



As We Gather 23rd Sunday after Pentecost Nov. 13, 2022

In today's Readings, we hear warnings about the coming day of the Lord. Such warnings can fill us with fear and questions. But we are also encouraged by God's faithfulness and steadfastness. He protects us from the assaults of Satan. He establishes us and keeps us. He directs our hearts toward love. "May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ" (2 Thessalonians 3:5). God grant us such hearts!

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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 Preludes at the Piano

WELCOME

PREPARATION

OPENING HYMN #738 “Lord of All Hopefulness”

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

- P** The Lord is faithful.
C He establishes us and guards us against Satan.
P The Lord is steadfast.
C He directs our hearts to love our neighbors.
P We can be confident in the Lord and His love for us.
C May He grant us quiet lives free from trouble.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** In our lives, we struggle to follow Jesus’ example of love, steadfastness, and faith. We have sown hatred, shown laziness, and known many doubts. We have not kept our eyes fixed on Jesus. Yet our heavenly Father invites us to draw near to His throne in confidence and ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

- P** Heavenly Father,
C we have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and actions. Help us to serve in joy and love. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us back to You, on account of Jesus. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise 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. We are forgiven by the steadfast love of Christ.

WORD

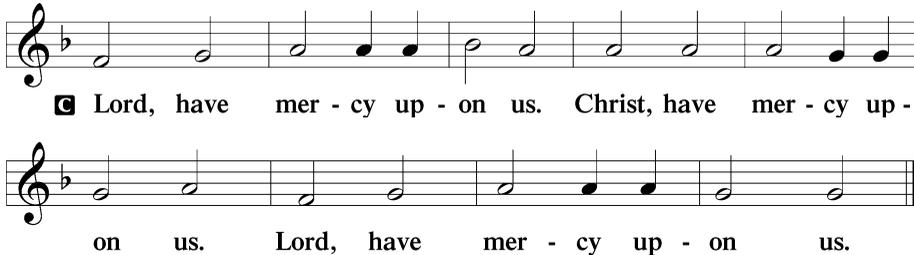
INTROIT *Psalm 121:1-2, 5, 7-8; antiphon: Luke 21:33*

- P** Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.
- C** **Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.**
- P** I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
- C** **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**
- P** The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.
- C** **The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.**
- P** The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.
- C** **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. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.**

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KYRIE LSB 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

HYMN OF PRAISE LSB 804 “O Worship The King”

- 1 **O worship the King, all-glorious above.
O gratefully sing His pow’r and His love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You are always faithful. As we await Your promised return, help us to recognize Your gifts in this life so that we may serve You in confidence and quietness, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Malachi 4:1–6

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts. Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING 2 Thessalonians 3:1–13

“Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ. Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies.

Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Luke 21:28b*

P Alleluia. Straighten up and raise your heads,

C **because your redemption is drawing near. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL **Luke 21:5–28**

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

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

“While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, ‘As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.’ And they asked him, ‘Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?’ And he said, ‘See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, “I am he!” and, “The time is at hand!” Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.’ Then he said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives. But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in

those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY #645 “Built On The Rock”

SERMON “The Dawning of a New Day” Malachi 4:1-6

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. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,

C **but hasten our salvation.**

P [*Petitions...*] O Jesus Christ, do not delay,

C **but hasten our salvation.**

P Lord Jesus, we commend all these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers and intercede for us, and You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “What Shall We Bring To The Lord”



1 What shall we bring to the Lord for
faith - ful - ly bless - ing our days? We will
bring Him the best of our gifts and our-selves As our
of - f'rings of love, thanks, and praise.

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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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by His resurrection from the grave guards us from the evil one, winning for us eternal life, and who continues to direct our hearts to the love of God and to His steadfastness. 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 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.

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WORDS OF OUR LORD “Remember Me” G. Gustafson & M. Nystrom

- P** (*Sung*) “On the night ... This is My blood poured out for you and as you drink it remember Me.”

- C** (*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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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

Soloist: Christine Constien – “Wonderful, Merciful Savior” – Rodgers & Wyse
#809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness #783 Take My Life and Let It Be
#761 Rock of Ages #739 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Meal. Keep our eyes fixed on You and the steadfastness of Your Son, whose body and blood has forgiven our sins; 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 #643 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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Reader Today: Gail Snow

PRAYER LIST: Renee Havener, recovery; Ila Larson, rehab.; James Sims, rehab.; Harold Holtz, cancer treatment; Deedee Halterman, lung cancer, sister-in-law of Maggie Halterman; Tom Stettler, Southern Utah Veterans Home; the homebound.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY	11:00 a.m.	Semi-Annual Voters' Meeting
Tues. Nov. 15	11:00 a.m.	Childcare Chapel
Tues. Nov. 15	2:00 p.m.	Outreach Planning
Wed. Nov. 16	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wed. Nov. 16	1:00 p.m.	Childcare Board
Thur. Nov. 17	10:30 a.m.	Grief Support Group
Thur. Nov. 17	11:00 a.m.	Jesus Time (Childcare Ctr)
Thur. Nov. 17	1:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Thur. Nov. 17	4:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sat. Nov. 19	2:00 p.m.	MLC Game Day!
Sun. Nov. 20	8:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Worship & New Member Welcome

COMING THIS WEEK! GAME DAY! November 19th 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Join us for fun and games together. Bring your favorite game or we'll provide some - easy to learn. Wear your favorite team jersey/shirt or come as you are! Invite a friend (including non-churched friends for an easy introduction to church family and life!). See you there!

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!**

ADVENT SOUP SUPPERS are around the corner! Nov. 30th, Dec. 7th, 14th are the dates for our Advent Midweek worship at 4:00 p.m. with soup supper following at 4:45 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Sign up sheet for soups etc. is on the signup table in the narthex.

Women's Bible Study

Our women's Wednesday Bible study will meet through November 30th. We will be taking December off and resume in January, 2023.

BIRTHDAYS

Nov.17 Mary Ellen Ethington
Nov.24 JoAnn Collins

Nov. 23 Kathryn Kinoshita
Nov. 25 Kay McPhail

ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 18 Mike & Darlene Carpenter
Nov. 25 Harold & CC Sersland
Nov. 30 Barry & JoAnn Collins

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

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