

Enter into his gates with
THANKSGIVING
and into his courts with **PRAISE**
be thankful to him and bless his name
For the **GOOD** his mercy is
LORD is **EVERLASTING**
and his **TRUTH** endureth to all generations. Psalm 100:4-5

As We Gather 16th Sunday after Pentecost Sept. 25, 2022

“The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side,” and “the rich man also died and was buried” (Luke 16:22). The poor man Lazarus, who knew many bad things on earth, began to be comforted forever, whereas the rich man, after a lifetime of good things, began to be “in anguish” (Luke 16:25). Therefore, “woe to those who are at ease in Zion” (Amos 6:1), for “the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away” (Amos 6:7). The wealthy are urged “not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches,” but “to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share” (1 Tim. 6:17–18). Covetous desire for what God has not given is idolatry and “a root of all kinds of evils” (1 Tim. 6:10). Contentment belongs to faith, by which the Christian has “great gain” in godliness (1 Tim. 6:6).

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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
WELCOME

PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP “Holy Spirit, Thou Are Welcome” **D. Rambo**
Soloist: Jean Anderson

OPENING HYMN # 850 “God Of Grace And God Of Glory”

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 90:1, 12; 86:11–12; 119:159–160*

- P** Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.
- G** **Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.**
- P** Consider how I love Your precepts! Give me life according to Your steadfast love.
- G** **The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your just and righteous decrees endures forever.**
- P** Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.
- G** **I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify Your name forever.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on “Confession” in the Small Catechism by Dr. Martin Luther instructs us with these words:
- G** **Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**
- P** Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

C O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

P God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

C Amen.

P As you believe, so let it be. 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.

WORD

INTROIT *Psalm 119:73–75, 77; antiphon: v. 76*

P Let Your steadfast love comfort me according to Your promise to Your servant.

C **Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn Your commandments.**

P Those who fear You shall see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in Your word.

C **I know, O LORD, that Your just decrees are righteous, and that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.**

P Let Your mercy come to me, that I may live; for Your law is my delight.

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.**

P Let Your steadfast love comfort me according to Your promise to Your servant.

KYRIE

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For peace from God and peace among our brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For peace among all who seek to serve Christ and support His Church, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who gather here to be strengthened in faith and encouraged in service, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “This Is The Feast” LSB 155

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; 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 Amos 6:1–7

“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? “Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

P He will command his angels concerning you

C **to guard you in all your ways.**

P Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C **and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

EPISTLE READING 1 Timothy 3:1–13

“The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God’s church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil. Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and

their own households well. For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

P Alleluia. If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets,
neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.

C Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 16:19–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY # 673 “Jerusalem, My Happy Home” Sts. 1, 2, 5, 6

SERMON “Bridge Across The Great Divide” Luke 16:19-31

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

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. [*Petitions...*]

P ...Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P ... Answer all doubt and fear, O Lord, with confidence in Your Word and Sacraments, that by these Means of Grace we may be kept in holiness and guarded from temptation and despair until the day when You bring all things to their perfect fulfillment and we are delivered to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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, Lord our God, for You have graciously blessed us through the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who for our sake died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death. Confident of His compassion on us and rejoicing in the company of the saints on earth and those above, we laud and magnify Your holy name:

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.**

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 198

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#801 How Great Thou Art #549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
#686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing #744 Amazing Grace

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, we thank You for having fed us with Your life-giving food. Strengthen us through the same to make our good confession, fighting the good fight of the faith. Finally, grant us a portion with the saints in light eternal. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our everlasting High Priest, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, world without end.
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 # 861 “Christ Be My Leader”

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

Wed. Sept. 28 11:00 a.m. Childcare Chapel
Thur. Sept. 29 10:30 a.m. Grief Support Group
Thur. Sept. 29 11:00 a.m. Jesus Time (Childcare Ctr)

BIRTHDAYS

9-26 James Liebsack 9-27 Georgia Townsend
9-28 Den Hood 9-29 Ila Larson 10-2 Lyle Nowicki

ANNIVERSARIES

9-30 Kenneth & Nancy Schleiger

Hello Ladies!!! I am so excited to announce a new year of **Women’s Bible Study!** The friendships we’ve made over the last few years have been so encouraging to me and I am looking forward to another wonderful year. We will be starting up our weekly Bible study for women on **Wednesday, October 5th, 2022.** The time this year will be **9:30 am-11:00am.** (So we can finish before Preschool Chapel starts). I have selected a study by Sarah Young, the author of the Jesus Calling devotionals. I have used her devotionals and I know many of you are familiar with her as well. This study is called, “**Jesus Calling-Putting Jesus First.**” The **book is \$7.00** and I currently have 19 available copies, so **if you plan on coming let me know as soon as possible so I can order enough for all of us.** If you are a snowbird and reading this from somewhere cool, let me know **by phone or email** you will be joining us.

I would also like to encourage anyone who has never been to a Women’s bible study to give us a try. These are discussion-driven lessons will help you in so many ways and I

know you will find them a blessing! Can't wait to see you there! In Christ, Christine Constien constien.christine@gmail.com 815-409-2035.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY begins **Thursday, Oct. 6th at 1:00-2:30 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. We will undertake a **LifeLight study of Prophecy!** Prophecy examines Old Testament promises and the fulfillment of those promises in the New Testament, the School of Prophets, the end of the world, and much more. LifeLight is an in-depth Bible study that includes: **individual daily home study** (15-30 min. for each of 5 days prior to meeting), **discussion** as a small group, a **lecture** presentation on the Scripture, and an enhancement of the week's material through articles in an **enrichment magazine**. No special knowledge, experience, or skills in Bible study needed, only a level of **commitment in attendance and readings for 9 weeks**. To have materials available for advance preparation, please let Pastor know by email: pastor@mesquitelutheran.org or call 815-409-1156 to register for the study.

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

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