



As We Gather Second Sunday after Epiphany Jan. 15, 2023

Prayer is a conversation with God, beginning with His Good News and followed by our response. John first identified Jesus as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29) and then the disciples asked where He was staying. Although first called to be a prophet, Isaiah thought his warning had been in vain. But God raised his sight to see in Israel a light for the whole world. And when the faithful people in Corinth seemed plagued with problems, Paul reminded them that they lacked no spiritual gift as they awaited our Lord’s return. Today is a day to hear the Gospel and respond not in our own strength, but out of confidence in what God has already said to us, through prophets and apostles, in print and, of course, in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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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 #904 “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word” (*Stand-last stanza*)

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 40:1, 3a; Isaiah 49:6*

- P** I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.
- C** **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**
- P** It is too light a thing that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob. . . .
- C** **I will make You as a light for the nations.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** We have been called into the fellowship of His Son and been given the gift of faith. Let us confess our sins, confident of God’s forgiveness for Jesus’ sake.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** 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

HYMN “I Lay My Sins On Jesus” LSB 606

- 1 I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us from the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus to wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious till not a spot remains.

- 2 I lay my wants on Jesus; all fullness dwells in Him;
He heals all my diseases; my soul He does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, my burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.

- 3 I rest my soul on Jesus, this weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

(Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89)

KYRIE

- P** Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Lord, have mercy on us.
- P** Christ, have mercy on us.
- C** Christ, have mercy on us.
- P** Lord, have mercy on us and grant us Your peace.
- C** Lord, have mercy on us and grant us Your peace. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE LSB 790

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth,
- C** **mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days;**
- 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 **Isaiah 49:1–7**

“Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God.” And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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

GRADUAL *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

- P** Praise the LORD, all nations!
- C** **Extol Him, all peoples!**
- P** For great is His steadfast love toward us,
- C** **and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**
- P** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
- C** **bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 1:1–9

“Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *John 1:29b*

P Alleluia. Behold, the Lamb of God,

C **who takes away the sin of the world! Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL John 1:29–42a

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

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

“The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that

day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY #540 "Christ, the Word of God Incarnate" sts. 1,4-6

SERMON "Called To Be Saints" 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

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 Confident that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake and that our heavenly Father is ready to hear our prayers, let us go to Him on behalf of ourselves, those near and dear to us, and the Church around the world.

For the leaders of the Church around the world who, like Isaiah, may question their ministry amid continued opposition, that God would remind them of His presence and move them to renewed vigor as they shine the light of Christ on the dark places of this globe, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

P [*Petitions...*] let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, Lord our God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful” *LSB 955*

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with Your presence, and give us
A foretaste of the feast to come.**

(Text: John W. Arthur, 1922–80
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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. Trusting in Your promises, we bless You for Your abiding presence in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come to this earth and has taken upon Himself the sins of the world. By His sacrificial death and His glorious rising from the grave, He has opened to us the very gates of heaven. With all the company around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom, we join the unending praises:

SANCTUS *LSB 178*

- C** **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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- 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 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

#547 The Lamb #809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness #744 Amazing Grace
#702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee #637 Draw Near and Take

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us pray. O God the Father, You sent Your Son to answer our deepest need—
release from our sins,
C we thank You that for His sake You have given us gracious forgiveness and
peace in this Sacrament. Today and always, rule our hearts and minds by
Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled to serve You and lead the people
around us to the Savior of us all;
P through the same 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 # 922 “Go, My Children, With My Blessing”

ANNOUNCEMENTS POSTLUDE

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Reader Today: Jim Hinson

PRAYER LIST Carol VanLente, surgery; Tom Stettler, Southern Utah Veterans Home; the homebound.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun. Jan. 15	11:00 a.m.	25th Anniversary Committee
Mon. Jan. 16	2:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Tues. Jan. 17	11:00 a.m.	Childcare Chapel
Wed. Jan. 18	9:30 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
Thur. Jan. 19	10:30 a.m.	Grief Support Group
Thur. Jan. 19	10:30 a.m.	Jesus Time (Childcare Ctr)
Thur. Jan. 19	1:00 p.m.	Men’s Bible Study
Thur. Jan. 19	3:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sun. Jan. 22	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship at Childcare Ctr Open House

PHOTOS If you have any **pictures from the beginnings of MLC**, candid pictures of people, events, construction of church or childcare center, we may want to include them in a special presentation for our 25th Anniversary. Please share with Pastor and we’ll get them back to you.

USHERS WANTED! We are in need of some additional volunteers to assist with ushering at our services. **Sign up sheets are on the table. Contact Jim Hinson rah4446@yahoo.com** or **Pastor** or speak with an acting usher if you have questions or would like to volunteer to help as a greeter, usher (bulletins, offering, Communion), or acolyte. We will provide directions/training.

ADDITIONAL CLEANING TEAMS NEEDED Join our great teams of church cleaners that do a great job! Couples or teams of 2-3 clean once a week (scheduled 2 weeks in a row, a couple of times over a 6 month period). Supplies provided. Clean anytime during the week when church is not in use. List of areas to be cleaned on wall in janitor room in the kitchen. We will provide training. **Contact Bob Sennett 801-414-8324 or rfsdne@msn.com.**

Altar Flowers: We now have a flower chart to sign up for altar flowers. It is on the bulletin board in the narthex, near the water fountain. If you have any questions about anything regarding flowers, please call Claudia Havens at 702-523-1049 or E-mail: secretary@mesquitelutheran.org.

BIRTHDAYS

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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