

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 Circumcision and Name of Jesus Jan. 1, 2023

A new year begins! Yet, often so little changes. For most, a new year means little difference regarding life, vocation, house, and home. Outside of annually changing one number on our calendar, much of life remains the same, including the daily battles we face against Satan, sin, and our own flesh. With that, we rejoice today not just in the year's changing, but a daily changing we recognize every day as we live in this world through the blameless One born for us. Christ was under and has fulfilled God's Law perfectly for us, even as an infant child brought to the temple for circumcision under Mosaic Law. It would mark both the promise of redemption and the burden of the Law—and with Jesus marking the sacrifice that would set us free. Try as we might with new year's resolutions to become better people, we still find ourselves falling short of God's moral law that remains today. Rejoice in the newness that has come! More than a new year, we are given a new life, for Christ has fulfilled all and set us free! As we are marked in Baptism and bear Christ's name, we become inheritors of His promise. It is a newness to celebrate each day of every year!

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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 to 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

OPENING HYMN #379 “O Come All Ye Faithful”

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Galatians 3:24–26; 4:4–5*

- P** Christ, our Savior is born!
- C** O come, let us adore Him!
- P** When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.
- C** O come, let us adore Him!
- P** The law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.
- C** O come, let us adore Him!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *John 8:34; Galatians 3:23; 5:1*

- P** As we begin a new year in God’s grace, we acknowledge and repent of our sinfulness and failure to keep His Law. “Everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.”
- C** Lord, we confess to You our sins, those of which we know, and those of which we are unaware. We have not always viewed Your Law as a gift, but instead at times as a burden to obey. Though we desire to be free, we find ourselves enslaved and unable to help ourselves. Forgive us.
- P** “Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed.”
- C** For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your Law and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

P “For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” 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.

WORD

INTROIT

P May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;

C may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great is the LORD!”

P Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an open ear.

C **Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.**

P Then I said, “Behold, I have come;

C **in the scroll of the book it is written of me:**

P I desire to do your will, O my God;

C **your law is within my heart.”**

**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 May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;

C may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great is the LORD!”

HYMN # 366 “It Came Upon The Midnight Clear”

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Numbers 6:22–27

“The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. “So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Hebrews 8:10; 10:17*

P This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel

C after those days, declares the Lord:

P I will put My laws into their minds,

C and write them on their hearts.

P I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

C I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.

EPISTLE READING Galatians 3:23–29

“Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Matthew 1:21*

P Alleluia. She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus,

C for He will save His people from their sins. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:21

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

“And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.”

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

HYMN OF THE DAY # 900 “Jesus! Name Of Wondrous Love”

SERMON “The Lord Has The Last Word” Numbers 6:22-27

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 Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Ever-present God, You are Lord of our past, our present, and our future. We know that all we need for this body and life and all we would ever need for the peace of our souls in the forgiveness of sins comes from You. For Your care in the past year and for Your gracious promises in this new year assured in Christ alone, to Your glory,...

- C** **we praise You, Lord.**
- P** [*Petitions...*] to Your glory,...
- C** **we praise You, Lord.**

P In this new year, abide among us with Your Holy Spirit that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *LSB 805*

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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, gracious Lord. You are the source of our life, the ruler of time, the giver of the good and wise Law, and the one who redeems us and sets Your people free. Grant continued faith for our journey through a new year as we live as Your beloved children, until the day we join with angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven who laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God” *(Tune: “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”)*

1 Holy, holy, holy Lord God, Heav’n and earth Your glory show.
With the life and breath You’ve given We Your name praise here below.
Sing hosanna, blest is He who Comes to us, our Savior dear.
Sing hosanna in the highest, Sing hosanna far and near.

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **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 “Lamb Of God, O Jesus, Savior”

(Tune: “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”)

- 1** **Lamb of God, O Jesus, Savior, You the world’s sin take away.
Lamb of God, O Christ, Redeemer, You have conquered in the fray.
Breathe the Holy Spirit on us; With Your grace our fears allay.
Lamb of God, O risen Savior, Grant Your peace to us, we pray.**

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- #361 O Little Town of Bethlehem #549 All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name
#733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past #386 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

NUNC DIMITTUS # 937 “Lord, Bid Your Servant Go In Peace”



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,
△ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,



Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.
in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.
Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that through Your Son You set prisoners free and give the inheritance of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Through Christ, who kept the Law, and in His body and blood given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins, nourish our spirits, strengthen our faith, and equip us to love our neighbors. Bless our lives with Your abiding presence and bring us at last to Your eternal kingdom. 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.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #917 “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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Reader Today: Kathy Hammar

PRAYER LIST Deedee Halterman, lung cancer, sister-in-law of Maggie Halterman; Tom Stettler, Southern Utah Veterans Home; the homebound.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tues. Jan. 3	10:00 a.m.	Women's Auxiliary
Tues. Jan. 3	11:00 a.m.	Childcare Chapel
Wed. Jan. 4	8:00 a.m.	Breakfast at the Casa
Wed. Jan. 4	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
Thur. Jan. 5	10:30 a.m.	Grief Support Group
Thur. Jan. 5	10:30 a.m.	Jesus Time (Childcare Ctr)
Thur. Jan. 5	1:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Thur. Jan. 5	3:00 p.m.	Choir Practice

BIRTHDAYS

Jan 4 Scott Asay	Jan 4 Renee Havener	Jan 13 Bonnie Holtz
Jan 18 Bonnie Semmler	Jan 20 Annie Black	Jan 23 Greg Larson
Jan 26 David Gnacinski	Jan 26 Jim Jones	Jan 26 Ruby Stuart
Jan 27 Rudy Hammond	Jan 30 Beverly Brack	Jan 30 Joan Samuelson
Jan 31 Jeff Meckley		

ANNIVERSARIES

Jan 31 Gordon & Carol Shepherd

HELPING HANDS AVAILABLE Do you need a little help with a household chore, need a high light bulb changed or smoke detector battery changed? **Just let us know you have a need by writing your name and phone number on a little card in the clear box (card and pen inside) on the narthex table and we'll give you a call and make arrangements!**

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 or visit our website mesquitelutheran.org/Online-Services.

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