

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH – May 29th 2022
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL-JULY WORSHIP 10AM**

Now The Feast & Celebration

An Alternative Eucharistic Setting by Marty Haugen

PRELUDE Shirley Bergman

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: LET STREAMS OF LIVING JUSTICE, ELW 710

**1 Let streams of living justice
flow down upon the earth;
give freedom's light to captives,
let all the poor have worth.**

**The hungry's hands are pleading,
the workers claim their rights,
the mourners long for laughter,
the blinded seek for sight.**

**Make liberty a beacon,
strike down the iron pow'r;
abolish ancient vengeance:
proclaim your people's hour.**

**2 For healing of the nations,
for peace that will not end,
for love that makes us lovers,
God grant us grace to mend.**

**Weave our varied gifts together;
knit our lives as they are spun;
on your loom of time enroll us
till our thread of life is run.**

**O great weaver of our fabric,
bind church and world in one;
dye our texture with your radiance,
light our colors with your sun.**

3 Your city's built to music;

**we are the stones you seek;
your harmony is language;
we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service,
our hope in others' dreams,
our love in hand of neighbor;
our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice;
your way—the path untried;
your truth—the heart of stranger;
your life—the Crucified.**

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Stand

Presider: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Presider: Most merciful God,

Congregation: **Have mercy on us.**

We confess to you 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved on another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen

Presider: With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgive you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Stand

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

P: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, lord have mercy.

P: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, lord have mercy.

P: For your people here who have come to give you praise for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, lord have mercy.

P: Help, save and defend us, O God.

C: Amen.

NOW THE FEAST

Now the feast and celebration,
All of creation sings for joy
To the God of life and love and freedom:
Praise and glory for evermore!

1) Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain
Whose blood has freed and united us
To be one great people of God.
Now the feast and celebration,
All of creation sings for joy
To the God of life and love and freedom:
Praise and glory for evermore!

2) Power and riches, wisdom and might
All honor and glory to Christ forever.

Now the feast and celebration,
All of creation sings for joy
To the God of life and love and freedom:
Praise and glory for evermore!

3) For God has come to dwell with us,
To make us people of God;
To make all things new.

Now the feast and celebration,

All of creation sings for joy
To the God of life and love and freedom:
Praise and glory for evermore!

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you

PRAYER OF THE DAY

○ God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: John 17:20-26

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

A Reading from John:

[Jesus prayed:]²⁰"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word,²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one,²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me.²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 97

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous. (Ps.:12)

¹The Lord; let there rejoice;

let the multitude of the be glad.

²**Clouds and darkness surround the Lord,
righteousness and justice are the foundations God's throne.**

³Fire goes before the Lord,
burning up enemies on every side.

⁴**Lightnings light the world;
the earth and trembles.**

⁵The mountains like wax
before the Lord of the earth.

⁶**The heavens declare your righteousness, O Lord,
and all the peoples see your glory.**

⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!
Bow down before the Lord, you gods.

⁸**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O Lord.**

⁹For you are the Lord, most high over the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰**You who love the Lord, hate evil!**

**God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the
wicked.**

¹¹Light dawned for the righteous,
and joy for the honest of heart.

¹²**Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's name.**

Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

¹²"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work.¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."
And let everyone who hears say, "Come."
And let everyone who is thirsty come.
Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.
²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!**

SERMON READING: Acts 16:16-34

Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

A Reading from Acts:

⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling.¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation."¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities.²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe."²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so

violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped.²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here."²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay.³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL, ELW 785

**1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

Refrain

**It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. Refrain**

**3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain

4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. Refrain

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: As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
Were gathered into one to become out bread;
So may all your people from all the ends of earth
Be gathered into one in you

1. As this this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain*
2. Let this be a foretaste of all this is to come when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

Holy God, make your people one as you and your Son are one. Extend the gifts we have been given by your Spirit to all people, especially those experiencing division or questioning your love. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Make worthy the work of scientists who look to the stars and planets, as well as scientists who look to atoms and molecules. Bring innovation and well-being to humanity through their discoveries. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of resurrection, we remember before you those who have died this past week in Uvalde, Texas. We commend them to your eternal love. Grant healing and wholeness to the survivors who are wounded or traumatized, and restore all whose spirits are maimed by such violence. That we may serve as your arms of care to those in distress, we pray: make us instruments of your peace. God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Keep in our minds those who have died in situations of war, both military and civilians. May we honor them by seeking peaceful solutions to the conflicts that arise among nations and peoples. Grant wisdom and compassion to the leaders of this and every nation, at every level of government, they might make decisions that work for healing and wholeness for all people. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grant freedom to all who are overwhelmed by chronic illness, depression, or constant worry. Open them to receive health and salvation in Christ Jesus through the Spirit's gift of faith. Be with all those who are sick, recovering from illness or preparing for surgery, especially Dennis Bushkofsky, Stephanie Winklepleck, Renee McAtee, and all those who we name in our hearts. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Stir imagination and understanding throughout the church in the work of poets, theologians, and musicians. Lead us into new visions and fresh expressions of your presence. Guide and bless the ministry of this congregation. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Unite us with the saints who have died and been raised in Jesus. Comfort all who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially Eric Clark and his family on the

death of his mother. Train us to wait with eager longing for Christ to come again, even as we sense his presence with us now. 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.

Assistant: It is our duty and delight...we praise your name and join in the unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy are you

God of power and might

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in your name.

Hosanna in the highest,

Hosanna in the highest!

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

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

Order for Godspeed and Farewell for Pastor Kristen

Congregational leader: Pastor Kristen, in the fall of 2016, we of American Lutheran Church of Jesup called you to be pastor in this place: to proclaim God's word, to baptize and teach, to announce God's forgiveness, and to preside at the Lord's table. With the gospel you have comforted us in times of sickness and trouble, and at the death of our loved ones. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you and your family have been important to our life together in the church of Jesus Christ, in our service to this community, and in God's mission to the whole world.

People of God, members of American Lutheran Church, do you release Pastor Kristen from service as your pastor?

Congregation: We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.

Pastor: I give thanks for the memories we have shared and for the ministry we have done together. I now return to you symbols representing my role and responsibilities as an ordained pastor in your midst.

(Pastor goes to the pulpit) I have tried to proclaim the Word of God faithfully among you. Here is a Bible which expresses this.

(Pastor goes to the baptismal font) I have baptized people in the name of the Triune God, using water as a symbol of cleansing and rebirth. Here is water which symbolizes God's gift of belonging in Christ.

(Pastor goes to the altar) I have celebrated Holy Communion with you. Here is bread and wine, the means by which we are strengthened in our faith and transformed into the body of Christ.

(Pastor gives keys to a lay leader) Here are my keys to the office and the church building, places for meeting, counseling, worship, study, and fellowship.

Congregational leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. You equip your people with abilities that differ according to the grace given to them, and you call them to various avenues of service. We give you thanks for the ministry of Pastor Kristen among the people of God in this place. You watch over our going out and our coming in: bless this time of ending and beginning. You surround your people in every time and place: keep us close in your love. You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial: prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together; heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will for us. Help Pastor Kristen and her family and all of us to live with courage and gladness in the future you give to us. Amen.

Congregation: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Congregational leader: Pastor Kristen, you have received a Letter of Call to serve as the Director for Evangelical Mission for the Northeastern Iowa Synod, and you have said yes to that new calling. We send you and your family forth with a blessing.

Congregation: Eternal God, we thank you for Pastor Kristen and her family, and for our life together in this congregation and community. As they have been a blessing to us, so now send them forth to be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS, ELW 765

- 1 lord of all hopefulness, lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, lord, at the break of the day.**
- 2 lord of all eagerness, lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, lord, at the noon of the day.**
- 3 lord of all kindness, lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, lord, at the eve of the day.**
- 4 lord of all gentleness, lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, lord, at the end of the day.**

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE by Shirley Bergman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please keep in your prayers: Dennis Bushkofsky (cancer), Stephanie Winklepleck (recovering from cancer), and Renee McAtee (will be having a major surgery in early June, with a long recovery period).

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

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: We will be forming a joint call committee with Jubilee with four members from each congregation and possibly one additional confirmed youth member. It is recommended that we have representatives from different ages, and we will need both men and women. It will also be helpful to have individuals who have been members for a long time and those who are newer to the congregations. **Please let a member of the council know if you are interested in serving on the call committee.** The council will then appoint call committee members to best meet the needs of the congregations.

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

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.

Lunch in the Park: Thurs. June 9th will be hosted by the 4H Shady-Grove Superstars. The cost is \$4 and they will be serving Walking Tacos, all fixings, desert and a drink. Lunch will be served from 11am-1pm in the Jesup Park Pavilion.

The youth group will be serving **Lunch in the Park** on **June 23 (burgers)** and **August 18 (walking tacos)** as fundraisers to support the mission trip, team-building activities, and future trips to the National Youth Gathering. Meals are only \$4 and will be served from 11 am - 1 pm at the Land o' Corn pavilion downtown. If you're willing to help serve that day or prepare items prior, please contact Sara Borland.

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.

Thank you: For \$25 and 76.8lbs of food. Bless your giving heart. Food Pantry.

Thank you: Thank you for your support of \$523.50 to LSI! Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service! With gratitude, Sarah Green

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: Shirley Bergman
Usher: Bergman family

Nuehring family
Reader: Christy Phillips

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday May 29th:

10am Worship and communion
11:30am Farewell Potluck for Pastor Kristen

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance **5/22/22:** 25
Current **5/22/22:** **\$6,999.60**
Savings: **\$14,828.25**

Tuesday May 31st:

10am -12pm Prayer Shawl

Offering: **05/22/22**

Current: \$1,810
Benevolence: \$337

Thursday June 2nd:

9am Women's Bible Study

Improvement: \$215

NSB Tricklebee Café: \$42.93

Sunday June 5th: Pentecost

10am Worship and communion

