

## **WELCOME**

**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH – Sunday, October 2**

**17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**AUGUST-NOVEMBER WORSHIP 8:30 AM**

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### **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.

### **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!

### **Introduction**

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

#### **PRELUDE BY SHIRLEY BERGMAN**

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

### **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

In the waters of baptism,

we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,  
and we are a new creation.

For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

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

We thank you, God, for your river of life,

flowing freely from your throne:

through the earth,

through the city,

through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;

You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.

Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,

and our sin is drowned forever.

You open the gate of righteousness

and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.

You nourish us and enclose us in safety.

You call us forth and send us out.

In lush and barren places, you are with us.

You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water

and awaken your church once more.

Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.

Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End,

our Shepherd and Lamb,

be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,

now and forever.

**Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN: ELW 526 God is Here!**

- 1 God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.**
- 2 Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.**
- 3 Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.**
- 4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!**

## **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**

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

*\*Please be seated.*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON/Hands and feet(Blessing of the School Kits)**

*A litany inspired by Teresa of Avila, by Matt Hackworth, Lutheran World Relief's Senior Advisor, Marketing and Communications*

Gracious God, you created light in the darkness

You saw that light was good, and separated it from all that was bad  
You created the light in stars to lead Your people from bondage,  
And so that we might see the better way of living,  
among one another, and for You

**We are the hands and feet of Christ in Your world.**

God, you created the very idea of home in a world of chaos  
the places where we feel safe,  
the places where we sense Your peace  
You lead us to share this peace with one another,  
and with the world  
The peace found in following the one  
You sent to lead us, Christ Jesus

**We are the hands and feet of Christ in Your world.**

God, you created grace  
so we might survive the world and its evil  
Grace for us, in showing us love even as we are not perfect  
Grace for one another, when we offend and when we commend  
Grace for a world that can only feel it  
when we are compelled to act

**We are the hands and feet of Christ in Your world.**

Gracious God, we ask that you take these gifts of earthly meaning  
We ask you to make them Your light in someone's darkness  
We ask you to make them Your comfort in another's chaos  
We ask you to make them Your grace so that  
Your love can live through us, as

**We are the hands and feet of Christ in Your world. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4**

*Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.*

A reading from Habakkuk

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup>OLORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?  
Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?  
<sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrongdoing  
and look at trouble?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.  
<sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack  
and justice never prevails.  
The wicked surround the righteous—  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>2</sup>I will stand at my watchpost,  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.  
<sup>2</sup>Then theLORDme and said:  
Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.  
<sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.  
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.  
<sup>4</sup>Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 37:1-9**

Commit your way to theLord; put your trust in theLord.(Ps.37:5)

<sup>1</sup>Do not be provoked by;  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.  
<sup>2</sup>**For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass away.**  
<sup>3</sup>Put your trust in theLORD and do good;  
dwell in the land and safe pasture.  
<sup>4</sup>**Take delight in theLORD,**

**who shall give you your's desire.**

<sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,  
and see what will do.

**<sup>6</sup>The LORD make your vindication as clear as the light  
and the justice of your case like the sun.**

<sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD and wait.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds  
in schemes.

**<sup>8</sup>Refrain from anger, leave alone;  
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

<sup>9</sup>For evil doers shall cut off,  
but those who hope in the LORD possess the land.

## **Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

*This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.*

A reading from Timothy

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise  
of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my  
ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and  
day.<sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy.<sup>5</sup>I am  
reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois  
and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.<sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind  
you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my  
hands;<sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power  
and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his  
prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of  
God,<sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our  
works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us  
in Christ Jesus before the ages began,<sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through  
the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life  
and immortality to light through the gospel.<sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a  
herald and an apostle and a teacher,<sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I  
am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure

that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him.<sup>13</sup> Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.<sup>14</sup> Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*\*Please stand as you are able 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: Luke 17:5-10**

*On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.*

The holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"<sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'?"<sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'?"<sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?<sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*\*Please be seated.*

## **SERMON- Mr. Drew James from Gideons International**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 759 My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

**1 My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary,**

Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away,  
oh, let me from this day  
be wholly thine!

2 May thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire;  
as thou hast died for me,  
oh, may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be,  
a living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread  
and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn to day,  
wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray  
from thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,  
when death's cold, sullen stream  
shall o'er me roll;  
blest Savior, then, in love  
fear and distrust remove;  
oh, bear me safe above,  
a ransomed soul!

#### 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**

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ (*rostered and lay leaders may be named*). Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your gospel. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster (*especially*): relieve those affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For every nation and for those entrusted with authority: grant our leaders self-discipline in all things, and inspire them with love for your people. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable. For all who are sick (*especially*). God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For this and every congregation: rekindle your gifts within your people, and inspire councils, committees, and individuals to plan and work together that all may know your love. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

In thanksgiving that you have abolished death, and for the saints who have died (*especially*). Bring us all to eternal life with you. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

*\*Please remain standing as you are able.*

### **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.**

### **Blessing**

*\*Please be seated.*

### **CLOSING HYMN: ELW 535 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises**

#### **Refrain**

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,  
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,  
all our hearts are filled with gladness. Repeat**

**1 Christ the Lord to us said:**

**I am wine, I am bread,**

**I am wine, I am bread,**

**give to all who thirst and hunger. Refrain**

**2 Now he sends us all out,**

**strong in faith, free of doubt,**

**strong in faith, free of doubt.**

**Tell to all the joyful gospel. Refrain**

### **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**

### **PLEASE STAY FOR THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please stay for the Congregational Meeting will be TODAY at 9:30 following worship. The purpose is to approve ayoke agreement for the sharing of a pastor between American Lutheran Church, Jesup and Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, LaPorte City.**

The yoke agreement outlines a plan for the two congregations to share a pastor. The letter of call is a separate document that is completed later at the time when a pastor is ready to be called. Each congregation will maintain its own identity. This arrangement is not a merger, not a consolidation, and does not involve the dissolution of either congregation. Both congregations will maintain their own constitution, budget, Congregational Council, and committee structure. Please contact a member of the church council if you have questions about the yoke agreement. We will need a quorum of 25 voting members on the date of the congregational meeting to vote on the agreement.

**Please keep in your prayers:** Dennis Bushkofsky (cancer) and Renee McAtee

**Sunday worship services** will be at **8:30 am August-November.**

**Support Ukrainian Refugees:** To support Lutheran Disaster Response through the congregation, indicate "Eastern Europe Crisis" on your donation, or give online at <https://community.elca.org/eastern-europe-crisis-responseelca.org>.

**Prayer Shawl** meets Tuesdays, 10 AM - noon. Enjoy fellowship while knitting and crocheting. New members welcome. The shawls and blankets are shared with those who are ill, grieving, and in need of comfort.

**Worship Wednesdays:** Wednesday, October 5th from 6:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**The 30th annual Dunkerton Fall Market:** will be held October 29th from 9am to 3pm at the Dunkerton Community School. Two full gyms, filled with a variety of 70 crafters and vendors! Breakfast, lunch, and pie will be served. Homemade

whole pies will be available to purchase. Free will donations taken. All proceeds support Dunkerton's Four-Year School Trip. This trip gives all high school students and opportunity to participate in an educational 3-day trip to a larger city, like Chicago.

Like us on Facebook at Dunkerton Fall Market and follow the 20212Dunkerton Fall Market event, we will highlight vendors leading up to the show. Can't wait to see you on October 29th!

**Military members:** Jordan and Justin are home safe and sound. They are still in and attached to the 185th Air Refueling Wing in Sioux City where they are doing their normal monthly drills. Jeryn Loyd is in the Army Reserves and is a student at Iowa State. Please contact the church office to add other names who serve. We'd like to remember them in our prayers.

### **ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:**

Worship Leader: Maureen Even

Sermon: Mr. Drew James

Music: Shirley Bergman

Usher: Merritt & Connie Jones

Greg and Crystal Lysne

Reader: Sue Hoey

### **THIS WEEK AT ALC**

#### **Sunday October 2nd:**

Pentecost 8:30am Worship with **Special Congregational Meeting to follow**

**Tuesday October 4th:** 10am-12pm Prayer Shawl

**Wednesday October 5th: 6:15pm Worship Wednesday  
7pm Confirmation**

**Thursday October 6th:** 9am Women's Bible Study

**Sunday October 9th:** 8:30am Worship and Communion

### **BY THE NUMBERS**

Attendance **09/25/22:** 25

Current **9/16/22:**

Checking: \$\$10,504.47

Savings: \$20,966.32

Offering: **09/25/22**

Current: \$1,685  
Benevolence: \$472  
Improvement: \$110

PASTORS COMING TO ALC:

Oct 9 Rev Phil Borleske  
Oct 16 Rev. Dan Mixdorf  
Oct 23 Rev Gary Johnson  
Oct 30 Rev Phil Borleske

***We are still working on other Sundays.***