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MISSION FRONTIERS

Mission Lutheran Church, Las Cruces, NM

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about Me. (John 5:39)

As I write this, we have just celebrated All Saints' Day. We have just a few more weeks before we begin a new Church Year with the season of Advent. It's a common practice in many Lutheran congregations, including ours, to have extra midweek services during the season of Advent, as well as Lent. This gives us an opportunity to immerse ourselves all the more in the Word and to prepare ourselves for the joyful celebrations to come.

Over the last couple of years, I have preached sermon series that held a unified theme between Advent and Lent, and it is my intention to do the same this coming year. The theme that we will examine in our Advent and Lent services are ways in which Christ is foreshadowed in the Old Testament. More specifically, we will be examining different examples of what we call typology.

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Important Dates:

November 26 : Thanksgiving



Typology is generally understood as a person or event that points to Christ and is fulfilled in Christ. The “type” is the historical person or event that points to the “antitype,” that is, Jesus Christ. This differs from prophecies that foretell the future. For example, Isaiah prophesies that the Christ will act as our great High Priest when he writes, “Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the many, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet He bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors” (Isaiah 53:12). To be an intercessor is most certainly a High Priestly function, and Isaiah’s words point us to the reality.

At the same time, the author of the book of Hebrews tells us that Jesus is a High Priest after the order of Melchizedek. Melchizedek was not a metaphor or a parable, but was a real historical person who was the king and priest of Salem. He only appears in one chapter in the Scriptures when he met Abraham and blessed him. Yet the Psalms and the book of Hebrews affirm that his role as both a king and priest, and the fact that he was not within the Levitical priesthood, shows that he is a type of the One to come.

It would be too large a task to examine every type of Christ in the Old Testament. Jesus affirmed that all of the Scriptures bear witness about Him, and He is most certainly active on every page of the Old Testament. But there are several typologies that we will be able to examine.

During Advent, we will focus on three figures and how they were “types” of Christ: Adam, Enoch, and Elijah. Adam is a type of Christ in that, as in him all died in sin, likewise in Christ all are made alive by His death and resurrection. Enoch is a type of Christ in that he walked with God and was caught up to heaven. Elijah, like Enoch, typifies Christ in being taken up to heaven, but also is a type which is fulfilled in John the Baptist, the forerunner of the Messiah.

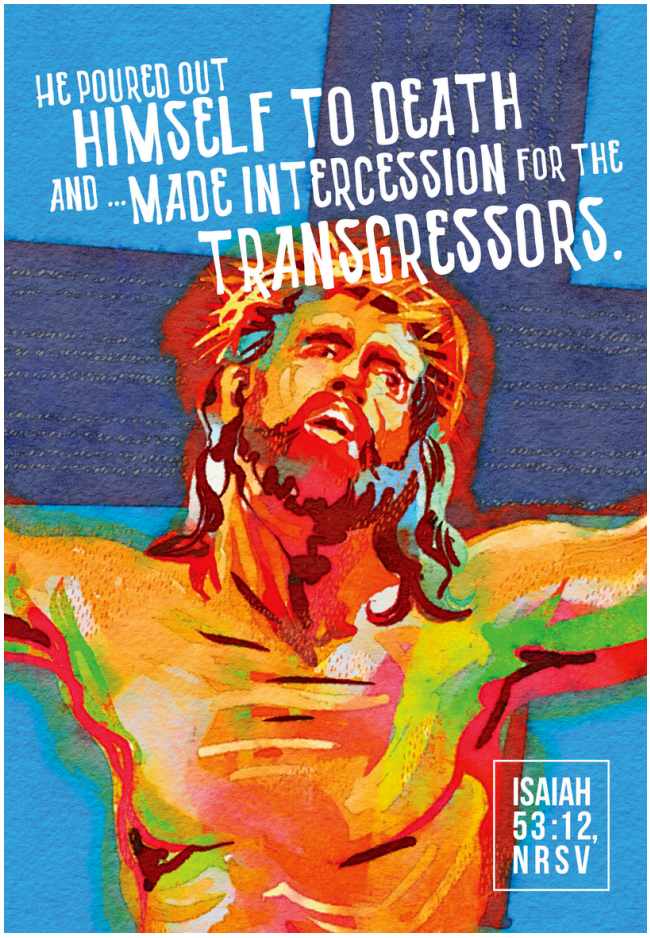
During Lent, the types we will examine will include Isaac, David, Solomon, Moses, Aaron, Melchizedek, and Daniel. Isaac typified Christ when he, as the only beloved son, bore the wood for his sacrifice up the mountain and willingly submitted to death. David typified Christ in many ways, and one of the most prominent examples was when he stood as the champion of God’s people against Goliath. Solomon was a type of Christ in that he was the son of David who was blessed with the throne and the kingdom of David his father. Moses served as a type of Christ in his intercessory role, speaking with God face-to-face, and standing in the breech to turn away God’s wrath. Aaron was a type of Christ in his role as the high priest, offering intercessory prayers and bearing the blood of the atonement to the mercy seat of God. Melchizedek, as was mentioned earlier, is a type of Christ by being both king and priest. Daniel served as a type of Christ when he was cast into the lions’ den, the place of death, and emerged from the sealed den alive.

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Certainly this is not an exhaustive list of all the “types” of Christ in the Old Testament. And time would fail us to examine, not only the examples of typology, but all the times when Christ Himself appeared in the Old Testament, bringing good news of salvation to His people and working mightily to save them. And were we to try and examine all of the prophecies of Christ in the Old Testament, that would be a lifetime of study! (Last Advent and Lent, we examined some of the prophecies of Christ from the book of Isaiah, and even in that one book we did not cover all that is written.)

So it is my prayer that this examination of the “types” of Christ in the Old Testament will help us to see how Jesus has been and continues to be active for His people, rescuing us from our sins, granting us forgiveness, and interceding for us before the throne of God. Amen.

Pastor Andrew Cave



Mission Lutheran Church and School Prayer Ministry

November 2026



"Built on Christ, we join together as God's house of prayer for all nations."

Johannes Gutenberg invented the printing press in the 1440's. The machine enabled literature to be quickly copied using movable letters that could produce many copies of a text. Previously all written communication and literature was painstakingly hand copied. When Luther began writing about God's gift of grace, this new technology allowed the widespread distribution of his written works, allowing more people to hear and read about grace alone, scripture alone, and faith alone. Today the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod continues to use God's gift of technology to aid in the spread of the good news of Jesus Christ.

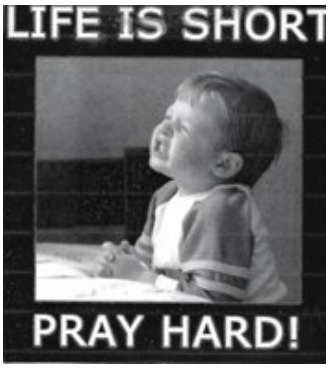
This month we pray for continued wisdom and opportunities to reach people with the Gospel using technology. We pray for:

Lutheran Hour Ministries, which spreads the good news through radio and internet podcasts.

Lutheran Braille Workers, which produces and provides the Bible and other materials to those with visual impairments.

Lutheran Bible Translators, which works to translate the Bible into new languages, sometimes requiring the development of a written language.

And, other faithful ministries as they navigate technology to spread the Gospel.



"Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians: 16-18

Stewardship

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!
Originally Published November 2023

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

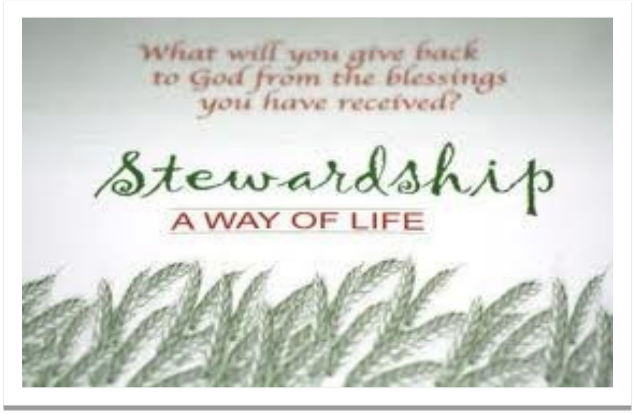
Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most Holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's Holy Word, as a sacrifice. Thus all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies and share with our family, neighbors and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by our holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus we place all that we have into God's hands. He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



Time Talent Treasure

Stewardship at Mission is joining together as a church and school family to keepour church homerunningand growing as an inviting place to worship, grow in our knowledge of the Lord, fellowship together and attract others to know our Lord! God has gifted each of us with time, talents and treasure to this end. Below are ways to use those talents!

Which opportunities speak to you?

Prayer Ministry—we want to insure all we do at Mission is covered in prayer!

- Worship – our Divine Service is filled with prayer
- Intercessors – pray with the pastor, elders, acolytes before service and pray for individuals after service
- Tuesdays -12:30-12:50 prayer for church, school and individual needs – pray aloud or silently
- Wednesdays at 7:35-7:45am – pray with Pastor and school staff for school – optional fellowship for breakfast out afterward
- Thursdays – 6:45-7:30am Praise and Prayer Hour via Zoom – Four current or former elders lead Responsive prayer 2 from Lutheran Service Book, includes open prayer and singing (muted ☺)
- At home individually – email prayer chain and praying with Scriptures from Prayer Ministry newsletter article

Divine Service Support—it takes many to make our worship time meaningful

- Greeter (part of Outreach Board)
- Usher
- Acolyte/ Crucifier
- Altar Guild
- Music – Choir, Organist/Pianist, other music instruments
- Misc – collecting attendance records, straightening pews, sharpening pencils, etc
- Audio visual – sound and computer
- Emergency Support

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Church Council Officers (elected)

- President – Oversees business concerns of church and presides over Church Council and Voter Assembly meetings
- Vice-President – Assists president, recruits officers and Board members and oversees Fellowship and Christian Education Committees
- Council Secretary – Records minutes of Council and Voter's Assembly meetings, maintains quorum determination and reports from boards
- Treasurer- Preparation of budget, prepares monthly reports and pays bills
- Financial Secretary – Maintains scheduled offering counters and confidential records of giving for tax purposes; makes weekly deposits

Elected Board Members:

- Board of Elders – Six or more men are elected to assist in leading worship, assist with Pastor's needs, communicate regularly with members and oversee Stewardship Committee and Breadbreakers
- Board of Trustees – Two elected members lead a committee to oversee building repair and maintenance
- School Board –Six elected members and Treasurer Oversee the direction of our school ministry
- Board of Outreach – Two elected members and volunteer members establish and promote outreach activities to invite and welcome new and potential members. These include greeters, welcome cards, free Bible box, slogans on our church sign and may include community or on-campus events and activities. Board also oversees funding of missions and community assistance.

Committees:

- Christian Education – Oversees Bible studies, Sunday School and other Christian Education under the guidance of the Vice-President
- Fellowship Committee – Provides opportunities for fellowship among church family members through regular and special events typically including organizing, food and/or activities, decorating, etc. Memorial meals may be provided following funerals of church members. Under the guidance of the Vice-President
- ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating out) – men gather weekly for breakfast and fellowship
- JULIET (Just Us Ladies Into Eating Together) Ladies enjoy lunch out on the third Thursday of each month
- Stewardship Committee – Leadership and encouragement to congregation to share time, talents and treasure under the direction of a member of the Board of Elders
- Breadbreakers – Small groups of 6-8 are formed to fellowship, share a pot luck meal and study God's Word. The groups are changed each year to allow members to become better acquainted with one another. Group studies are led by qualified men and overseen by the Board of Elders.

LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League):
Women of the congregation meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm for Bible study, activity planning and preparing "Wee Care" bundles for newborns at Memorial Hospital. Other activities include:

- Quilting –Most Wednesdays at 9 am. Women create quilts for Wee Care, homeless, overseas military, etc. and some are sold.
- Missions include support to a seminary student through special sales and events.
- Provides events for congregation such as Advent by Candlelight, Epiphany Party and Mother-Daughter Tea.



November/ December Birthdays

Karen Reyes	November	12
Cathy Stegeman	November	12
Rosalie Burns	November	13
Charlotte Muchow	November	14
Jerry Del Bozque	November	15
Sawyer Monica	November	15
Vicki Kofoot	November	17
Larry Tate	November	19
Fran Gunderson	November	21
Kaidyn Lanham	November	21
Ciara Aguilera	November	22
Sonya Perry	November	23
Socorro Del Bozque	November	28
Kerri Shaw	November	29
Cora Cave	November	30
Beverly Duerksen	December	1
Don Hallem	December	1
Robert Pfotenhauer	December	3
Oliver Luchini-Angotti	December	5
Bradley Springer Jr.	December	7



November Anniversary

Al & Becky Lujan November 8

Happy Anniversary to the couple married in November.

May God continue to bless you.



If your birth and/or anniversary date is missing or incorrect, please notify Jennifer Diaz in the church office.

JULIETs

All women in the church are invited to our monthly ladies' lunch. And bring a friend!



Santorini
1001 E University Ave E-3
on Thursday, **November 19th**.

So that the restaurant can be prepared, please notify Debra Echtenkamp at least 2 days in advance if you plan to attend.

Call or text Debra at (901) 830-7216

WINGS/LWML

The next gathering of WINGS (Women in God's Service) will be on Monday, **November 16th**, at 6:30 PM in Luther Hall. All women are invited for fellowship and Bible study. Dessert will be provided.

LWML
Lutheran Women *in Mission*

MISSION LUTHERAN CHURCH and SCHOOL

Treasurer's Report

Finance year 2027, October

Budget Status:	**Month of Oct '26**	**Month of Oct '26**	**FY27 thru Oct '26**	**FY27 thru Oct '26**
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Church Income:	32,102.48	27,843.00	111,560.74	118,289.00
Church Expense:	45,258.00	33,165.48	144,200.84	132,661.92
Church Net Income:	-13,155.52 P	-5,322.48 P	-32,640.10 P	-14,372.92 P
School Income:	45,766.95 P	55,321.86	160,263.25 P	192,877.44
School Expense:	52,860.09	45,195.04	181,385.46	177,132.74
Thrivent Funds Effect:	-7,093.14	10,126.82 P	-21,122.21	15,744.70 P

Investments & Assets / Liabilities

D-Designated R-Restricted

Investments:	Mission Lutheran Church Fund	(Morgan Stanley / E-Trade)	D	142,486.71
	Mission Lutheran Endowment Fund	(Strasser/American Century)	R	107,762.43
	Duever School Endowment Fund	(Thrivent)	R	427,202.07
	Mission Lutheran School Investment Fund	(Thrivent)	D	210,484.39
	MLC Youth Development CD	(LCEF)	D	14,236.06
	All Access Savings - Rainy Day	(LCEF)	D	187,427.72
	TOTAL			1,089,599.38 P

Current Assets:	BMO Checking	**55,789.57**	
	All Access Savings - Rainy Day	**187,427.72**	
m inus Dedicated Funds	Youth Activity Fund	3,765.57	D
	Youth Engagement Fund	12,500.00	D
	MLS Reg/Tuition Holding	0.00	D
	Angel Scholarship Program	3,047.77	D
	Apple Tree Donations	6,554.63	D
	Emergency Tuition Assist.	5,850.00	D
	School Security Grant	7,997.68	R
	Liquidated Thrivent Funds	20,352.93	D
	Sabbatical	866.68	R
	Coats for Kids	0.00	D
	Staffeldt Scholarship Fund	10,052.00	D
	Temporary Holding	0.00	D
	Trustee Projects Fund	7,175.07	D
Total Checking Available After Dedicated Funds		**165,054.96**	P

Mission Lutheran Church and School
Council Meeting
August 18, 2026

Present	Not Present
Pastor Andrew Cave **President** Doug Lorenz **Vice President** Jace Melton **Lead Elder** Richard Turk **Treasurer** Brad Mueller **Church Secretary** Jennifer Diaz **Outreach** Alma Lorenz **Council Secretary** Tracy Krause	Dustin Villareal **Head Trustee** Brad Springer Sr. **School Board Chair** Karen Springer

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM. Pastor Cave opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes approved - Council Meeting: 07/21/26

Pastor: report attached. District - circuit wide Elders gathering with presentations by various pastors.

Vice President: no report/. Some things are in the works, will have a report next month

Secretary: no need to print report if previously emailed to the group

Treasurer: report attached.

Financial Secretary: absent no report

Elders' Report:

Stewardship - Generational Analysis Report attached. Discussion of how to engage younger generations (X and Millenial) to be more engaged and active in the church. Pastor prayed over the situation so that we can find more ways to reach out to younger generations to help out more.

Trustees: report attached

Outreach: report attached

School Board: report attached.

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President - report attached

New Business: None

Next meeting: Voters September 13, 2026 at 11:30AM

Anything else?

We closed with the Lord's Prayer and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.





SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nov 1 - “A Shepherd Loves” - Susie Melton

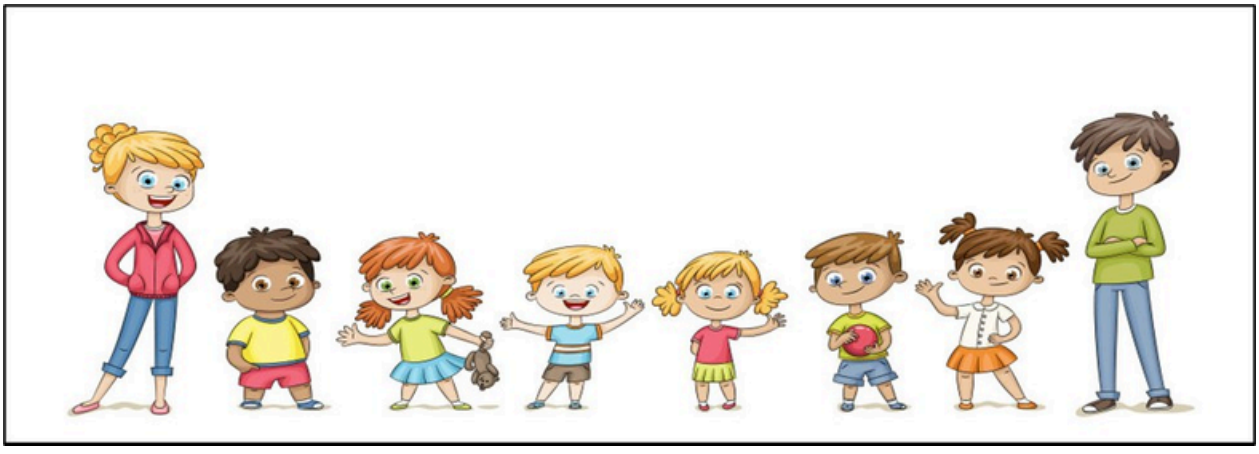
Nov 8 - “A Tree View” -Brianna Duerksen

Nov 15 - "A Crushing Truth" - Amie Springer

Nov 22 - "A Living Truth" - Brianna Duerksen

Nov 29 -"A Revealing Truth" - Susie Melton

All lessons taught to Middle School students by Amy Krohn









Pictures: Oktoberfest and Reformation Celebration







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Upcoming Events

November 7 - Rummage Sale

November 20 - Family Thanksgiving Potluck Feast and Fruit of the Spirit Awards

November 21 - Booth at the Farmers Market

November 23-27 No School - Thanksgiving Break

December 5 - Booth at the Farmers Market

Please join us!

Wednesdays
7:35 am - Prayer
Fridays
8:30 am - Chapel





Thank you to everyone from the church and school who made this years' Oktoberfest such a success. Thanks to all the volunteers who spent many hours preparing food at the church; those who brought in side dishes, desserts and items for the cake walk; and those who planned and presided over the games for the children; those who set up and cleaned up Luther Hall for the event. There are so many people to thank that we're afraid if we try to name them all, we would forget someone. So thank you all!! We will send out a special thank you to Michael Kaiser who prepared and served the main dish: brats and hotdogs. Also thank you to all who attended to enjoy the fellowship and food and fun. If you were unable to attend this year, we hope to see you next year.

Blessings,
Oktoberfest Committee



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We're on the web!
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http://mlschool.net

Officers and Board Chairpersons for 2026-2027

President	Doug Lorenz	Elders, Chairman	Richard Turk
Vice President	Jace Melton	Elders, Vice-chairman	Nathan Graff
Treasurer	Brad Mueller	Trustees	Brad Springer, Sr.
Secretary	Tracy Krauser	Outreach	Alma Lorenz
Financial Secretary	Dustin Villarreal	Day School Education	Karen Springer