

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 The 18th Sunday after Pentecost Sept. 26, 2021

God's grace is always abundant; it goes beyond the limits we might set. When seventy elders are supposed to report to Moses to help him, two remain in the camp. But the Spirit rests on them! In the Gospel, the disciples following Jesus on the way to Jerusalem complain. A non-disciple is able to cast out demons in His name! And Jesus tells them not to stop him. His grace even includes us despite our inability to do His will. Confident of our Lord's return, the Epistle urges us to serve one another, healing, praying, cheering up, confessing, and forgiving. Jesus says we are as valuable as salt for one another, preserving our relationship to Him. "Have salt in yourselves," He says, "and be at peace with one another."

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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 Prelude in C - Handel

WELCOME

PREPARATION

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 104:33–34

- P** I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
- C** I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
- P** May my meditation be pleasing to Him,
- C** for I rejoice in the LORD.

RESPONSE “From All That Dwell Below The Skies” LSB 816 st. 1

**From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator’s praise arise;
Alleluia, alleluia! Let the Redeemer’s name be sung
Through ev’ry land by ev’ry tongue. Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION James 5:7, 9, 12, ; Mark 9:50; Psalm 104:31, 35b

- P** We enjoy singing praises to God, but we truly need Him to look down on us in mercy. So often we fail to follow the directives for Christian living, which we will read about in today’s Epistle. So James urges, “Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.” Let us ask God for grace and mercy.

Silence for reflection.

- P** James writes, “Be patient . . . until the coming of the Lord. . . . Do not grumble against one another, brothers. . . . Let your ‘yes’ be yes and your ‘no’ be no. . . . Is anyone among you sick? . . . Pray over him.”
- C** **We confess our impatience, Lord, our lack of love for our brothers and sisters in Christ, and our words that do not always reflect the love You have for us. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. Heavenly Father, our only hope is in Your grace and mercy. Forgive us for Jesus’ sake.**

P God has cured our sickness of sin by sending His Son to die in our place. He values us and calms our fears, saying, “Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace.” 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 Amen.

P May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

C may the LORD rejoice in His works.

Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

WORD

RESPONSE “From All That Dwell Below The Skies” LSB 816 st. 2

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Thy Word.

Alleluia, alleluia! Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore

Till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

KYRIE

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For peace from God and peace among our brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For peace among all who seek to serve Christ and support His Church, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who gather here to be strengthened in faith and encouraged in service, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” LSB 802

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious,

Thy great name we praise!

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, You want nothing to separate us from Your grace and mercy.
- C** **Grant that we realize how valuable You consider us and then seek to be at peace with one another;**
- 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 Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29

Now the rabble that was among [the children of Israel] had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, “Oh that we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at. . . .” Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,’ to the land that you swore to give their fathers? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, ‘Give us meat, that we may eat.’ I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness.” Then the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. . . .” So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are

prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING James 5:1–20

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you. Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know

that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE Mark 9:50b

P Alleluia. Have salt in yourselves,

C and be at peace with one another. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 9:38–50

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. For the one who is not against us is for us. For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward. “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY #848 “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

SERMON “Your Worth in Christ” Mark 9:38-50

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** Let us pray for the whole Christian Church and for all people in their various needs. For the Church here and around the world, witnessing to the good news in Christ, that we see the worth within one another, the value our heavenly Father places on us, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy, and grant that nothing separate us from You and Your love for us in Christ.**
- P** For those who do not know Christ but support the work of the Church to meet people's physical, social, and spiritual needs, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy, and bless them according to Your abundant grace.**
- P** For people who serve in positions of governmental authority among the nations, for those who raise crops and tend herds, and for all who connect resources with the needs of their fellow citizens, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy, and give them joy in serving.**
- P** For all who struggle to put bread on the table and a roof over their families, those who face injustice and discrimination, and all who are denied human rights, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy, and give us hearts to help those in need.**
- P** For all near and dear to us who call out to God in their distress, [*including . . .*], let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy, and bring about healing, comfort, and relief as fits Your gracious plans for them.**
- P** For ourselves, that we recognize the gifts God has placed among us by which we may care for one another and our community, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy, and give us guidance and strength to serve in Your name.**
- P** Grant us, heavenly Father, that what we ask for in faith we may obtain through Your unfailing mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “We Praise You, O God” LSB 785

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator.

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before You,

We kneel and adore You; we bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

G **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G **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, whom You sent to die in our place; by His rising, He has destroyed all that might separate us from Your love, including death itself. 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.”

G (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.
- C** 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

#744 Amazing Grace #739 Precious Lord, Take My Hand
#700 Love Divine #752 Be Still, My Soul

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us pray. 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 forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in this Sacrament,
- C** and we ask You to strengthen us thereby so that we are moved to value and serve one another in peace and joy;
- 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

- 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 #850 “ God of Grace and God of Glory”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Altar flowers today are given affectionately by Kay McPhail
In memory of Beth and OJ Johnson

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Reader Today: Jan Aslin

PRAYER LIST: Polly Struhar and family at the death of husband Ron on Wednesday; 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. 30 Thursday 10:00 a.m. Preschool Jesus Time – Fellowship Hall

Women’s Bible study begins Wednesday, Oct. 6 at 10:00 a.m.

Choir will begin Thursday, Oct. 7 at 4:00 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 27 Georgia Townsend	Sept. 28 Den Hood	Sept. 29 Ila Larson
Oct. 2 Lyle Nowicki	Oct. 3 Christine Constien	Oct. 5 Pam Bean
Oct. 5 Bob Owens	Oct. 8 Dayle Hayden	Oct. 9 Dan Reineking
Oct. 10 Michael Hendrix	Oct. 12 Carol Shepherd	Oct. 14 Edith Haber
Oct. 20 Sophie Hood	Oct. 20 Nila Katsaros	Oct. 21 Pete Gerkin
Oct. 21 Mike Yantis	Oct. 22 Jan Crouch	Oct. 22 Ernie Duncker
Oct. 23 Vicki Greenhaw	Oct. 26 Evelyn Macy	Oct. 30 Linda Grimsrud
Oct. 30 Bonnie Koopman	Oct. 30 David Martin	

ANNIVERSARIES

Sept. 30 Kenneth and Nancy Schleiger Oct. 4 Gaylord & Judy Mickelsen
Oct. 17 Scott & Carol VanLente Oct. 18 Jim & Darlene Sims
Oct. 23 Frank & Mary Ellen Ethington Oct. 27 Steve & Serene Webb
Oct. 29 Jerry & Georgia Townsend

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

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.** "Equipped - The Armor of God For Everyday Struggles." **The book is \$10.00. Contact Christine Constien constien.christine@gmail.com 815-409-2035 to reserve your book.**

Trunks of Treats – Get ready! Make your plans now to join us (costumed or not; decorated car or not!) in front of church for sharing candy from your trunk with our Childcare Center children (in costume)! Children will come through at **11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 27th.**

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