



As We Gather 9th Sunday after Pentecost August 7, 2022

In today's Old Testament Reading, when Abram trusted God's promise of a son, he and Sarai were old and childless. But God had much more than one son in mind for the patriarch: the Promised Land as an inheritance and innumerable descendants. The Epistle is a list of people who have preceded us in faith. And now it is our turn, for in one of Abraham's offspring, Jesus, all God's promises were fulfilled. And by the Holy Spirit's gift of faith, we can trust Him for all we need. The promise is not only for the physical things we think we need; the inheritance is the promised land of heaven and citizenship in God's kingdom. "Seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you," our Lord promises (Luke 12:31). Our faith-filled response echoes today's Psalm: "Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You" (Psalm 33:22).

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A Gentle Reminder to turn off cell phones. Thank You.

PRELUDE WELCOME

OPENING HYMN # 905 “Come, Thou Almighty King”

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Luke 12:32

- L** Let us go to our gracious God, confessing our sins, trusting Him for grace and forgiveness.
- C** **We confess, heavenly Father, that 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. Forgive us for Jesus’ sake, strengthen our faith, and focus our hearts on Your kingdom, the inheritance He won for us in His death and resurrection.**
- L** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** Amen.

WORD

HYMN “Seek Ye First” LSB 712

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, alleluia!**
- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, alleluia!**
- 3 Man does not live by bread alone, but by ev’ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Allelu, alleluia!**

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KYRIE

- L** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L** Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service.
- C** **Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life;**
- L** 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 Genesis 15:1–6

“After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer

of Damascus?” And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN “Amazing Grace” LSB 744 sts. 1-2

- 1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.**
- 2. The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

EPISTLE READING Hebrews 11:1–16

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born

descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” LSB 733 sts. 1-3

- 1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.**
- 2. Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure.
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.**
- 3. Before the hills in order stood or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.**

VERSE Luke 12:32

L Alleluia. Fear not, little flock,

C for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 12:22–34

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that,

why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY # 711 “Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”

SERMON “Life Is More” Luke 12:22-34

THE APOSTLE’S 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

L Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances.

God said, “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield.” Let us pray for everyone who faces this day in fear.

We join our prayers with everyone imprisoned unjustly, terrorized in lawless areas on earth, or trapped in painful illnesses. Gracious God, strengthen the faith they have or open their hearts to receive the Gospel; give them courage to act

where it is wise and to know Your peace and protection amid unchanging circumstances. Lord, hear our prayer.

C **Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.**

L *[Petitions...]* Lord, hear our prayer.

C **Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.**

L These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

L The Lord Almighty bless us and direct our days and our deeds in His peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN # 801 “How Great Thou Art”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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Reader Today: Kathy Hammar

PRAYER LIST: Harold Holtz, cancer treatment; Deedee Halterman, lung cancer, sister-in-law of Maggie Halterman; Tom Stettler, Southern Utah Veterans Home; the homebound.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tues. Aug. 9 1:30 p.m. Solo Saints Luncheon at **Cucina Italiana** (note change)
Thur. Aug. 11 10:30 a.m. Grief Support Group

BIRTHDAYS

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. 16 Jeff & Andrea Meckley Aug. 20 Bill & Karen Warner
Aug. 23 Fritz & Barbara Reed Aug. 31 Michael & Ann Scott

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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