

Enter into his gates with
THANKSGIVING
and into his **PRAISE**
courts with
be thankful to him and bless his name
For the **GOOD** *his mercy is*
LORD is **EVERLASTING**
and his TRUTH endureth to all generations. Psalm 100:4-5

As We Gather Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sept. 20, 2020

A part of us expects justice from God. We think that fairness ought to reign—that each of us should get what we deserve. But this is a dead end. God does not give us what we deserve but acts with mercy and grace beyond belief. He is scandalously generous and lavish with us—giving us what we do not deserve and have not earned. We are tempted to ask God for equity and what we deserve, but God is determined to give us so much more in Christ. Only in faith can we learn to let God be God, to honor His generosity with the only response He desires: faith and thanksgiving. Today we pray the Lord to break through to our hearts and minds with His abundant grace and to rejoice that He is more than fair—He is merciful!

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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 Selections by Handel, Haydn & Mozart
WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #875 “Father, We Praise Thee”

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 27:9

- P Hide not Your face from me.
C **Turn not Your servant away in anger,**
P O You who have been my help.
C **Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
C **I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord’s name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin.**
- P Is this your sincere confession?
C **I am sorry for all my sins, and I ask for grace that I may do better. Amen.**
- P As you believe, so let it be. 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.**
- P May He who began this good work in you bring it to completion at the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: v. 17

P I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

C and call on the name of the LORD.

P What shall I render to the LORD

C for all his benefits to me?

P I will lift up the cup of salvation

C and call on the name of the LORD.

P Precious in the sight of the LORD

C is the death of his saints.

P O LORD, I am your servant;

C I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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C and call on the name of the LORD.

KYRIE

**C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “This Is The Feast” *LSB 155*

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.
Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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 Isaiah 55:6–9

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

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

EPISTLE READING Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . . ¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for

your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE Ephesians 2:8

P Alleluia. By grace you have been saved through faith.

C **And this is not your doing. It is the gift of God. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 20:1–16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

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

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and

go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?" ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY #827 "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"

SERMON "More Than Fair!" Matthew 20:1-16

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 Lord God, You have promised to hear the prayers of Your people, and so we come to You this day offering You petitions and supplications for all manner and needs of people. You have invited us to seek Your face and to call upon You while You are near. Lord, grant to us such confidence in Your grace and favor that we seek Your wisdom, walk in Your ways, and delight in Your gift of salvation with thanksgiving in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

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

C **hear our prayer.**

P All these and whatsoever other things we need, we ask You to grant us in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Into Your hands, O gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **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 our duty and our delight, O Lord, to acknowledge Your goodness, holy God, mighty and eternal Father, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Daily and richly You supply all that we need and You bestow upon us the salvation for which Your Son gave His life. As He has emptied Himself in suffering for us, grant to us faith to trust in His redemption and grace to live holy, upright, and godly lives in His name. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we give You praise and thanksgiving and, in union with all Your saints, we join our voices in their song of praise:

SANCTUS

LSB 208

- C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

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 210**

**1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome Sheltered in the Arms of God
Soloist: Jean Anderson

#744 Amazing Grace

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

C for His steadfast love endures forever!

P Heavenly Father, it is Your gracious will that Your children on earth live together in harmony and peace. Defeat the plans of all those who would stir up envy and strife, and teach us to examine our own hearts that we be free from malice and ill will. Help us by Your grace so that we live lives worthy of the Gospel and live at peace with all people. Fill us with zeal for the work of Your Church and the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which alone can bring that peace which is beyond all understanding; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Shine On Us” Michael & Deborah Smith

Pastor:(sung) “Lord, let Your light, light of Your face, shine on us...
Let Your grace, grace from Your hand, fall on us.”

**Cong:(sung) “Lord, let Your love, love without end come over us.
Lord, let Your love, love without end come over us.
That we may be saved, that we may have life to find our way
In the darkest night. Let Your love come over us.”**

Pastor only: Let Your light shine on us.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

**Flowers on the altar are given by Jan Aslin
In memory of her mother, Maura Nadel**

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PRAYER LIST: Reina Love Ramirez, hospital (infant daughter of Sindia Ramirez, Preschool teacher); Turk Chaney, healing; Melissa Chaney, hospital; Jim Arney, healing; Deedee Halterman, lung cancer, sister-in-law of Maggie and George Halterman; Velda, breast cancer, friend of Sophie Hood; Rebecca Armstrong(17), open heart surgery, friend of Sophie Hood; Lucy Brookshire, cancer, sister of Nancy Schleiger; Lyle Powelson, kidney cancer; Harold Holtz, cancer treatments; Karen Droubay, cancer, friend of Reeds; Tom Stettler, Southern Utah Veterans Home; the homebound.

For the good of others, please observe 6’ social distancing. Masks are encouraged (provide your own). Hand sanitizer is available in the entryway. For those at greatest risk with additional health problems, we urge to remain at home and view services online until Covid is no longer a threat. If you are feeling ill in any way, please remain at home.

8:30 a.m. & 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.

Parish Council meets Monday, 3:00 p.m.

Preschool Chapel Wednesday 10:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Sept. 23 1-4 PM Ceramics Class Begins

CERAMICS

I will be starting Ceramics Class on Wednesday, September 23rd. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall of Mesquite Lutheran Church from 1-4 pm each Wednesday. The fee for each class will be \$10.00. This will include paint and finishing spray to complete items of your choice. Please contact me to come and view any bisque you would like to paint. My phone number is 815-409-2035. Let me know if you will be attending so I can set up a place for you. Can't wait to see you all again!!

Christine Constien

CHILDCARE RUMMAGE SALE

Mesquite Lutheran Childcare is holding a charity rummage/craft/food sale on October 24 from 7 AM to 2 PM. Rent a parking space to sell your stuff.

1 spot = \$20.00 2 spots = &35.00

We will do the advertising – just set up and take down your stuff. Deadline to register is Oct. 23, 2020. Please call the Childcare center to 702-346-3954 for more information or to register.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR. If anyone would like to put real flowers on the altar for any occasion, please feel free to do so and call Lois Beadles at 702-346-6177 to see if the date is open.

BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 20 Bonnie Gloe

Sept. 23 Bob Sennett

Sept. 28 Den Hood

Sept. 30 O.J. Johnson

Sept. 27 Georgia Townsend

Sept. 29 Ila Larson

ANNIVERSARIES

Sept. 30 Kenneth & Nancy Schleiger

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