



As We Gather Last Sunday of the Church Year Nov. 20, 2022

There are many things that can define who we are: our relationships, our jobs, our language, our socioeconomic status, our location, or many others. Today, we focus on our identity in Jesus. Who are we because of Jesus? We will find that ultimately, we are not defined by what we do but by what Jesus does for us. Because of Jesus and His work and His ways, we are delivered and set free from sin and the assaults of Satan. You are a forgiven child of God!

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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 Prelude in G Major – J.S. Bach

WELCOME

PREPARATION

OPENING HYMN #611 “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P Though darkness surrounds us,

C **Christ shines His light upon us.**

P Though our world is full of war and violence,

C **Christ is our peace.**

P Though our relationships are strained and broken,

C **Christ brings reconciliation and redemption.**

P Though we fail to remember Jesus,

C **He always remembers us.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In our lives, we often ask ourselves, “Who am I?” We seek to define ourselves by our jobs, relationships, finances, skills, and most devastatingly of all, our failures. Yet ultimately, who we are resides in none of these things. Our identity is in Jesus and what He has done for us. As we come before our heavenly Father, we confess everything we have elevated above Jesus, and we ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P Heavenly Father,

C **we have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us, renew us, and point us back to Jesus. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. By His cross, Jesus makes peace and delivers you from all your sins to live as His new creation. 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.

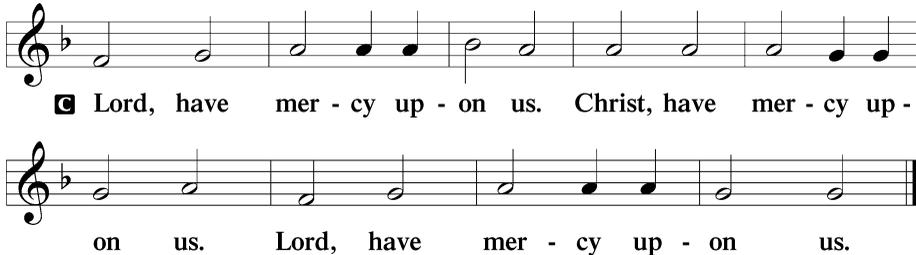
C **Amen. In Jesus we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

WORD

INTROIT *Psalm 134; antiphon: Psalm 33:8*

- P** Let all the earth fear the LORD;
C **let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!**
P Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,
C **who stand by night in the house of the LORD!**
P Lift up your hands to the holy place
C **and bless the LORD!**
P May the Lord bless you from Zion,
C **he who made heaven and earth!**
**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 Let all the earth fear the LORD;
C **let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!**

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, by the blood of Your cross You have delivered us from the domain of darkness into Your kingdom of light. Strengthen us to find our identity, not in the things of this world, but in all You have done for us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Malachi 3:13–18

“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’” Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. “They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

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

MLC CHOIR “Prayer of Thanksgiving” - Wilson

EPISTLE READING Colossians 1:13–20

“He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.”

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

VERSE

C Alleluia. Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 23:27–43

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

“And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?” Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN #761 “Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me”

SERMON “Who You Are In Christ” Colossians 1:13-20

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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.
Lord Jesus Christ, You defeat all the powers of evil and darkness. Strengthen us to resist the temptations of Satan. Surround us with Your truth and light. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,
- C** **be our strong defender.**
- P** [*Petitions...*] Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,
- C** **be our strong defender.**
- P** Lord Jesus, we commend all these people and situations to Your infinite wisdom and power, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

OFFERING In Faith I Live

OFFERTORY LSB 192

- C** **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

SACRAMENT

PREFACE

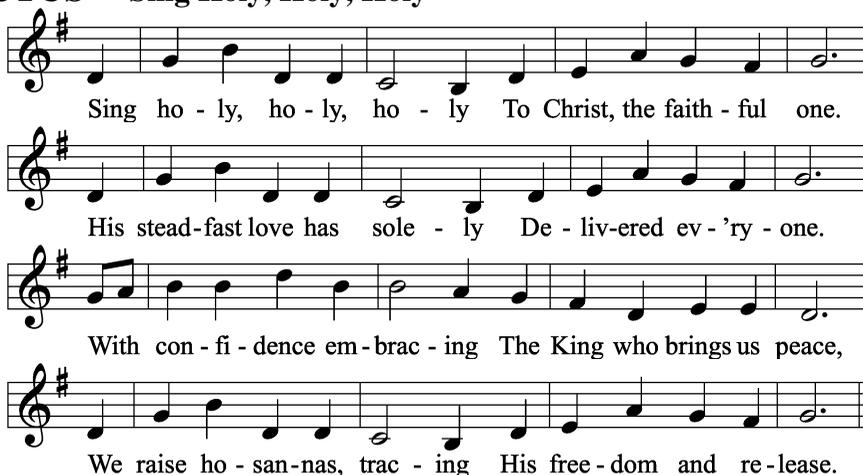
- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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, who by the blood of His cross delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to His own kingdom. 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 “Sing Holy, Holy, Holy”



Sing ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly To Christ, the faith - ful one.
His stead-fast love has sole - ly De - liv-ered ev - 'ry - one.
With con - fi - dence em-brac - ing The King who brings us peace,
We raise ho - san-nas, trac - ing His free - dom and re - lease.

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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

#767 **Jesus, Remember Me** (*sing twice*) #456 **Were You There**
#763 **When Peace, Like a River** #527 **O Savior, Precious Savior**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You sent Your Son make peace by the blood of His cross. As we have feasted upon His body and blood for our forgiveness and peace, strengthen us to live lives of peace here on earth; 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 #657 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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Altar flowers today are given by Kay McPhail
To the Glory of God

Reader Today: Jan Aslin

PRAYER LIST: Hinson Family at the death of Gayle Hinson; Warren Family at the death of Suzanne Warren; Renee Havener, hospital; Harold Holtz, cancer treatment; Deedee Halterman, lung cancer, sister-in-law of Maggie Halterman; Tom Stettler, Southern Utah Veterans Home; the homebound.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! Join us after service for fellowship and refreshments to meet and welcome our new members: George & Beverly Brack, Rudy & Mary Hammond, Tim Hintz, Steven & Sharon Raddatz, Dan & Joan Samuelson.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Nov. 21 2:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting
Tues. Nov. 22 11:00 a.m. Childcare Chapel
Wed. Nov. 23 4:00 p.m. THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE
**Sun. Nov. 27 8:30 a.m. Bible Study Welcome LCMS Mission Field USA –
Gary, IN National Missionary Rev. Delwyn Campbell
Sr. and family
10:00 a.m. Worship**

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 sign up table in the narthex.

“A GIVING TREE”

A Giving Tree is being sponsored by MLC Lutheran Women’s Auxiliary. The tree will have tags with a name and wish from each child at the Childcare. Pick a tag, shop and return the gift, wrapped and tagged by **Sun., Dec. 11th**. Please record your name beside the name of the child. We ask that you keep your generous gifts from \$20 - \$25. Gifts will be taken to the Childcare Dec. 14th.

Women’s Bible Study

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

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 23 Kathryn Kinoshita	Nov. 24 JoAnn Collins
Nov. 25 Kay McPhail	Dec. 1 Harold Sersland
Dec. 1 Ann Scott	Dec. 3 Gayle Malwitz

ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 25 Harold & CC Sersland	Nov. 30 Barry & JoAnn Collins
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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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