

**WELCOME**  
**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH – June 19, 2022**  
**2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**APRIL-JULY WORSHIP 10 AM**

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**Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we will continue to follow these precautions:**

**Beginning Sunday, Nov 14, our Covid guidance is as follows:**

**Masks are optional.**

We will return to using regular bread/wafers and wine/juice, distributed continuously.

Prepackaged elements will still be available.

Please sanitize your hands when you enter the building and before you leave.

Offering should be put into the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary.

**If you are feeling sick, or think you have been in contact with someone who has recently tested positive for Covid-19, please stay home.**

## **WELCOME VISITORS!**

We are so happy you've joined us today. If you have any questions about our service or facilities, please reach out to an usher. If you are a guest please fill out the yellow slip and place it in the offering plate.

The children will be invited up front during the children's message – please feel free to join us!

All who are baptized are welcome to receive communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing only, come with your hands folded.

If you are looking for a church home, know you are always welcome here.

## **OUR MISSION**

Jesus Christ calls American Lutheran Church to nourish the world by faithfully sharing His gifts.

Praise God that we can worship together! We pray you will be enlightened by the Holy Spirit and strengthened in the faith that trusts in our Lord Jesus Christ and praises him for the gift of our salvation. Peace be with you!

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **PRELUDE BY SHIRLEY BERGMAN**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who alone does wonders,  
who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you  
and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory  
when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word  
when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality  
to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done  
and the things we have left undone.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe  
in the glory of your Son born among us,  
and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news:

In  $\text{I}$  Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High,  
adopted into the household of Christ,  
and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN: ELW 665 Rise, Shine, You People!**

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered  
our human story; God in him is centered.  
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,  
with grace unbounded.
- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;  
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.  
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,  
now are forgiven.
- 3 Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,  
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.  
To all the world go out and tell the story  
of Jesus' glory.
- 4 Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.  
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation  
God's new creation.

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**GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

**KYRIE:**

**Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.**

**We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.  
Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.  
Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!**

### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE:**

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.  
Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*\*Please be seated.*

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

##### **First Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9**

*The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.*

A Reading from Isaiah

<sup>1</sup>I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,  
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"  
to a nation that did not call on my name.

<sup>2</sup>I held out my hands all day long  
to a rebellious people,

who walk in a way that is not good,  
following their own devices;  
<sup>3</sup>a people who provoke me  
to my face continually,  
sacrificing in gardens  
and offering incense on bricks;  
<sup>4</sup>who sit inside tombs,  
and spend the night in secret places;  
who eat swine's flesh,  
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;  
<sup>5</sup>who say, "Keep to yourself,  
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."  
These are a smoke in my nostrils,  
a fire that burns all day long.  
<sup>6</sup>See, it is written before me:  
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;  
I will indeed repay into their laps  
<sup>7</sup>their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,  
says the LORD;  
because they offered incense on the mountains  
and reviled me on the hills,  
I will measure into their laps  
full payment for their actions.  
<sup>8</sup>Thus says the LORD:  
As the wine is found in the cluster,  
and they say, "Do not destroy it,  
for there is a blessing in it,"  
so I will do for my servants' sake,  
and not destroy them all.  
<sup>9</sup>I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,  
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;  
my chosen shall inherit it,  
and my servants shall settle there.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 22:19-28**

<sup>9</sup>But you, O LORD, be not far away;  
O my help, hasten to my aid.  
<sup>20</sup>**Deliver me from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog.**  
<sup>21</sup>Save me from the lion's mouth!  
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

<sup>22</sup>**I will declare your name to my people;**

**in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup>**For the LORD DOES not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;**

**but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,**

**Let those who seek the LORD GIVE praise! May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs to the LORD,**

**who rules over the nations.**

### **Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-29**

*For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.*

### **A Reading from Galatians**

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.<sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith.<sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian,<sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.<sup>27</sup>As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.<sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.<sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*\*Please stand as you are able for the Gospel.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior; open now your saving word.**

**Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.**

**Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

### **Gospel: Luke 8:26-39**

*Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.*

The holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>Then [Jesus and his disciples]at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee.<sup>27</sup>As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs.<sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—<sup>29</sup>for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.)<sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him.<sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup>Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission.<sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country.<sup>35</sup>Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.<sup>36</sup>Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed.<sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.<sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying,<sup>39</sup>"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*\*Please be seated.*

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 496 One Bread, One Body**

*Refrain*

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;  
one cup of blessing which we bless,  
and we, though many throughout the earth,

we are one body in this one Lord.

- 1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more. *Refrain*
- 2 Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*
- 3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one for all. *Refrain*

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## **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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*



Holy God, you hear the cries of those who seek you. Equip your church with evangelists who reveal the continuous call of your outstretched hands and your promises of a home in you. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You hear the cries of the earth. Restore places where land, air, and waterways have been harmed. Guide us to develop and implement sources of energy and food production that do not destroy the earth. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You hear the cries of those who are marginalized or cast out. On this Juneteenth observance, guide us continually toward the end of oppression in all its forms, especially white supremacy. Bring true freedom and human flourishing to all your beloved children. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You hear the cries of those who suffer. Come to the aid of all who are homeless, naked, hungry, and sick (*especially*). Bring peace to any experiencing mental illness, that they can clearly recognize your loving presence. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You hear the cries of those who celebrate and those who grieve on this Father's Day. Nurture mutual love and tender care in all relationships. Comfort those for whom this day brings sadness or longing. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks for the faithful departed whose lives proclaimed all you had done for them (*especially*). At the last, unite us with them as we make our home in you. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

**Amen**

*\*Please remain standing as you are able.*

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **DIALOGUE**

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### **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**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.  
**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.**

### **DISTRIBUTION**

*\*Please be seated.*

Friends of Jesus, receive nourishment for your journey. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Life-giving God, **through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,  
who rejoices over you,  
and who calls you by name,  
‡your going out and your coming in,  
today and forever. **Amen.**

*\*Please be seated.*

### **CLOSING HYMN: ELW 886 Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of your name.
- 3 The name of Jesus charms our fears  
and bids our sorrows cease,  
sings music in the sinner's ears,  
brings life and health and peace.
- 4 He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.
- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

### **DISMISSAL BY CHILDREN**

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

And have fun doing it.

**We will! Amen!**

### **POSTLUDE by Shirley Bergman**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please keep in your prayers:** Dennis Bushkofsky (cancer) and Renee McAtee

**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.

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. We will need 12 boxes containing 10 packages of instant oatmeal for each day of packing. There will be 2 days of packing in July & 2 days of packing in August. 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.

Thanks to all of you for the generous contributions for the personal care kits and supplies for our quilts. ALC delivered 41 quilts and 45 personal care kits to the Spring In-Gathering held at Immanuel Lutheran Church on April 9th. Clusters delivering items

to Immanuel were Jubilee (ours), Tree of Life, Riverside, and 3 Rivers. Totals received that day were: 2,073 quilts, 331 baby quilts, 143 school kits, 699 personal care kits, 8 fabric kits and 20 blankets. Spring totals for the NE IA Synod are: 4,849 quilts, 851 baby quilts, 663 school kits, 2,049 personal care kits, 45 fabric kits, 51 blankets. Thanks again for your contributions to this important mission of American Lutheran. You are truly making a difference in our world.

The Dunkerton Community Hall Board is serving Pork Loin Sandwich Meal on Sunday, June 26th from 5-7 p.m. This is a free will donation fundraiser. All proceeds go towards the general maintenance & upkeep of the hall. Serving pork loin sandwich (pork loin donated by Tyson Foods), cheesy potatoes, baked beans, dessert, and a drink (dine-in only). Dine-in or To-Go!

**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>.

#### PASTORS COMING TO ALC:

June 26 Pastor Kristi Grieder; July 24 Pastor Dan Mixdorf;  
July 3 Lay lead service July 31 Karen Weltzin;  
July 10 Pastor Dan Mixdorf; August 7 Pastor Victoria Shepherd  
July 17 Pastor Kristi Grieder; August 14 Pastor Dan Mixdorf;

**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 Dan Mixdorf  
Music: Shirley Bergman  
Usher: Ray Zummak & Dorothy Thompson  
Reader: Sheila Collins

#### **ELECTRONIC GIVING IT'S EASY!**

Simply Giving is a stress-free, no hassle way to set up automatic giving to ALC. You have the ability to set up one-time or regular giving at a frequency that works best for you. Use your smartphone to scan the QR code below or download the Give+ App to

get started. Feel free to reach out to Mike Waring or Sara Borland for more info.

## **THIS WEEK AT ALC**

**Sunday June 19th:**

**Pentecost 10 am** Worship and communion

**Tuesday June 21st:**

10am -12pm Prayer Shawl

**Sunday June 26th:**

**Pentecost 10 am** Worship and communion

## **BY THE NUMBERS**

Attendance **06/12/22**: 26

Current **06/5/22**:

Checkbook: \$10,126

Savings: \$14,828.25

Offering: **06/12/22**

Current: \$1,325

Benevolence: \$212

Improvement: \$110

Zion Jubilee for Pastor's  
mileage: \$80.15