

# WELCOME

## AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

8th Sunday after Pentecost  
ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten  
Sunday, July 14, 2024

## 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!

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## Introduction to the day



When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

## 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.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP- Setting Ten

### Prelude by Shirley Bergman

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*The assembly stands.*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the † Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

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

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy

Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,

and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Show us with your Spirit,

and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise

through Jesus Christ our Lord

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

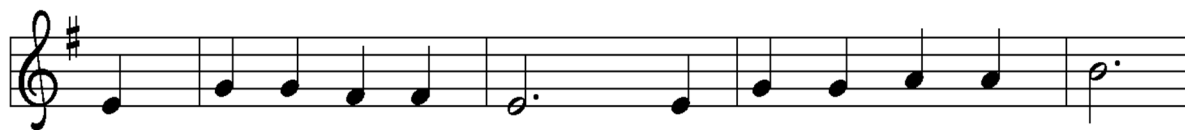
### **GATHERING SONG *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (ELW 807)**

#### **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**



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.

2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;

Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.

Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.

For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

*The assembly is seated.*

### **Service of Commissioning ELCA Youth Gathering**

*The youth are asked to come forward and stand along the communion rail*

Pastor: Claimed by God, crafted with your own authentic gifts, you are a brave community of disruptive disciples, called to be participants in the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering.

In this, there will be times when you feel energized, and times when you feel exhausted.

Times when you enjoy every activity planned, and times you wish you were in charge.

Times when the Holy Spirit will show up in joy, and times when the Holy Spirit will show up in challenge.

And so, I ask you: Will you use your braveness for the sake of the Gospel as you step into the journey ahead? If so, respond with “we will and we ask God to help us.

**We will and we ask God to help us.**

Will you use your authenticity to enrich the gathering and the community of New Orleans?

**We will and we ask God to help us.**

Will you freely participate in the gathering and with the people of New Orleans with the love and compassion of Jesus?

**We will and we ask God to help us. ELCA Youth Gathering**

Will you seek to disrupt injustice, working together in solidarity for the sake of your neighbors?

**We will and we ask God to help us.**

Will you be respectful, curious, helpful, open and kind?

**We will and we ask God to help us.**

Pastor: And now, I ask the congregation - Will you, led by the Holy Spirit, pray for these youth gathering participants in your daily prayers, asking for God’s guidance, love, safety and blessing in their endeavors? And upon their return, will you receive them and their stories/experiences with love and openness?

**ALL: We will and we ask God to help us.**

Almighty God guide, bless, and keep you.  
Amen. Thanks be to God

**PRAYER OF THE DAY .**

Let us pray.

**O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15**

*Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God’s word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king’s court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.*

*The reading may be announced:*

A reading from Amos.

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line  
in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will never again pass them by;

<sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.’ ”

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’ ”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13**

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who

turn their hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup>**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land. R**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>**Righteousness shall go before the LORD  
and shall prepare for God a pathway. R**

### **SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14**

*In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.*

*The reading may be announced:*

A reading from Ephesians.

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that

we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

### GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

The holy gospel according to Mark the sixth chapter

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

<sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the

girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**  
*The assembly is seated.*

## **CHILDRENS MESSAGE SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True (ELW 675)**

#### **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**

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

You gather your people into the body of Christ. Where your church is wounded, heal it. Where it is right, strengthen it. Where it is divided, reunite it. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

From before the foundation of the world, you are God. Revive ecosystems destroyed by human greed. Curb our desire to put wealth ahead of the health of all who call this planet home. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You establish equity and make justice. Within every nation, tribe, and land, cause laws to be written and customs to be observed that protect the most vulnerable. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

On the cross your beloved Son endured pain and death. Bring healing to those in need, hope to any in despair, and comfort to the dying. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for safe travels for our youth and parents attending the ELCA Youth Gathering. Fill their hearts with Your love and grace, and may this experience deepen their faith and fellowship. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

All peoples praise you, O God. We give you thanks and praise for the lives of our loved ones who now rest in you. In the fullness of time gather us with all your saints in light. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.


Amen.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

### Offertory: Create in Me a Clean Heart



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

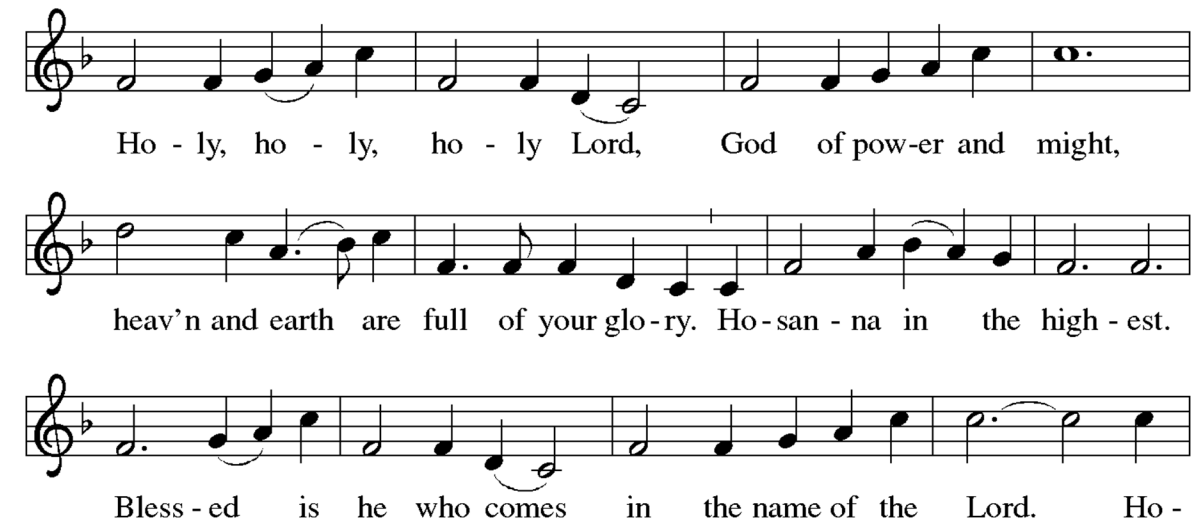
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

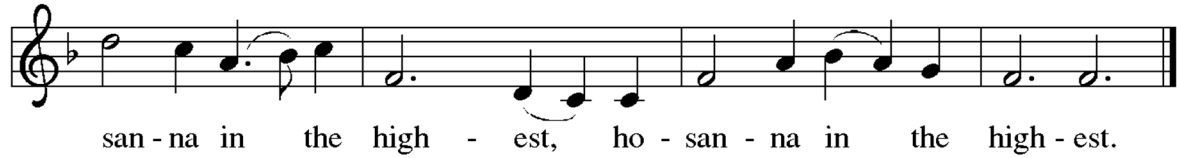
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

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. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

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

## THE 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; 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.**

## COMMUNION

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

**O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to**

**serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**Amen**

## SENDING SONG *We Are Marching in the Light* (ELW 866)

### DISMISSAL BY CHILDREN

Postlude by Shirley Bergman

**A short congregational meeting  
immediately  
following worship service to  
approve an amended budget for  
2024. The congregational meeting  
must have a quorum for the vote to  
be valid, which requires 25 voting  
members.**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Carol Anhalt** would like to lead a choir for our 90th Anniversary celebration. Rehearsal would be Sunday, July 28th at 9:00 am. Please let Shirley know if you are interested in being in the choir.

**Gene Waring** is turning 90 on July 14th. Please help him celebrate by sending him a card to 13328 Indian Creek Road, Jesup 50648

**We need four enthusiastic volunteers** to help distribute items for the Summer Food program on *July 24th*. Your assistance is needed at St. A's from 4 PM to 5 PM. Please contact Chris to volunteer. Your support makes a big difference! .

<https://jesupvbs2024.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

**Prayer Shawl:** Please contact Sharon McAtee at 319-827-6154 if you are in need of a shawl.

**Help us support** the Summer Food Program by donating boxes of quick oatmeal packets! We need 20 boxes for each of our two remaining deliveries this year. Thanks to your generosity, we've already met our need for canned vegetables. Please contribute and make a difference!

**The Independence Area Food Pantry** is hosting a Personal Care Drive on August 3rd! Let's come together and make a difference. Bring your donations to the church, and we'll ensure they get delivered. Your generosity can change lives!

**Cedar Valley Hospice** is inviting you to the 13th annual Release & Remember event Sunday September 8th from 1-3pm Food, Family, Fun and Live music by Flatland ridge.

@2:30pm. They will be releasing 1,000 butterflies in memory of our loved ones who have passed away.

Honor a loved one with a \$30 donation to CVHospice.org



Community Vacation Bible School  
 August 4th—8th 6pm-8pm  
 Jesup Park Pavilion

VBS is FREE and open to all children from the ages 4 through those entering the 5th grade in the fall. Invite your friends!

Registration forms on the bulletin board in the back of the church or online at <https://jesupvbs2024.mycokesburyvbs.com/>



**Calling all enthusiastic volunteers!**  
 We need dedicated individuals,  
 6th grade and up, to join us. Be a  
 part of something amazing! Con-  
 tact Christy Phillips at 319-230-  
 8229 today.

## THIS WEEK AT ALC

July 14th

10 am Worship with Holy Com-  
 munion

### BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance **07/07/2024** - 17

FB Views: 46

Current **June 30,2024**

Checking: \$7870.66

Savings: \$62,986.05

Offering: **June 23-July 7**

Current: \$2355

Benevolence: \$350

Improvement: \$75

Youth: \$100

Windows \$200

Jubilee \$785.20

### PASTORS COMING TO ALC:

July 21st Pastor Pat Mohrl-Kelly

July 28th Bishop Kevin Jones

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### **Military members: Military members:**

Christa Leach has returned from de-  
 ployment and is still with the 434th Air  
 Force Reserve Unit in Grissom, Indiana.  
 Jordan and Justin continue their  
 monthly drills with the 185th Air Refuel-  
 ing Wing in Sioux City. Jeryn Loyd is a  
 student at Iowa State and currently  
 home from Arkansas in the Army Re-  
 serves as Cassidee and Cole. Please  
 contact the church office to add other  
 names who serve. We remember them  
 in our prayers.

**Prayer Chain:** Contact Kaye  
 (tomjones@indytel.com) or the office  
 (secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org)  
 with any prayer concerns.

### **ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:**

Pastor: Pastor Luther Thoreson

Music: Shirley Bergman

Usher: Neuhring Family

Deacon: Barb Hayek

Reader: Keaton Lynse

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



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