

ORDER OF WORSHIP
AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH – May 15th, 2022
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL-JULY WORSHIP 10AM

PRELUDE : Here I Am to Worship & Go Light Your World
Here I Am To Worship

1)Light of the world you stepped out into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore you
Hope of a life spent with you

Chorus

Here I am to worship Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that you're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me

2)King of all days Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in Heaven above
Humbly you came to the earth you created
All for love's sake became poor

Chorus x2

I'll never know how much it costs to see my sin upon that cross
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Chorus x2

Go Light Your World

1. There is a candle in every soul
Some brightly burning, some dark and cold
There is a Spirit who brings a fire
Ignites a candle and makes His home

Chorus

So carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the helpless, confused and torn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world
2. Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to
Light his own candle some other way
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to
Still holds a candle without a flame
Chorus

3. Cause We are a family whose hearts are blazing
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky
Praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus
Make us a beacon in darkest times
Chorus 2

So carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the helpless, deceived and poor
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism,

we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.

For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, God, for your river of life,

flowing freely from your throne:

through the earth,

through the city,

through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever.
You open the gate of righteousness
and we pass safely through.
In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.
You call us forth and send us out.
In lush and barren places, you are with us.
You have become our salvation.
Now breathe upon this water
and awaken your church once more.
Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.
To you, our Beginning and our End,
our Shepherd and Lamb,
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,
now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: 10,000 REASONS

1. The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes *Chorus:*
Bless the lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship your holy name

2. You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find
Chorus

3. And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore
Chorus x2

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

○ Lord God, **you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

A Reading from John

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 148

The splendor of the LORD over earth and heaven. (Ps. 148:13)

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD the heavens;
praise God the heights.

²**Praise the LORD, you angels;
sing praise, all you of heaven.**

³Praise the LORD, and moon;
sing praise, all you stars.

**⁴Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name the LORD,
who commanded, and they created,

**⁶who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not away.**

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters all deeps;

**⁸fire and hail, and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

⁹mountains all hills,
fruit trees all cedars;

**¹⁰wild beasts all cattle,
creeping things and birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth all peoples,
princes and all rulers the world;

**¹²young and maidens,
old and together.**

¹³Let them praise the name the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over and heaven.

**¹⁴The LORD raised up strength for the people and praise for all servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

A Reading from Revelation:

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

READING: Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

A Reading from Acts

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God.²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him,³saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?”⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying,⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me.⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air.⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’⁸But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were.¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter;’¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning.¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?”¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: CANTICLE OF THE TURNING (ELW 723)

1) My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
And my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blessed.
Could the world be about to turn?

Chorus) My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near.
And the world is about to turn.

2) Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame
And to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
For the world is about to turn.

Chorus

3) From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
Not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
Every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
For the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, every mouth be fed,
For the world is about to turn.

Chorus

4) Though the nations rage from age to age,
We remember who holds us fast
God's mercy must deliver us
From the conquerer's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
Is the promise which holds us bound,
Till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
Who is turning the world around.

Chorus

CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING And Noisy Offering for Tricklebee Cafe

OFFERATORY SONG: Turn and Restore Us (Psalm 80)

Chorus:

Turn and restore us, God of darkness, God of light
Turn and restore us, won't you shine and give us life?

Vs 1. You are the shepherd who feeds us, come back and feed us now.
You are the shepherd who leads us, come back and lead us now, lead us now.

Chorus

Vs 2. We are the garden you planted, come back and tend us now.
We're thankful for what you've granted, come back and bless us now, bless us now.

Chorus

Vs 3. You are the God of all power, come back and save us now.
You are the God who is ours, come back and help us now, help us now.

OFFERING PRAYER

Living God,

you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together

in your peaceable reign,

and you welcome us all at your table.

Reach out to us through this meal,

and show us your wounded and risen body,

that we may be nourished and believe

in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires, as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us (*local natural areas may be named*). Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Humble the rulers of nations before your splendor. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress especially Dennis Bushkofsky and Jeanne Thompson. As Christ enters our deepest suffering,

remain with those experiencing despair and great need. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and communities. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Give us a place in the diverse company of your beloved saints. Teach us the value of each person's identity, and bless us with a shared identity as your children, kindred of Christ. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

**Please stand as you are able.*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine in the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION: Sanctuary

1. Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

2. It is you, Lord who came to save
The heart and soul of every man.
It is you Lord who knows my weakness,
Who gives me strength, with thine own hand.

3. Lead Me on Lord from temptation,
Purify me from within.
Fill my heart with Your holy spirit,
Take away all my sin.

COMMUNION BLESSING

Presider: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, generous God,
for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silence for reflection.

May God bless us and keep us,
May God's face shine on us and be gracious.
May God, look on us with favor and give us peace.

Amen

SENDING: REFLECTION

Chorus:

Let my life be a reflection

of the love that you have shown
Let your love be my direction, and my heart be your home

Verse:

Until the trumpet sounds and the heavens part,
until the moon is red and the sky is dark
Until the heavens shake and the mountains quake
and the stones cry out your name
Until the hills are sweet and filled with cream,
until the young ones see and the old ones dream
The angel flies, the sleeping rise, and the mysteries are plain

Chorus

Verse

Bridge:

Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: Shine, Jesus, Shine

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday worship services will be at **10:00am April-July.**

Noisy Offering: Every Sunday from now until the youth leave on the Mission Trip on June 6, we will collect a Noisy Offering, which will go to Tricklebee Cafe, one of the places they will serve on the trip.

Synod Assembly: June 10-11, Friday and Saturday, NE Iowa Synod meets at Wartburg College with the theme "Better Together." ALC delegates are Tom Hoey and Shirley Bergman.

Call Committee: Please let a member of the council know if you are interested in serving on the call committee. Thanks, Sue

Lily Pick Up: If you purchased an Easter Lily, please pick them up from the Fireside room.

Midweek Boost: Please join us for the next Midweek Boost on Wednesday, May 25 from 6-7 pm. We'll share a meal, moments of prayer and reflection and

fellowship. Please bring a friend!

Potluck for Pastor Kristen & family:ALC will be hosting a potluck to say farewell to Pastor Kristen and her family on her last Sunday, May 29th.The potluck will be in the ALC fellowship hall at 11:30.Everyone from ALC and Jubilee are invited.

Donations needed for the Youth Group Mission Trip to Milwaukee June 6-8. The group will provide service to two specific missions: Tricklebee Cafe, a pay-as-you-can cafe, and the Urban Ecology Center, whose goal is to bring nature into urban areas. We could use a few supplies to offset our expenses! Please select a slip from the bulletin board in the lower narthex, and return your item(s) to church **by Friday, June 3**. If you would like someone to pick up your items, please call Sara Borland at 319-230-8223 to arrange a pick up. Thank you!

VBS Meeting Sunday, May 22, 4 PM at ALC for all interested volunteers. VBS is Aug 14-17 with the theme "Food Truck Party."

Jesup Ministerial Summer Food Program: Every summer, churches in Jesup work together to provide food to families in our community. ALC is collecting instant oatmeal to contribute to this— boxes of instant oatmeal may be placed in the yellow grocery cart in the church entryway. Churches take turns packing the food that will be distributed. ALC and Jubilee will be packing food at 4pm at the St A's gym on July 6 and July 20. Come one or both times. See Mary Adams if you have any questions.

Support Ukrainian Refugees: To support Lutheran Disaster Response through the congregation, indicate "Eastern Europe Crisis" on your donation, or give online at <https://community.elca.org/eastern-europe-crisis-responseelca.org>.

Donations: ALC member **Stephanie Winkelpleck, diagnosed with** Acute Myeloid Leukemia,thanks you for your generous giving. To help, please designate your donation. **Caring Bridge** link:
<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/stephaniewittwinkelpleck>.

Prayer Shawl meets Tuesdays, 10 AM - noon. Enjoy fellowship while knitting and crocheting. New members welcome. The shawls and blankets are shared with those who are ill, grieving, and in need of comfort.

Military members: Jordan and Justin are deployed to an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia for several months. Jeryn Loyd is in the Army Reserves and is a student at Iowa State. Please contact the church office to add other names who serve. We'd like to remember them in our prayers.

ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:

Pastor: Pastor Kristen Rod

Music: Praise Team

Usher: Bergman family

Nuehring family

Reader:

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday May 15th:

10am Contemporary Worship and communion

Tuesday May 17th:

10am -12pm Prayer Shawl

Sunday May 22nd:

10am Worship and communion

4pm VBS Meeting Sunday at ALC

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance **5/8/22:** 55

Current **5/5/22:** \$13,841.75

Offering: **05/08/22**

Current: \$1,670

Benevolence: \$82

Improvement: \$110

Telephone Co Credit: \$945.32

