

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH – October 10th, 2021
PENTECOST
ORDER OF WORSHIP- 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 SONGELW 688 Lord of Light

**1 lord of light, your name outshining
all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom
as the servants of your grace;**

**use us to fulfill your purpose
in the gift of christ your son:**

Refrain

**father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.**

**2 by the toil of faithful workers
in some far outlying field,
by the courage where the radiance
of the cross is still revealed,
by the victories of meekness,
through reproach and suff'ring won: refrain**

**3 grant that knowledge, still increasing,
at your feet may lowly kneel;
with your grace our triumphs hallow,
with your charity our zeal;
lift the nations from the shadows
to the gladness of the sun: refrain**

**4 by the prayers of faithful watchers,
never silent day or night;
by the cross of jesus, bringing
peace to all and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge,
making all your children one: 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.

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. **Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LWR Litany of Thanksgiving and Hope

L Almighty and gracious God,

P You have so richly blessed us, but we pray for more, much more.

L We pray for grateful hearts, for a humble awareness of our abundance amid all the world's poverty and pain.

P Lord, we pray for more.

L We pray for the courage to give generously of our resources — our imaginations, our time and abilities, our material wealth.

P We pray yet for more, Lord.

L We pray for the strength to reject the rationalizations which lead to indifference and silence in this climate of entitlement and insatiable desire.

P Lord, for much more we pray.

L We pray for confident hope, in the presence of such overwhelming needs, to know that each offering of money, Quilts, and Kits makes a welcome difference to others, and to you.

P For still more, Lord, we pray.

L We pray for lifestyles of justice and mercy, living more simply, being advocates for those more needful than we, supporting Fair Trade, being

compassionate in our role as citizens.

P Lord, yet again we pray for more.

L We pray for your promised forgiveness for the fears, the selfishness, the thoughtlessness, the suspicions, the self-righteousness which hinder our loving service, and then pray for grateful and greater obedience to mark our thanksgiving.

P Yet for one more thing we pray.

L We pray you would bless those who labor on our behalf through all the work of Lutheran World Relief and its partners, that we would uphold them with our prayers, our encouragement, our gifts, our willingness to learn and to invite the support of others.

**P In the name of our Lord who encouraged us to ask boldly when we pray,
Amen.**

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FIRST READING: 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

A Reading from Amos

6Seek the Lord and live,

or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

7Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

10They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

11Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,

you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;

you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

12For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—

you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

13Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

14 Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.
15 Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM:90:12-17

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.(Ps.:12)

12 So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our to wisdom.

13 **Return, O LORD; how long you tarry?
Be gracious to your servants.**

14 Satisfy us by your steadfast love the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad our days.

15 **Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

16 Show your servants your works,
and your splendor their children.

17 **May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

A Reading from Hebrews

12 Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

14 Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have

one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. 16Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand 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: MARK 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

The holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

17As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 18Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. 19You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.' " 20He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." 21Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." 22When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

23Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" 24And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." 26They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" 27Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

28Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." 29Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, 30who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to

come eternal life. 31But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

The Assembly is seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: LBW 406 Take My Life

- 1 Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

- 2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**

- 3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.**

- 4 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.**

- 5 Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne.**

- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

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.

Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, you bring hope and healing to all who are in need. Grant encouragement and endurance to all who are worn down by the pandemic. Bring comfort to all who mourn, and healing to all who are sick, especially Stephanie Winklepleck, Dennis Bushkofsky, and all who we name in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died. Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. 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.

Please remain standing if 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.

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. *The assembly is seated*

All are invited to open and eat the individual packages of bread and juice.

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 705 God of Grace and God of Glory

**God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**

**2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days,**

**3 Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**

**4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,**

serving you whom we adore.

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

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 10/3/21: 25
10/6/21
Current: \$11,534.15
Bank Loan: \$0.00 Balance :)

Offering: 10/3/21
Current: \$2,035
Benevolence: \$307
Improvement: \$85

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Saints Day: November 7, we will light candles in remembrance of loved ones who have passed away. Please submit names to the office.

Fall Fun and Fellowship Intergenerational Sunday School: After stringing and filling school backpacks, we heard about Joseph's coat and made a beautiful stained glass coat craft. Thank you to those who have joined the families for Sunday School stories, crafts, and the LWR mission project. Join us for fellowship and activities in these new ways to serve and encourage our church family.

Lutheran World Relief School Kits: We have supplies for 42 school backpacks for our mission project. Thank you for your support! The school kits will be blessed, boxed in Sunday School, and delivered to Immanuel Lutheran today. Thanks goes out to Ron and Sue Oline of Immanuel who will deliver kits from both ALC and Immanuel to New Hampton for the Fall In-Gathering.

Youth Group Outing 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 9th graders: Meet with Pastor Kristen on Sunday, Oct 24, 3:30-5:30 pm for the final class session-- please note the time change! **Confirmation is on Reformation Sunday, October 31, 10 AM.**

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief: Join us October 11 and 25, 9 AM, to help cut, pin, sew, iron, or tie. If you are interested in this ministry, please talk to Sharon McAtee, Kaye Jones, or Mary Adams. We will continue to meet every second and fourth Monday and welcome all eager helpers!

ALC Bible study: The Women of Christmas, by Liz Curtis Higgs. The book's study guide helps us discuss Anna, Mary, and Elizabeth. November 4 we study chapters 3-5 and December 2 we conclude with chapters 6-8. Meetings are at 9:30 AM. We would love to have you join us.

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: During October, ALC collects peanut butter for the school backpack program. The 31 jars of peanut butter, along with additional food from the Food Bank, is sent home every other weekend as food assistance for families. Please place items in the shopping cart in the narthex.

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 and Justin are at the 185th Air Refueling Wing in Sioux City, IA. 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: Merritt and Connie Jones

Reader: Maureen Even