood, as James explains in the Epistle. Fortunately, by the gracious gift of faith, in place of personal struggles, we can rely on God, as Jeremiah does in the Old Testament Reading and David in today's psalm. Our Lord is the humblest and therefore greatest Servant, and by His death and resurrection He has proclaimed that God's grace knows no bounds. Confidently, we can follow Him in humble servanthood each day.

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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 Canon in D - Pachelbel

WELCOME

PREPARATION

OPENING HYMN #903 “This Is the Day the Lord Has Made”

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION James 3:18; 4:5–6, 8; Psalm 54:1–2, 4, 6

- P** In today’s Epistle, James urges, “Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.” Let us go to God, echoing David’s words in Psalm 54, appointed for today.
- P** O God, save me, by Your name,
C and vindicate me by Your might.
- P** O God, hear my prayer;
C give ear to the words of my mouth.
- P** James’ words in today’s Epistle guides our confession. Gracious God,
C we confess that as we have desired friendship with the world, we forget that it would mean enmity with God. We confess that our passions are at war within us. We have had bitter jealousy and selfish ambition inside us. In all humility, we come to You, holy Lord, seeking Your peace to calm the war within us.
- P** God has not given up on you! He yearns jealously over the spirit that He has made to dwell in us. Indeed, He gives more grace. James writes, “A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace,” and in His death and resurrection, Jesus gave us His righteousness and established peace between us and God. 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.
- P** Behold, God is my helper;
C the Lord is the upholder of my life.

- P** With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to You;
- C** I will give thanks to Your name, O LORD, for it is good.

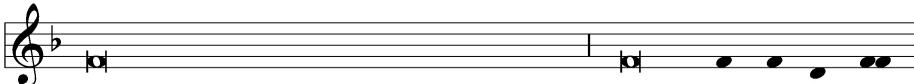
KYRIE LSB 152



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



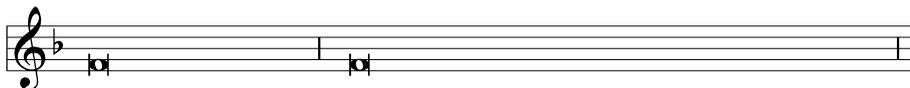
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



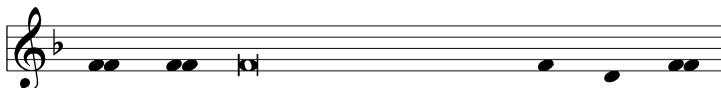
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE Great Is Thy Faithfulness LSB 809

- 1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness,
- C** **grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 11:18–20

“The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more.” But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.”

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING James 3:13—4:10

“Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he

will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE Mark 9:35b

P Alleluia. If anyone would be first,

C he must be last of all and servant of all. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 9:30–37

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY #851 “Lord Of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

SERMON “The ‘Child’ in all of us” Mark 9:30-37

THE APOSTLE'S 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** Using the promptings of James in the Epistle, let us pray for the nations around the world, the Church wherever it is found, and for ourselves here in this place. Wherever nations quarrel and plunge toward war, O God, open the ears of their leaders to hear the wisdom from above and pursue peace.
- C** **Move them to find joy in humble service.**
- P** Wherever international alliances, national leaders, and groups within society follow the lead of their selfish ambitions at the expense of the downtrodden and forgotten people across borders and in their midst, O God, give both citizens and their leaders hearts that are open to reason, full of mercy, impartial and sincere.
- C** **Grant that peace break out across borders and justice within them.**
- P** Whenever the Church is fraught with boasting, falsehoods, and schisms, O God, send Your Holy Spirit to use Word and Sacrament to bring clergy and lay leaders to repentance.
- C** **Embolden them to announce with one voice the victory Your Son won for us all.**
- P** Wherever people respond to illness, accident, injustice, and discrimination, O God, strengthen them to rely on You for protection in all circumstances.
- C** **Guide them to make decisions in wisdom and to sow righteousness in peace.**
- P** Whenever our conduct betrays worldly jealousy and selfish ambition, O God, turn our laughter to mourning and our joy to gloom until we recognize Your unending grace.
- C** **Help us seek to meet the needs of the people around us in humble service.**
- P** Wherever people call out to You in their distress, [especially . . .], O God, visit, relieve, heal, and console them according to Your gracious will.
- C** **Use us as part of Your answers to their fervent prayers.**

- P** Whenever we pridefully seek to solve our problems by our own strength, O God, remind us of Your faithfulness, constant presence, and gracious protection for Jesus' sake.
- C** **Show us how to humbly serve the people around us as You have served us.**
- P** Heavenly Father, hear us and all for whom we pray, as we rely on Your gracious plans for all we need;
- C** **through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *LSB 192*

- C** **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.**

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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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 178

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

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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.
- C** Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 180

- 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, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#725 Children of the Heavenly Father #547 The Lamb, The Lamb
#588 Jesus Loves Me #606 I Lay My Sins on Jesus

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament,
- C** and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;

- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

BENEDICTION *James 4:8a, 10*

- P** Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.
- C** **Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you.**
- 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.
- C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #677 “**For All The Saints**” sts. 1, 4–5, 8

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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Reader Today: Roberta Hinson

PRAYER LIST: Family of John Helms upon his death on Thursday; Diana Powelson and family at the death of husband Lyle on Sept. 8; Naomi, cancer (niece of K.Hammar); Marcy West (Daughter-in-Law of DeAnn & Phillip West), cancer treatments; Deedee Halterman, lung cancer, sister-in-law of Maggie Halterman; Tom Stettler, Southern Utah Veterans Home; the homebound.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sept. 20 Monday 4:30 p.m. Church council meeting
23 Thursday 10:00 a.m. Preschool Jesus Time – Fellowship Hall

BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 20 Bonnie Gloe Sept. 23 Bob Sennett Sept. 27 Georgia Townsend
Sept. 28 Den Hood Sept. 29 Ila Larson

ANNIVERSARIES

Sept. 20 Harold & Bonnie Holtz
Sept. 22 Paul & Claudia Havens Sept. 24 Marvin & Judy Ferdina
Sept. 30 Kenneth & Nancy Schleiger

CHOIR

Our choir will be starting in October. The exact time and date will be announced next week. Start warming up!!

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

PLEASE NOTE: At the east end of our facility is our MLC Library! Christian fiction/non-fiction, devotionals, commentaries, etc. available to check out.

Prayer Chain - If you would like to serve on a prayer chain here at MLC for needs submitted by your brothers and sisters in Christ, we are organizing an email chain by which prayer requests will be sent to prayer chain members all at once for prayer. No one to call, no one to forward to, no worries about getting the message right! Just prayer and care for those who request it! Please let Pastor know of your interest and we'll get organized!

Women's Bible Study! We will be starting up our Bible study for women on **Wednesday, October 6th, 2021**. The time will be **10:00 am-11:30am** each Wednesday meeting in the **Fellowship Hall**. We will be starting with a study by Christopher Kennedy called, "Equipped" *The Armor of God For Everyday Struggles*. This examines Ephesians 6 more carefully. The book is \$10.00. If you plan on coming let me know as soon as possible so I can order enough for all of us. If you are a snowbird and reading this from somewhere cool, let me know by phone or email you will be joining us. I would also like to encourage anyone who has never been to a Women's bible study to give us a try. These discussion-driven lessons will help you in so many ways and I know you will find them a blessing! Can't wait to see you there! **Christine Constien** constien.christine@gmail.com **815-409-2035**

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