



## **As We Gather      8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost    July 31, 2022**

The three Readings today all tell of the contrasts between people who have faith in Christ and those who do not. The important message is that we recognize God’s gracious blessings and so reflect them as we live. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that “one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions” (Luke 12:15) and warns about one who is “not rich toward God” (v. 21). When in Ecclesiastes “the Preacher” sees vanity all around, he writes, “to the one who pleases Him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy” (Ecclesiastes 2:26). In the Epistle, Paul promises that we who, in our Baptism, “have been raised with Christ, . . . will appear with Him in glory” (Colossians 3:1a, 4b). We have been given not only physical life but also eternal life.

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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**      **Be Thou My Vision –Traditional Irish**    arr. Heather Sorenson  
**WELCOME**

**PREPARATION**

**OPENING HYMN**    #590 “Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy”

**INVOCATION**

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

**G**    Amen.

**REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**    Romans 6:4; Colossians 3:1–4

**P**    In his Epistle to the Church in Rome, Paul wrote, “We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

And in today’s Epistle, Paul writes, “If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.”

Let us therefore remember our Baptism.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing the washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

**G**    **We give thanks that according to Your boundless mercy, You have beheld us and have blessed us with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in us, which has been inherited from Adam, has been drowned and died. Grant that we be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers**

and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, we could be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

**P** Do you renounce the devil, all his works, and all his ways?

**C** Yes, I renounce them.

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

**C** Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

**C** Yes, I believe 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.

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C** Yes, 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.

**P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted us new birth in Holy Baptism and made us members of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs of Your heavenly kingdom.

**C** We humbly implore You that, as we are Your children, You would keep us in our baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure we may faithfully lead godly lives to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**P** Peace † be with you.

**C** Amen.

## WORD

### HYMN OF PRAISE “Glory Be To God On High” (Tune: “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”)

“Glory be to God on high!”  
This is now our joyful cry.  
Peace to all who live on earth,  
Grace and favor for new birth.  
You we praise and glorify,  
Worship You, O Lord most high.  
Gracious Father, heav’nly King,  
To Your name alone we sing:  
Praise the glory of Your name,  
Now and evermore the same!

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### SALUTATION

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

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.  
O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair
- C** but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace;
- 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 Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26

“Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . . I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . . I hated all my toil in which I toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a

person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE READING** Colossians 3:1–11

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **VERSE** Colossians 3:23–24a

**P** Alleluia. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,  
**C** **knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. Alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL            Luke 12:13–21

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

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY    # 730 “What Is The World To Me”

**SERMON** “Keep Life Simple: Trust in God and Enjoy the Life He’s Given”  
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** “One’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions” (Luke 12:15b). For all who are deceived by the world’s valuing property over people and power over service, that God would open their eyes that they serve Him above all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** [*Petitions...*] let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Into Your hands, heavenly Father, 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 “On My Heart Imprint Your Image”



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

(Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strømme, 1856–1921, alt. Tune: Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758  
Text and tune: Public domain)

## 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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was

### SANCTUS *LSB 161*

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.



# THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

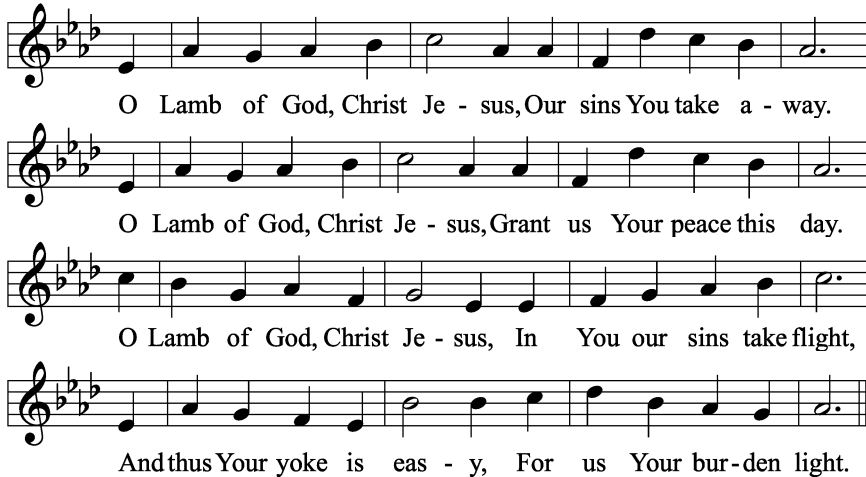
## LORD'S PRAYER

- 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



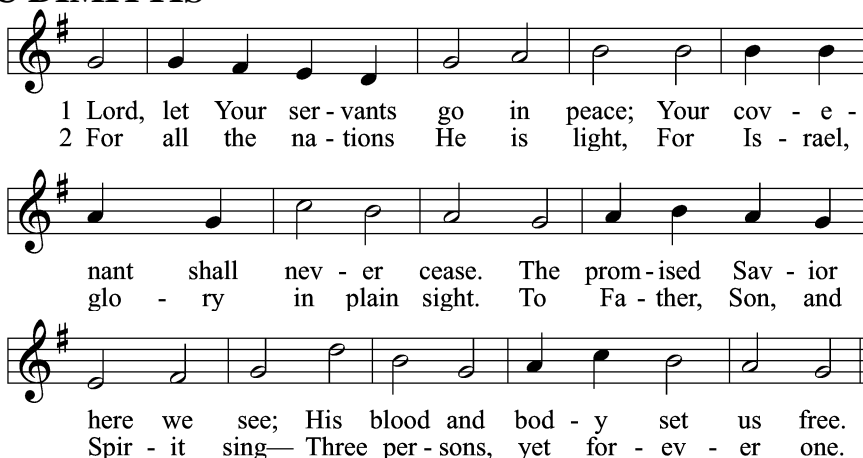
O Lamb of God, Christ Je - sus, Our sins You take a - way.  
O Lamb of God, Christ Je - sus, Grant us Your peace this day.  
O Lamb of God, Christ Je - sus, In You our sins take flight,  
And thus Your yoke is eas - y, For us Your bur - den light.

(Text: James Pierce  
Tune : Johann Adam Anthes, 1788–1843)

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry” – Ylvisaker – soloist, Christine Constien  
#611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be #761 Rock of Ages #744 Amazing Grace

## NUNC DIMITTIS



1 Lord, let Your ser - vants go in peace; Your cov - e -  
2 For all the na - tions He is light, For Is - rael,  
nant shall nev - er cease. The prom - ised Sav - ior  
glo - ry in plain sight. To Fa - ther, Son, and  
here we see; His blood and bod - y set us free.  
Spir - it sing— Three per - sons, yet for - ev - er one.

(Text: James Pierce

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

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## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Sacrament,
- C** and we implore You to strengthen us through it so that our life and conduct will reflect the presence of Christ, to whom we have been united in our **Baptism;**
- 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.

## 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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**Altar flowers today are given by Joan & Harry Cooperman  
in honor of their 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary**

**Reader Today: Jim Hinson**

**PRAYER LIST:** Carol VanLente, surgery recovery; Den Hood, surgery recovery; Harold Holtz, cancer treatment; Deedee Halterman, lung cancer, sister-in-law of Maggie Halterman; Tom Stettler, Southern Utah Veterans Home; the homebound.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wed. Aug 3 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at the Casa  
Thur. Aug 4 10:30 a.m. Grief Support Group

### BIRTHDAYS

Aug. 1 Barbara Reed	Aug. 2 Dave Hinrichsen	Aug. 5 Alice Caldwell
Aug. 5 Marilyn Goble	Aug. 9 Ryan Bruehl	Aug. 10 Barry Collins
Aug. 12 Genese Olson	Aug. 15 John Lembke	Aug. 18 Hap Stuart
Aug. 21 Marge Larson	Aug. 23 Judy Kramer	Aug. 25 Gaylord Mickelsen
Aug. 27 Patti Jones	Aug. 27 Steve Webb	Aug. 29 Bill Goble

### ANNIVERSARIES

Aug. 1 Beverly & Nicholas Medina	Aug. 2 David & Nancy Martin
Aug. 16 Jeff & Andrea Meckley	Aug. 20 Bill & Karen Warner
Aug. 23 Fritz & Barbara Reed	Aug. 31 Michael & Ann Scott

**HELPING HANDS AVAILABLE** Do you need a little help with a household chore, need a high light bulb changed or smoke detector battery changed? Need a ride to the doctor or an errand run? Do you need help with some light maintenance, light landscape work or work around the house? We'll help! A number of members of MLC have organized to help fellow members with these things and more! Some of us will even climb ladders! **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! Spread the word – let your fellow members know! (Please, no neighbor referrals – at this time for MLC members only).

**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](https://facebook.com/MesquiteLCC/live)

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