

ORDER OF WORSHIP- Setting Ten
AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH – October 17th, 2021
PENTECOST
OCTOBER-NOVEMBER WORSHIP 10AM

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 745 Lord, teach us How to Pray Aright

**1 lord, teach us how to pray aright,
with rev'ence and with fear.
though dust and ashes in your sight,
we may, we must draw near.**

- 2** we perish if we cease from prayer;
oh, grant us pow'r to pray.
and when to meet you we prepare,
lord, meet us on our way.
- 3** give deep humility; the sense
of godly sorrow give;
a strong desire, with confidence,
to hear your voice and live;
- 4** faith in the only sacrifice
that can for sin atone;
to cast our hopes, to fix our eyes
on christ, on christ alone.
- 5** give these, and then your will be done;
thus strengthened with all might,
we, through your spirit and your son,
shall pray, and pray aright.

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 turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**
The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: 53:4-12

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called "servant songs." Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant's healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

A Reading from Isaiah

4 Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
5 But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
6 All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and he laid on him
the iniquity of us all.
7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
8 By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?

For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.
9They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

10Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

11Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

12Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM:91:9-16

You have made the refuge, and the Most High your habitation.(Ps.91:9)

9Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
and the Most High your

10**no evil befall you,
nor shall affliction come your dwelling.**

11For God will give the angels charge you,
to guard you in your ways.

12**Upon their hands they will you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

13You will tread upon the lion and viper;
you will trample down the lion the serpent.

14**I will deliver those who to me;
I will uphold them, because they my name.**

15They will call me, and I will them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and them.

16**With long life will I them,**

and show them salvation.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 5:1-10

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

A Reading from Hebrews

1Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

5So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son,

today I have begotten you";

6as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek."

7In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; 9and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

GOSPEL: MARK 10:35-45

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will "rule" through self-giving service.

The holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

35James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him,

"Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?"And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant,and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

The Assembly is seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 712 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.**

- 2 Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.**

- 3 As we worship, grant us vision,**

till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.

- 4 Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.

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:

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Holy One, for the gift of the church handed down through the ages and for all who carry on the servant ministry of Jesus, we praise you. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who are discerning calls to ministry in its many forms and equip them with your gifts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating One, for the lush and abundant habitat you provide for all your creatures, we praise you. Provide healing for the earth so that waterfowl, reptiles, wild horses, dolphins, and all living things flourish as you intend. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Suffering One, for all who work toward peace and who lead nations with a servant's heart, we praise you. Bring justice for all who suffer violence, persecution, discrimination, hunger, poverty, and homelessness, and create places of refuge for all people. Grant wisdom to all who govern, that they may make decisions for the good of all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Merciful One, for all who do the work of healing in mind, body, and spirit, we praise you. Grant endurance and strength to all who are overwhelmed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Bring comfort and peace to all who mourn the loss of loved ones. Surround and comfort all who struggle with depression, anxiety, cancer, diabetes, dementia, Covid-19, or any illness, especially Stephanie Winklepleck, Dennis Bushkofsky, and Betsy Norland, that all may be healed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Sustaining One, for all who volunteer for the vitality of this congregation, we praise you. Strengthen and encourage greeters, ushers, office volunteers, bakers, counters, committee and group leaders, teachers, students, evangelists, singers, builders, nurturers, and all who serve with generous hearts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Risen One, we thank you for those who have shaped your church and shared your gospel. Through the witness of your saints, continue to inspire us with hope until we all are gathered at your eternal feast. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

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 620 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

**1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!**

It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away all fear.

- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole
and calms the heart's unrest;
'tis manna to the hungry soul
and to the weary, rest.
- 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding place;
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace.
- 4 By thee my prayers acceptance gain
although with sin defiled.
The devil charges me in vain,
and I am owned a child.
- 5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
my prophet, priest, and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.
- 6 How weak the effort of my heart,
how cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.
- 7 Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death!

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

Confirmation is on Reformation Sunday, October 31, 10 AM.

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!

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: Join us to celebrate October birthdays with donuts and to help make "thinking of you" cards. Thank you for participation in these new ways to serve and encourage our church family.

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed: in Independence will be trick-or-treating for the Pantry Sunday, October 24, 2:15-4:30. Volunteers are needed to receive and process the goods. Please contact Pastor Kristen if you can help.

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.

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

ALC Bible study: Join us for the study of Anna, Mary, and Elizabeth in The Women of Christmas, by Liz Curtis Higgs. 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: The food backpack program assists families with our food donations (October - peanut butter) in addition to Food Bank resources every other weekend. Please place your supplies in the shopping cart in the narthex and thank you!

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!**

Save the Date! St. A's Bazaar & Broasted Chicken Dinner will be on Sun, Nov. 7. Mass will be at 10:30am. Bazaar in Gym, 10-1pm. Bake Sale, silent auction, raffles. Dinner served from 10:30-1:30pm. Adult/ \$10, Kids 6-12yrs/ \$5, Kids 5 & under/ Free

You are invited to "The Patience of Mary - Letting go of what is, To welcome what is to come." This is an Advent Retreat, December 10-12, 2021 at the Shalom Spirituality Center in Dubuque. This opportunity is sponsored by Contemplative Outreach Northeast Iowa. For further information contact CONElowa@gmail.com

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 prayer.

ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:

Pastor: Pastor Kristen Rod
Music: Shirley Bergman
Usher: Merritt and Connie Jones
Reader: Mike Waring

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 10/10/21: 20
10/15/21
Current: \$10,111.53
Bank Loan: \$0.00 Balance :)

Offering: 10/10/21
Current: \$1,355
Benevolence: \$37
Improvement: \$85