



## **As We Gather    Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost    Sept. 27, 2020**

We always want to know why. The rulers of the people wanted to know why Jesus was saying what He said and doing what He did. But Jesus challenged them with His Word and with the prophetic voice of John the Baptist. Why did they not listen, and why did they not repent? Why do we not listen and repent? Jesus told a parable of two sons—one whose words were yes but his heart was no, and the other whose words were no but whose heart said yes. We are called to listen. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and we shall be saved.

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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 – J.S. Bach    Prelude in G – J.S. Bach  
**WELCOME**

## **PREPARATION**

**OPENING HYMN** #813 “Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng” Sts. 1-3, 7

## **INVOCATION**

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

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

**P** The Lord lifts up the humble;  
**C** **He casts the wicked to the ground.**  
**P** Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love  
**C** **for they have been from of old.**  
**P** Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
**C** **according to Your steadfast love, remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**

## WORD

### INTROIT

Psalm 147:1-5; antiphon: v. 6

P The LORD lifts up the humble;

**C he casts the wicked to the ground.**

P Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

**C for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**

P The LORD builds up Jerusalem;

**C he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

P He heals the brokenhearted

**C and binds up their wounds.**

P He determines the number of the stars;

**C he gives to all of them their names.**

P Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

**C his understanding is beyond measure.**

**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.**

P The LORD lifts up the humble;

**C he casts the wicked to the ground.**

### KYRIE

P O Lord, who hears the voice of our cry for help,

**C have mercy on us.**

P O Christ, who has given us a spirit of power and love and a sound mind,

**C have mercy on us.**

P O Lord, whose limitless forgiveness invites us to let go of our resentments,

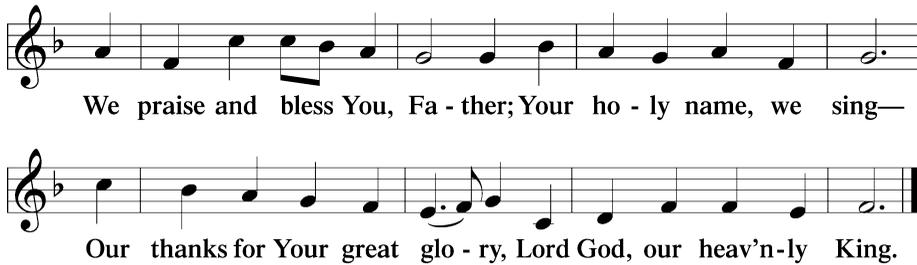
**C have mercy on us, and grant us Your peace. Amen.**

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204

1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;

Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!



## SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; 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      Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? <sup>3</sup>As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . . <sup>25</sup>“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? <sup>26</sup>When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. <sup>28</sup>Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? <sup>30</sup>“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new

spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING**    Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18

<sup>1</sup>If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . . <sup>14</sup>Do all things without grumbling or questioning, <sup>15</sup>that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup>holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup>Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup>Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **VERSE**    Matthew 28:18b

**All: Alleluia. Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” Alleluia.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**    Matthew 21:23–32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

“<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” <sup>24</sup>Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ <sup>26</sup>But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” <sup>27</sup>So they

answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.” <sup>28</sup>“What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ <sup>29</sup> And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup> And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. <sup>31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.”

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

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

## **HYMN OF THE DAY #655 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”**

**SERMON** “Uncalculated Faith” Matthew 21:23-32

### **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** As You have promised, Lord, hear Your people when they call, and answer us according to Your mercy.

Almighty Father, You take no pleasure in the death of anyone. As John the Baptist once called a people to repentance and faith, so raise up voices within Your Church today to call a world to turn from their sins and live through faith in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

[*Petitions...*] **P** Lord in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray,  
trusting in Your mercy through 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 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**

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**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.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION "Remember Me" G. Gustafson & M. Nystrom**

Pastor: (sung) "On the night ... This is My blood poured out for you and as you drink it remember Me."

People: (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

### Meek, Slaughtered Lamb of God



Meek, slaugh-tered Lamb of God, You bore the sin-ners' load



To buy our peace: Now ris - en and en-throned,



With life and glo - ry crowned, To all the



lost and found Please grant Your peace.

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## + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

#537 Beautiful Savior

#712 Seek Ye First

#789 Praise and Thanksgiving

# 626 Come Let Us Eat

## DISMISSAL

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

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

**C for His steadfast love endures forever!**

P Merciful God, it is Your will and Your good pleasure to bring salvation to all people. Grant to us ears willing to hear and hearts willing to trust in Jesus Christ and in His mighty deliverance from sin and death through His suffering and death. Make us bold instruments of Your Word that we proclaim this Gospel in word and in deed so that those who have not heard may believe and those who have not believed may come to faith and rejoice with us to everlasting life; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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.

**C Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN #525 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” Sts. 1, 3-5

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE

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**PRAYER LIST:** Shawn Sullivan(15) hospital/accident (friend of Carpenters); Reina Love Ramirez, hospital (infant daughter of Sindia Renteria, Preschool teacher); Turk Chaney, healing; Melissa Chaney, healing; John Jamieson, cancer treatment; Velda, breast cancer, friend of Sophie Hood; Deedee Halterman, lung cancer, sister-in-law of Maggie and George Halterman; 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.

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

**Wednesday Sept. 30** Childcare Chapel 10:00 AM

**Wednesday Sept. 30** Ceramics Class 1-4 PM

## 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. 27 Georgia Townsend

Sept. 29 Ila Larson

Oct. 3 Christine Constien

Oct. 10 Lyle Powelson

Oct. 10 Michael Hendrix

Oct. 15 Dennis Copeland

Oct. 20 Nila Katsaros

Oct. 21 Pete Gerken

Oct. 22 Jan Crouch

Sept. 28 Den Hood

Sept. 30 O.J. Johnson

Oct. 5 Pam Bean

Oct. 12 Carol Shepherd

Oct. 14 Edith Haber

Oct. 20 Sophie Hood

Oct. 21 Mike Yantis

Oct. 22 Ernie Duncker

Oct. 30 Linda Grimsrud

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Sept. 30 Kenneth & Nancy Schleiger

Oct. 17 Scott & Carol VanLente

Oct. 29 Jerry & Georgia Townsend

Oct. 4 Gaylord & Judy Mickelsen

Oct. 23 Frank & Mary Ellen Ethington

**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](https://facebook.com/MesquiteLCC/live).**

**Private/Small Group Communion available most Mondays 11:00 a.m. Contact Pastor if you would like to schedule or attend.**

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