



As We Gather 22nd Sunday after Pentecost Oct. 20, 2024

Imagine someone offering you a gift—a gift that you cannot get on your own. How do you think the giver of that gift would react if you rejected it? That is what today's Readings are about. The children of Israel refused to go into the Promised Land. God's response was, "They shall not enter My rest." They had been slaves and gotten a good taste of the harshness of the wilderness. Yet they refused to go into a land where they would have rest. Today, God offers you rest through the gift of the forgiveness of sins. Do not miss out on the rest God offers you right now through Jesus.

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PRELUDE
WELCOME

PREPARATION

OPENING HYMN # 915 “Today Your Mercy Calls Us”

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

- L** When the children of Israel lived in Egypt and were slaves,
- C** **God sent ten plagues upon Egypt to set His people free and give them rest.**
- L** When the children of Israel had their backs to the Red Sea,
- C** **they saw God part the Red Sea and they walked across on dry ground as He gave them rest from their enemy.**
- L** When there was no way out for us because of our sin,
- C** **God sent His Son to the cross, that all who believe would have eternal life and rest in that hope.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Hebrews 1:1–2, adapted*

- L** Almighty and eternal God, You see things from an eternal perspective,
- C** **and we see things from a limited human perspective.**
- L** You are omniscient, knowing all;
- C** **we are but mortal.**
- L** In many and various ways You spoke to Your people in the past, using the prophets as Your mouthpieces.
- C** **Your people often disobeyed and provoked Your wrath.**
- L** When You bid them enter the Promised Land, they would not,
- C** **and You denied that generation any rest, sending them wandering for forty years.**
- L** Today, in these last times, You have spoken to us through Your Son.
- C** **When we fail to believe in Him, and the message of the cross, we put ourselves in danger of missing out on the rest You desire to give us.**
- L** We need rest from our enemies,
- C** **from the devil, all his works and ways, and from our own sinful flesh.**

- L** Forgive us for rebelling against You, Lord,
C **for the sins of thought, word, and deed. Forgive us; wash us clean in Holy Baptism and the blood of the cross.**
- L** I now ask you before God, who searches the heart: is this your sincere confession?
C **Yes, it is my sincere confession.**
- L** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
C **Amen. Thank You, Lord, for Your loving kindness and for Your forgiveness.**

WORD

INTROIT *Psalm 34:1-4, 17; antiphon: v. 18*

- L** The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
C **and saves the crushed in spirit.**
- L** I will bless the LORD at all times;
C **His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**
- L** My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
C **let the humble hear and be glad.**
- L** Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!
C **I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**
- L** When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears
C **and delivers them out of all their troubles.**
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.
- L** The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
C **and saves the crushed in spirit.**

HYMN “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens” *LSB 589 st. 1*

1 Speak, O Lord, Your ser - vant lis - tens, Let Your Word to
me come near; New - born life and spir - it give me,
Let each prom - ise still my fear. Death's dread pow'r, its in - ward
strife, Wars a - gainst Your Word of life; Fill me, Lord, with
love's strong fer - vor That I cling to You for - ev - er!

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SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L** O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us; 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 **Ecclesiastes 5:10–20**

“He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep. There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. As he came from his mother’s womb he shall go again, naked as he

came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger. Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Hebrews 4:1-13

“Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, “As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest,’” although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” And again in this passage he said, “They shall not enter my rest.” Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Mark 10:27b*

- L** Alleluia. With man it is impossible, but not with God.
- C** **For all things are possible with God. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL **Mark 10:23-31**

- L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

“Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

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

HYMN OF THE DAY **#712 “Seek Ye First”**

SERMON “Occupied With Joy” Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

APOSTLES’ CREED

- L** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- C** **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.

OFFERING #770 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- L** We pray for the whole people of God and for all people according to their needs and the will of God.
Heavenly Father, we confess before You that just as Solomon pointed out, we get busy with life and struggle to rest.
- C** **Help us on this day and always to find rest. Lord, according to Your will, hear our prayer.**
- L** Almighty God, You cast aside a generation of Your people and gave them no rest because of their disobedience.
- C** **By the aid of Your Holy Spirit, help us to seek to obey You rather than rebel against You. Lord, according to Your will, hear our prayer.**
- L** Lord Jesus, look upon us with Your compassion.
- C** **You know those among us who are sick, hurting physically, and who otherwise need Your healing hand.**
- L** We commend into Your care those who are sick or recovering, [*including . . .*].
Restore them to health according to Your will.
- C** **Lord, according to Your will, hear our prayer.**
We pray for our land and those You have put in charge of overseeing our government at every level.
- C** **Grant Your Spirit to give them wisdom and guidance. Lord, according to Your will, hear our prayer.**
- L** We lift those who struggle: the homeless, the orphans, the widowed, and those in poverty.
- C** **We bring them to Your throne of grace, asking that You provide help for them in their time of need. Lord, according to Your will, hear our prayer.**
- L** We bring before You the needs of Your saints, whether here or elsewhere,
- C** **for Christian missionaries, for the persecuted, for those facing difficulty of any kind.**

L Into Your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy and that Your will shall be done; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with the Holy Spirit is one God, now and forevermore.

C Amen.

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.

BENEDICTION *LSB 228*

L The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN # 677 "For All The Saints" sts. 1-3, 8

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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**Altar flowers today are given by Den Hood
In honor of Sophie's birthday.**

Reader Today: JoAnn Arney

Attendance Last Week: 92

PRAYER LIST: Carol VanLente, surg. recovery; Sadye, surg. recovery (Margie Launer's daughter).

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Oct. 21 2:00 pm - Church Council

Thur. Oct. 24 10:30 am - Support Group

Thur. Oct. 24 10:30 am - Jesus Time

Thur. Oct. 24 3:00 pm - Choir

Sat. Oct. 26 11:00 am - Dayle Hayden Memorial Service

Sun. Oct. 27 8:30 am - Bible Study; 10:00 a.m. Worship; 11:00 a.m. Fellowship.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY STARTS

I am so happy to announce, we will be starting **Women's Bible Study On Monday, October 28th at 10:00 a.m.** Once again, we will be meeting weekly in the fellowship hall. We are still working through our **Life Light Study of the book of Mark**. We are on **Session 7** and will be using our **enrichment magazine pgs. 23-25**. Please read and answer the questions the week prior to our meeting. We have two more lessons in this book after Session 7, so we will be starting a new study sometime in November. I do not have any books left to share, so if you are new to our group, please contact me and I will make copies for you. Beth Reineking has agreed to team-leading our study with me this year. We will alternate weeks. I am so thankful for her, as now I can participate as a student every other week! **Questions? Call or text me anytime at: 815-409-2035.** I can't wait to be all together again! **Christine Constien**

TRUNK OR TREAT We would like to invite you to be part of our **Trunk or Treat** this year! It will be on **Thursday, October 31 at 11:00 am**. We are anticipating 30-40 children for candy that day. After Truck or Treat, you are invited to our school for lunch. We will be serving hot dogs, chips, water and a dessert. **Please sign up on the form on the table in the narthex if you plan to attend.** We need a head count for the lunch. Thank you kindly, Brandy Sula, Director of Mesquite Lutheran Childcare and Preschool 702-346-3954.

LADIES, we are happy to report there are **only 2 seats left open** for our new event, **"Advent by Candlelight"** which is scheduled for **Saturday, December 7 at 2:30 pm.** If you are interested, now is the time to reserve your spot by filling in your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Don't miss your chance to participate in this special afternoon as we take time to prepare our hearts for Advent and the coming of Christmas. Questions? Contact Maureen Smith @ 630-301-0514.

BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 20 Sophie Hood

Oct. 20 Nila Katsaros

Oct. 22 Jan Crouch

Oct. 22 Ernie Duncker

Oct. 26 Evelyn Macy

Oct. 30 Linda Grimsrud

ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 23 Frank & Mary Ellen Effington

Oct. 27 Serene & Steve Webb

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