

ORDER OF WORSHIP Sunday October 3rd, 2021

Setting Ten

Prelude by Shirley Bergman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand if you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG *ELW 876 Let the whole Creation Cry*

1 let the whole creation cry,
"glory to the lord on high!"
heav'n and earth, awake and sing,
"praise to our almighty king!"

praise god, angel hosts above,
ever bright and fair in love;
sun and moon, lift up your voice;
night and stars, in god rejoice.

2 servants striving for the lord,
prophets burning with the word,
those to whom the arts belong
add their voices to the song.
pow'rs of knowledge and of law,
to the glorious circle draw;
all who work and all who wait,
sing, "the lord is good and great!"

3 men and women, young and old,
raise the anthem loud and bold,
and let children's happy hearts
in this worship take their parts;
from the north to southern pole
let the mighty chorus roll:
"holy, holy, holy one;
glory be to god alone!"

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:

Let us pray. **Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are (man) and (woman).

A Reading From Genesis

¹⁸The Lord said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner."¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.²¹So the Lord caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.²²And the rib that the Lord had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM:8

You crown us with glory and honor.(Ps.:5)

¹O LORD Lord,

how majestic is your name in the earth!—

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;**

you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less divine;
with glory and honor—you crown them.

⁶**You have made them rule over the work of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷all the land and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

⁹O LORD,

how majestic is your name in the earth!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

A Reading from Hebrews

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,
²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?"

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

8subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Please stand for the Gospel

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: Mark 10:2-16

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

The holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her."⁵ But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits

adultery."

13 People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. 14 But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. 15 Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." 16 And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

The Assembly is seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 603 God, when Human Bonds are Broken

- 1 God, when human bonds are broken
and we lack the love or skill
to restore the hope of healing,
give us grace and make us still.**
- 2 Through that stillness, with your Spirit
come into our world of stress,
for the sake of Christ forgiving
all the failures we confess.**
- 3 You in us are bruised and broken:
hear us as we seek release
from the pain of earlier living;
set us free and grant us peace.**
- 4 Send us, God of new beginnings,
humbly hopeful into life.
Use us as a means of blessing:
make us stronger, give us faith.**
- 5 Give us faith to be more faithful,
give us hope to be more true,
give us love to go on learning:
God, encourage and renew!**

APOSTLES' CREED

Please stand if you are able

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:

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Holy One, you have raised up faithful leaders throughout history. Empower those discerning a call to ministry and all seminarians, that they continue to be formed for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You have established a diverse and beautiful creation. Revive declining species and preserve endangered lands. Cultivate in us a sense of wonder for the world you created, and inspire us to care for your creation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You desire for us not to be alone and to live in community with one another. Strengthen relationships between nations and peoples, that we celebrate and support one human family. Grant wisdom to all elected leaders, that they might make decisions that work for the good of all people. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You share in our experiences and struggles. Bless all who live with any mental or physical disability. Inspire creative communities, spaces, and environments that are accessible and hospitable. Grant strength and endurance to all health care workers. Grant healing to all who are sick in any way, especially Stephanie Winklepleck, Dennis Bushkofsky, and all who we name in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You have established and nurtured relationships that extend beyond those gathered here today. Bless members and friends of this congregation who are not able to worship with us in person, and remind us of their continued role in this community of faith. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You promise eternal life to all your children. Thank you for the people of faith who have gone before us. Strengthen our trust we have in you. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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.

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heav'n 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.

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.

THE 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

*All are invited to open and eat the individual packages of bread and juice.
The assembly is seated*

We believe that Jesus Christ is the host of this meal, and he invites all people to his table, so we practice open communion. That means that all the baptized are welcome to receive communion, regardless of your denomination of membership. We offer communion instruction to 5th graders; younger visitors who have already communed are welcome to receive communion here as well.

COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand if you are able

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever **Amen.**
The Assembly is seated

CLOSING Hymn: ELW 543 Go, My Children with my Blessing

- 1 **“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**

- 2 **“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**

- 3 **“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”**

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

Service Time: Worship is at 10:00 AM through November.

All Saints Day Remembrances: All Saints Sunday is coming up on Sunday, November 7. At our worship service on this day, we will be lighting candles in remembrance of loved ones who have passed away. If you have a name that you would like to remember with a candle, please let Pastor Kristen or Jessica know.

Fall Fun and Fellowship The Parish Ed Committee, along with the church council, has initiated a unique idea to revitalize our **Sunday School and fellowship** with the goal to involve more members, lessen the strain on Parish Ed, and have more meaningful time together as a church family. This **Intergenerational** concept is an opportunity for all ages to share stories, talents, and wisdom through lessons, mixers, and tasks while being tied to a lesson, Bible story, or values that we hope to instill in our youth. With all the changes that have occurred this past year, we hope that you will come with an open heart ready to find new ways to serve and encourage our church family.

Lutheran World Relief School Kits: Because of your generous donations, we have supplies for 40 school backpacks for our mission project. Thank you for your support! The school kits will be blessed in worship October 10, boxed in Sunday School and then delivered to Immanuel Lutheran that same afternoon. Thanks goes out to Ron and Sue Oline of Immanuel who will deliver our kits along with items from Immanuel to Trinity Lutheran Church, New Hampton, for the Fall In-Gathering on October 16th.

Youth Group: Parents, if you have a student who is currently in 8th - 11th grades, please join us for a parent information meeting regarding the ELCA National Youth Gathering. The meeting will take place at 7 pm, October 6 in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing congregational attendance at the 2022 and 2024 Gatherings. Per church policy, masks are strongly recommended.

Next Youth Group Outing is Sunday, Oct. 24 from 5:30-7 pm. We'll be having a backyard campfire and games at the Stanek's house. Reach out to Sara Borland or Beth Stanek for more information.

Confirmation Class for 7th and 8th graders

Class meets on Wednesday evenings at 7pm.

Confirmation class for 9th graders

The 9th graders will be meeting with Pastor Kristen on Sunday, Oct 24, 2-4pm for their final class session before getting Confirmed. They will be Confirmed at the worship service on Reformation Day, which is Sunday, October 31.

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief

ALC will once again be involved in making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We will begin meeting the second and fourth Monday of each month at 9 AM. October's dates are the 11th and the 25th. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please talk to Sharon McAtee, Kaye Jones or Mary Adams. We welcome all eager helpers! You don't need to know how to sew - just the ability to tie a knot!

ALC Bible study has decided to switch up our study this fall. The Women of Christmas, by Liz Curtis Higgs, will be a timely preparatory Christmas study of Anna, Mary, and Elizabeth. With the help of the study guide in the book, we will study chapters 1-3 October 7; chapters 4-6 November 4; chapters 7-8 December 2. Meetings will be at 10 AM. We would love to increase our study members to include both men and women. We do have extra books. Let us know of your interest.

Caring Bridge posts for Stephanie Witt Winkelpleck can be accessed from this link <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/stephaniewittwinkelpleck>. Steph has been diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Thanks for your continued prayers and support.

Peanut Butter: For the month of October, ALC will be collecting peanut butter to give to the backpack program at Jesup school. This peanut butter will be sent home (with other food from the Food Bank) every other weekend as food assistance for kids and their families. We are hoping to collect a total of 31 jars of peanut butter over the course of the month. Peanut butter can be dropped off in the shopping cart in the church entryway.

Treasurer Position: Please consider serving as treasurer on the church council. We have delegated some duties to a Synod resource to alleviate some of the responsibilities. If interested, contact a council member or the office.

Mobile Giving App If you give your regular contributions using Give Plus App, we have been notified that they will stop supporting the Give Plus app as of January 31, 2022. You should download the new app called Vanco Mobile to continue using. Note: your username and password will remain the same, and any recurring payments you have scheduled will continue in the new app. **If you do not currently have anything setup, now is a great time to download the Vanco Mobile app and start your recurring giving today!**

Military members: Jordan Leach is home from Sheppard AFB TX. Both he and Justin are at the 185th Air Refueling Wing in Sioux City, IA. If you know of anyone else serving in the armed forces, please contact the church office (secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org) or (827-6626). We'd like to remember them in our prayers.

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BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 9/26/21: 27

9/24/21

Current: 9,894.76

Bank Loan: \$0.00 Balance :)

Offering: 9/26/21

Current: \$1,355

Benevolence: \$60

Improvement: \$85

Youth Ministry: \$136.85