



As We Gather 18th Sunday after Pentecost Sept. 22, 2024

Jeremiah didn't have it easy, confronting enemies of himself and of God. Even his friends have betrayed him! So the prophet relies on God's faithful promises, just as David had to do as he wrote today's Psalm, which announces, "God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life." We need not quarrel and become angry with the world around us, James writes in the Epistle. God responds better to those who have "the meekness of wisdom." Our Lord was faithful in His earthly ministry despite betrayal from one of His followers. In today's Gospel He teaches the Twelve about true greatness even when they cannot understand His coming execution and resurrection. It is His faithfulness for us that buoys us up in the face of the conflicts around us. And that's what we celebrate today.

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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 and hold any applause for acknowledgements during the announcements. 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 to 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
WELCOME

PREPARATION

HYMN “At The Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” *LSB 633 sts. 1–4*

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 54:1–2*

- P** O God, save me, by Your name,
C and vindicate me by Your might.
P O God, hear my prayer;
C give ear to the words of my mouth.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father.
C Almighty God, I confess all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. I have relied on my own strength to endure during temptation and persecution rather than Your faithful protection. I am sorry for these my faults and ask Your forgiveness and pardon that I may return Your faithfulness with ongoing reliance of faith.
P In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. God grant deliverance from every trouble and set your feet to walk in His ways now and always.
C Amen.

WORD

INTROIT *Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4*

- P** Delight yourself in the LORD,
C and He will give you the desires of your heart.
P Commit your way to the Lord;
C trust in Him, and He will act.

P He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,

C and your justice as the noonday.

P Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him;

C fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

ALL: 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 Delight yourself in the LORD,

C and He will give you the desires of your heart.

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HYMN “At The Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” *LSB 633 sts. 5–8*

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness,

C grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed;

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 **Jeremiah 11:18–20**

“The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more.” But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING James 3:13—4:10

“Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Mark 9:35b*

P Alleluia. If anyone would be first,

C **he must be last of all and servant of all. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL **Mark 9:30–37**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

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

“The disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” But they did not understand the saying,

and were afraid to ask him. And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY #851 “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

SERMON

APOSTLES’ CREED

P 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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. O Lord of hosts, You oppose the proud and give grace to the humble. Help us by Your Spirit to submit ourselves to You and resist the devil, that he would flee from us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of hosts, give our Synod’s leaders and all pastors the wisdom that comes down from above, that they may be peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of

mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. Let them sow among us in peace, and grant a harvest of righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of hosts, pacify our passions by Your Spirit, that we may not be ruled by the jealousy and selfish ambition that give rise to disorder and every vile practice. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of hosts, uphold this world in Your order. Preserve the Church and the preaching of Your Word against all enemies. Bless our homes, that parents and children may serve one another faithfully and grow in instruction and faith until life's end. Give health and wisdom to all who serve in public office, that their authority may be exercised for the benefit of our people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of hosts, look with kindness on the sick and those in any need [*especially* _____]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of hosts, give us faith to draw near to Your altar in repentance, that we may receive Your Son with cleansed hands and purified hearts as He draws near to us in His body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord of hosts, grant that what we ask from You may not be squandered after our passions, but sought rightly in faith, that we may receive them and put them to service for You and our neighbors; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “We Praise You, O God” LSB 785

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator.

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before You,

We kneel and adore You; we bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. In total grace You sent Your Son to be our Savior. Though He was betrayed by one of His own followers, He obediently gave Himself into death for us all. Because He has risen and lives to all eternity, we and all who trust in Him for salvation join angels and archangels and all the company of heaven to 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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LORD' 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

There Is A Redeemer *LSB 971*



- 1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



- Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
There I'll serve my King for - ev - er In that ho - ly place.

Refrain



- Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv - ing us Your Son,



- And leav - ing Your Spir - it Till the work on earth is done.

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#547 The Lamb #606 I Lay My Sins on Jesus #623 Lord Jesus Christ, We

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this gift, which strengthens us to eternal life.
- C** We ask that in Your mercy You would rule our hearts and minds so that we know Christ's forgiveness, seek ways to show love to all we meet, and serve You in willing obedience;
- P** through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

BENEDICTION

- ☐ 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.
- ☐ Amen.

HYMN #950 “Splendor and Honor”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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Altar flowers today are given by Paul & Claudia Havens
In honor of their anniversary. (56)

Reader Today: Julie Kuran

Last Week’s Attendance: 63

PRAYER LIST: Fritz Reed, hip surgery rehab; Mike Ragland, surg. recovery; Roberta Hinson, surg. recovery. Carol VanLente, healing for pain relief.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Thurs. Sept. 26 10:30 am Support Group

Thurs. Sept. 26 3:00 pm CHOIR

Sun. Sept. 29 8:30 a.m. Bible Study; 10:00 a.m. Worship; 11:00 a.m. Fellowship

WELCOME AND THANK YOU! To Pastor Brad Beckman, First Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Las Vegas; Counselor to Tri-State Mission Society and LWML. Thank you for your leadership and message Pastor Beckman!

SHARE THE JOY OF JESUS with our Childcare children and become a “Jesus Time” volunteer! The children will love it and you! And you’ll enjoy the children too! We would like to begin Thursday, Oct. 3rd 10:30 a.m. (15 minutes or so – sharing a Bible story very simply! **Each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. rotating with other volunteers.**) We

will provide the story and ideas for sharing that makes it easy! Let Pastor know if you would like to take a turn or be a regular monthly volunteer.

ALL LADIES--You're invited to the **LWML Lutheran Women in Mission Fall Celebration** on **October 19, 2024, 9 a.m.** for registration, at **Mesquite Lutheran Church**. The theme is "With Joyful HOPE in the Lord" based on Psalm 33:20-22. **Registration fee is \$8** which includes a light breakfast and lunch. **Donations of non-perishable food items to benefit the Mesquite Food Bank will be accepted.** A freewill offering will go to the Mesquite Victim Advocates. For more information and to **RSVP by October 12, 2024, please contact Barbara Coverdale at 307-871-5875 or bcoverda@wyoming.com**. Please join us as we celebrate our Lord!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY will be on **Mondays at 1:00 p.m. beginning Oct.7th**. Our study will be on the book "**The Jesus You Can't Ignore**" By John MacArthur. You can order from christianbook.com (Amazon may be out). There is also an optional Study Guide book (workbook) you can order if you desire.

BIRTHDAYS

Sep. 26 James Liebsack

Sep. 28 Den Hood

Sep. 29 Ila Larson

ANNIVERSARIES

Sep. 22 Paul & Claudia Havens

Sep. 24 Marvin & Judy Ferdina

Sep. 28 Brandy & Greg Sula

Sep. 30 Kenneth & Nancy Schleiger

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