



## **As We Gather Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Oct. 18, 2020**

As the Lord speaks to us in His Word, He calls the righteous to live by faith and always gives reason why His people can do so through His continual presence, power, and providence. The Readings today urge us, in various ways, to live by faith in our confession and conviction. In Isaiah, He with great conviction reminds through the prophet, "I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides Me there is no God." In the Epistle, Paul assures the Thessalonians, "He has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction." Finally, in today's Gospel, Christ urges us to live by faith and as stewards of all He has provided, to "render . . . to God the things that are God's." Moved by His Spirit out of gratefulness for the salvation earned for us by Christ Jesus, we then give God our willing obedience, dedicated service, and the glory due His name as we in confession and conviction live by faith in and through Him.

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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**

**INVOCATION**

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

**C** Amen

**HYMN 966 “Before You, Lord, We Bow” st. 1**

1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove  
And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks  
we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!

**OPENING SENTENCES** Psalm 96:1–9

**P** Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

**C** **Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.**

**P** Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

**C** **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**

**HYMN 966 “Before You, Lord, We Bow” sts. 2**

**2** **The nation You have blest may well Your love declare  
From foes and fears at rest, protected by Your care.  
For this bright day, for this fair land--  
Gifts of Your hand, our thanks we pay.**

**P** For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

**C** **Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.**

P Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

**C Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**

**HYMN 966 “Before You, Lord, We Bow”** st. 4

4 **Earth, hear your Maker’s voice; Your great Redeemer own;  
Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship Him alone.  
Cast down your pride, your sin deplore, and bow before the Crucified.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** Psalm 51:1–3; 96:9–13; Isaiah 45:5

P Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

**C according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

P Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

**C For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

P As we come and bow before the Lord to confess our sins, we admit that we have bowed down to other gods of this world and gods of our own choosing.

**C We confess we have trusted in ourselves and others rather than in You.**

P We have failed to rely on You in all times. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, and against others in what we have done and left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart

**C and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We confess we have trusted in ourselves and others rather than in You.**

P Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

**C let the field exult, and everything in it!**

P Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

**C before the Lord, for He comes,**

P for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in His faithfulness.

**C Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**

**HYMN 966 “Before You, Lord, We Bow”** st. 5

5 **And when in pow’r He comes, Oh, may our native land  
From all its rending tombs send forth a glorious band,  
A countless throng, with joy to sing  
To heav’n’s high King salvation’s song!**

P Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, God is a merciful and loving Father, of whom “there is no other, besides Him there is no God.” He has chosen you in the Gospel, which has come not only in word but with full conviction in power and in the Holy Spirit. Jesus died on the cross to redeem You. Through Him, in His stead, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## WORD

**INTROIT** Psalm 121:1–4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 5

P The LORD is your keeper;

C **the LORD is your shade on your right hand.**

P I lift up my eyes to the hills.

C **From where does my help come?**

P My help comes from the LORD,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P He will not let your foot be moved;

C **he who keeps you will not slumber.**

P Behold, he who keeps Israel

C **will neither slumber nor sleep.**

P The LORD will keep you from all evil;

C **he will keep your life.**

P The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in

C **from this time forth and forevermore.**

**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 is your keeper;

C **the LORD is your shade on your right hand.**

## 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. O God, as there is no other like You, help us to give to You the things that are Yours, that we serve only You. Govern all things in this world so Your Church will serve You with conviction in confidence and peace, and that faith, hope, and love be known and shown in our earthly journeys as Your kingdom comes; 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 45:1–7

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: <sup>2</sup>“I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. <sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. <sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup>that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING** 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. <sup>2</sup>We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. <sup>9</sup>For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **VERSE** Colossians 2:10

**P** Alleluia. You have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

**C** **Alleluia.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 22:15–22

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

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

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. <sup>16</sup>And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” <sup>21</sup>They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup>When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY #940 “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”**

**SERMON “Give To God The Things That Are God’s” Matthew 22:15-22**

## **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 pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We offer to You, Lord, the sacrifice of our prayer and praise. You have blessed us with the gift of life in Your Son, Jesus Christ. You provide for all our needs, even when we are unaware. Accept our humble thanksgiving, and empower us to demonstrate our thanks in words, actions, and dedicated service to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

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

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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. 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      “*Holy, Holy, Holy*”      LSB 507

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Day and night we join to praise  
Your love and majesty. You alone are holy, worthy, and righteous.  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

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## 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

**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

**#789 Praise and Thanksgiving      #806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart  
#802 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise      #554 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful**

### DISMISSAL

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us in, with, and under bread and wine with the body and blood of Your dear Son. Strengthen our faith in You, and in our love for others in Your kingdom and throughout our community, country, and world; 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 *Isaiah 45:4–6; Psalm 96:4, 9; Matthew 22:21; adapted*

- P I call you by your name, I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides Me there is no God;
- C **that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides Me;**
- P For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
- C **He is to be feared above all gods. Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**
- P Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's,
- C **and to God the things that are God's.**
- P The blessing of God almighty—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—strengthen and preserve you, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN #830 “Spread the Reign of God the Lord”

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE

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**Altar flowers today are given by Den Hood  
In honor of Sophie's birthday on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**PRAYER LIST:** Ted Durante, hospital; Dennis Copeland, healing; Reina Love Ramirez, hospital (infant daughter of Sindia Ramirez, Preschool teacher); Turk Chaney, healing; Melissa Chaney, healing; Rebecca Armstrong(17), open heart surgery, friend of

Sophie Hood; John Jamieson, cancer treatments; Mary Webster, cancer treatments; Deedee Halterman, lung cancer, sister-in-law of Maggie and George Halterman; Velda, breast cancer, 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.

### CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday	Oct 19	3:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday	Oct 21	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday	Oct 21	1-4 p.m.	Ceramics Class
Thursday	Oct. 22	11:00 a.m.	Childcare Chapel
Thursday	Oct. 22	1:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	Oct. 24	7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Childcare Rummage sale
		8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Church Rummage Sale & Bake Sale

I am excited to announce that **Women's Bible Study** will resume on **Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00-11:30.** We will be meeting each Monday from that day forward. The only difference is that on the *first* Monday of each month, the women's group MLC of MLC meets and that Monday each month we will meet at 11:30-1:00. Our class generally lasts for 1 hour, but I am setting it at an hour and a half in case there is a lot of discussion on a particular day. We will be resuming our study of Max Lucado's Life Lessons from John. We will be beginning on Lesson 3- The woman at the well. Please read through and answer questions from this chapter and we will review together on October 26<sup>th</sup>. If you don't have the book I will have to order you a copy. The fee will be \$10.00, please let me know asap if I will need to order one for you. If you have never experienced a Bible study, I ask that you prayerfully consider joining us. The past two years with these wonderful women have been such an encouragement to me. Hope to see you there. Christine Constien 815-409-2035

### CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

**Our church rummage is finally going to happen! October 24 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. We have items in storage that were donated last spring. We can bring additional items also: no clothes, please, and items for the bake sale must be individually wrapped. Set up will be Thursday and Friday, Oct. 22 and 23 at 8:00 a.m. Any questions, call Maggie at 805-709-2442**

## CHILDCARE RUMMAGE SALE

Mesquite Lutheran Childcare is holding a rummage/craft/food sale.

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. Along with the rummage sale, the child care is having a bake sale. If you would like to donate to this sale, please bring your items on Friday, Oct. 23 or early Saturday morning, Oct. 24. Baked items should be individually wrapped.

## TRUNK OR TREAT

Please join us with treats for our annual Childcare TRUNK OR TREAT on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM in our church parking lot. Please wear a mask and gloves.

Thank you to everyone who donated supplies, etc. for the school. It is a great help.

## **It's Shoebox Time!!**

Information about the Operation Christmas Child project is available in the lobby, along with empty shoeboxes and instructions. Packed boxes need to be brought to the church no later than Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>.

Questions?? Call Carol Van Lente, 208-252-1558

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Oct. 20 Sophie Hood  
Oct. 20 Nila Katsaros  
Oct. 21 Mike Yantis  
Oct. 21 Pete Gerken

Oct. 22 Ernie Duncker  
Oct. 22 Jan Crouch  
Oct. 30 Linda Grimsrud

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Oct. 23 Frank & Mary Ellen Ethington      Oct. 29 Jerry & Georgia Townsend

**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).

**Child care coin jar deposit -- \$170.43**

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