

## **WELCOME**

### **AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Reformation Sunday

WOV Holy Communion Setting Five: Bread of Life

Sunday, October 27, 2024

### **Introduction to the day**

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

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*The minister stands and addresses the congregation.*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Amen**

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### **GREETING**

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communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
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**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:  
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your  
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**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of  
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**you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.**

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**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
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### **PRAYER OF THE DAY (WOV p. 16)**

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Let us pray.

**Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our  
weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by  
your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our  
weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen**

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The word of the Lord.

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## **PSALM: Psalm 1**

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## **SECOND READING: Philemon 1-21**

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To our beloved coworker Philemon, <sup>2</sup> to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house:

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<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup> If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup> Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask. The word of the Lord.

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### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (WOV p. 31)**

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

### **GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup> Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life

itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON .**

**HYMN OF THE DAY *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart:* (WOV 711)**

### **Refrain**

**You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.  
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.**

**1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice; so when you call your fam'ly, Lord, we follow and rejoice.**

### **Refrain**

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**2 With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav'nly food.**

### **Refrain**

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**Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.  
3 Is not the cup we bless and share  
the blood of Christ outpoured?  
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare  
our oneness in the Lord? Refrain**

**4 The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,  
no mortal tongue can tell:  
whom all the world cannot contain  
comes in our hearts to dwell. Refrain**

**5 You give yourself to us, O Lord;  
then selfless let us be,  
to serve each other in your name  
in truth and charity. Refrain**

## **CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.\* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

**PRAYER SONG WOV #775**



**Lord, listen to your children praying, lord, send your spirit in this place; lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

#### **THE PRAYERS**

**God of grace, receive our prayer.**

#### **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

#### **OFFERING**

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, lord, And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.**

**Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life.**

**Gather the hopes and dreams of all; Unite them with the prayers we offer now.**

**Grace our table with your presence, lord, And give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you,

**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name. Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving Alleluia

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.**

**Amen**

*Silence for reflection.*

**BLESSING** Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen**

## DISMISSAL

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Check out the bulletin board as you come into worship there is a lot going on at ALC!

Thursdays with God                      Zoom Link  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87086730130...>

Thursdays, 6:00–7:30 PM – Fireside Room or via Zoom

Paul sometimes gets a bad rap—but maybe we've been too quick to judge! Through fresh study, I've discovered a whole new depth to Paul's theology and a greater appreciation for his journey. This series will take a closer look at the real Paul—his background, his transformation, and the way his words still shape our faith today.

**We'll explore:**

**How was Paul raised?, Was he a Roman citizen, a Pharisee—or both?, What did Paul really think about women? (You might be surprised!)**  
**Come join the conversation—you might walk away seeing Paul in a whole new light.**

**GROUNDING IN PRAYER A Training Guide for Congregational Prayer.**

**This is an introductory study of prayer, The themes to be covered include: The Groundwork of Prayer, Sharpening Your Personal Tools For Prayer, Praying for the Hardened Path, Praying for the Rocky Ground. Praying for the Thorny Ground, Blessing the Good Soil.**

**A small group experience for those interested in beginning or deepening their prayer life. We will meet for 1 and 1/2 hours each week for 6 weeks.**

**The day, time and place will be chosen by those who will be working the landscape of prayer.**

**Write "Prayer Group" and your name on a slip of paper or prayer request slip, (pink paper in hymnal holder) place it in the offering plate or let Pastor Pat, Chris or Kaye Jones know.**

**Lutheran World Relief School Kits – American Lutheran has been collecting items to fill backpacks for school kits that will be delivered to St. Paul's Lutheran, Sumner, at the Fall In-Gathering on October 8th. Our goal is to fill 25 backpacks. Items that are still needed are: 70-sheet spiral notebook paper, pencil sharpeners, 12-inch rulers, blunt scissors, black or blue ink pens (no gel) and 16 or 24 count boxes of crayons. We welcome donations of the above items and request that they be brought to the church by Sunday, September 21st. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.**

**Give Your Shoes a Second Life – Change a Life! Soles4Souls Shoe Drive**

**Mike and Chris Waring, members of ALC and the Independence Lions Club, invite YOU to join them in making a difference!**

**Beginning September 1st, the Independence Lions Club will be**

collecting new and gently used shoes for Soles4Souls, a global nonprofit that turns unwanted shoes into opportunities for people in need.

A collection box will be located in the lower narthex. Every pair of shoes helps change a life—thank you for your support!

## **THIS WEEK AT ALC**

### **Sunday, September 7th**

**9am Worship with Communion**

**4pm Contemporary Worship**

**5pm Confirmation**

### **Monday, Sept 8th**

**6:30pm Council Meeting**

**Tuesday Sept. 9th**

**9am Quilters**

### **Wednesday, Sept. 10th**

**6pm Worship Wednesdays**

### **Thursday, Sept. 11th**

**6:30pm Thursday's with God Bible Study in person or by Zoom**

### **Sunday, Sept. 14th**

**9am Worship with Communion**

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## **BY THE NUMBERS**

**Attendance Aug 31st 22**

**4pm no service**

**Offering: 8/31/2025**

**Current: \$1090**

**Benevolence: \$260**

**Improvement: \$25**

**Lutheran Disaster Relief \$50**

**Lutheran Social Services**

**of Iowa \$200**

**Funds for Leaders \$100**

**Current Balance as of 7/31/25**

**Checking: \$6,203.28**

**Savings:32,867.15**

**Improvement \$46,592.97**

## **ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:**

Pastor: Pat Mohr-Kelly

Music: Cassie Gorman

Usher: Sheila Collins,

Wayne Schneider

Deacon: Christy Phillips

Reader: Christy Phillips

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**Current Balance as of 7/31/25**

**Checking: \$6,203.28**

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## **ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:**

Pastor: Pat Mohr-Kelly

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## **WELCOME**

### **AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Reformation Sunday

WOV Holy Communion Setting Five: Bread of Life

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Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

### **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!

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### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **OUR MISSION**

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

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## **PRELUDE BY**

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### **BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*The minister stands and addresses the congregation.*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Amen**

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(In the triune name of God) go and baptize. Refrain**

**3 (Help us to be faithful,)standing steadfast,  
(walking in your precepts,) led by your Word. Refrain**

### **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.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
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earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:  
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your  
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**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of  
God,**

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prayer.**

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### **PRAYER OF THE DAY (WOV p. 16)**

The Lord be with you.

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Let us pray.

**Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our  
weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by  
your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our  
weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ  
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### **FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

A reading from Deuteronomy.

<sup>15</sup> "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your



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The word of the Lord.

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## **PSALM: Psalm 1**

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel <sup>1</sup> of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats <sup>1</sup> of the scornful!

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<sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

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<sup>6</sup> **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed. R**

## **SECOND READING: Philemon 1-21**

A reading from Philemon.

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To our beloved coworker Philemon, <sup>2</sup> to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house:

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**5pm Confirmation**

## **BY THE NUMBERS**

**Attendance Aug 31st 22**

**4pm no service**

**Offering: 8/31/2025**

**Current: \$1090**

**Benevolence: \$260**

**Improvement: \$25**

**Lutheran Disaster Relief \$50**

**Lutheran Social Services**

**of Iowa \$200**

**Funds for Leaders \$100**

**Current Balance as of 7/31/25**

**Checking: \$6,203.28**

**Savings:32,867.15**

**Improvement \$46,592.97**

## **ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:**

Pastor: Pat Mohr-Kelly

Music: Cassie Gorman

Usher: Sheila Collins,

Wayne Schneider

Deacon: Christy Phillips

Reader: Christy Phillips