

## **WELCOME**

**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH – Sunday, October 23**

**20TH 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**

Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE BY Cassie Gorman**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life.**

**Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

**Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN: 618 Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer

**1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your pow'ful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.**

**2 Open now the crystal fountain  
where the healing waters flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.**

**Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
shield me with your mighty arm,  
shield me with your mighty arm.**

**3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises,  
I will raise forevermore,  
I will raise forevermore.**

### **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**

Holy God, our righteous judge, **daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting**

**forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen. \*Please be seated.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

#### **First Reading: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22**

*In a time of drought, the people pray for mercy, repenting of their sins and the sins of their ancestors. They appeal to God to remember the covenant, to show forth God's power, and to heal their land by sending life-giving rain.*

#### **A reading from Jeremiah**

<sup>7</sup>Although our iniquities testify against us,  
act, O LORD, for your name's sake;  
our apostasies indeed are many,  
and we have sinned against you.

<sup>8</sup>O of Israel,  
its savior in time of trouble,  
why should you be like a stranger in the land,  
like a traveler turning aside for the night?

<sup>9</sup>Why should you be like someone confused,  
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?  
Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,  
and we are called by your name;  
do not forsake us!

<sup>10</sup>Thus says the LORD this people:  
Truly they have loved to wander,  
they have not restrained their feet;  
therefore the LORD not accept them,  
now he will remember their iniquity  
and punish their sins.

<sup>19</sup>Have you completely rejected Judah?  
Does your heart loathe Zion?  
Why have you struck us down  
so that there is no healing for us?

We look for peace, but find no good;  
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

<sup>20</sup>We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,  
the iniquity of our ancestors,  
for we have sinned against you.

<sup>21</sup>Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;  
do not dishonor your glorious throne;  
remember and do not break your covenant with us.

<sup>22</sup>Can any idols of the nations bring rain?  
Or can the heavens give showers?  
Is it not you, O LORD God?  
We set our hope on you,  
for it is you who do all this.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 84:1-7**

*Happy are the people whose strength is in you. (Ps.:5)*

<sup>1</sup>How dear to me your dwelling,  
O hosts!

<sup>2</sup>**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the God.**

<sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she  
may her young,  
by the side of your altars, O LORD hosts, my King, my God.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they who dwell in your house!  
They will always be before you.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are the people whose strength is in you,  
whose hearts are set on the way.

<sup>6</sup>**Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a flow of springs,  
for the early rains have covered it with water.**

<sup>7</sup>They will climb from the height,  
and the God of gods will be in Zion.

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

*The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who faced death. Though others let him down, Paul was sure of his faith in the Lord, who stood by him and lent him strength.*

A reading from Timothy

<sup>6</sup>As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come.<sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.<sup>8</sup>From now on there is reserved for me the crown of

righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>16</sup>At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!<sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.<sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 18:9-14**

*The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.*

The holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:<sup>10</sup>“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.<sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.<sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’<sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’<sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*\*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**-Rev Gary Johnson

## **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!**

## **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**

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of mercy, you are in the midst of us and we are called by your name. Inspire your church to serve and love all people with the unceasing grace you extend to us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all creation, you formed a world where even the sparrow finds a home. Preserve the beauty and diversity of all creatures with whom we share the earth. Lead us to protect all living things. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of peace, you are an ever-present help in time of trouble. Rescue families and nations torn apart by violence and warfare (*especially*). Unite all people toward common goals of reconciliation and peace for every person. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of hope, you stand with the suffering and give strength. Comfort your people filled with fear or anger, anxiety or shame. Bring healing to all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of restoration, you call us to trust in you and not ourselves alone. Make this congregation a community of humility and repentance, ready to encounter you in love and follow in your ways. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For the pastor being called to our congregation to find the Spirit of the Lord Guiding them to us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of eternal life, to you be the glory forever. We give you thanks for (*James of Jerusalem*) all who have fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith, and now live with you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



*\*Please remain standing as 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.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,  
through whom you will also make all things new  
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
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,  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

### **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.

## **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.**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*\*Please be seated.*

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

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Life-giving God,

**through this meal you have bandaged our wounds**

**and fed us with your mercy.**

**Now send us forth to live for others,**

**both friend and stranger,**

**that all may come to know your love.**

**This we pray in the name of Jesus.**

**Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

The God of peace,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you, comfort you,

and show you the path of life

this day and always.

**Amen.**

*\*Please be seated.*

## **CLOSING HYMN: ELW 207 Thankful Hearts & Voices Raise**

**Thankful hearts and voices raise;**

**tell ev'ryone what God has done.  
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice  
and bear the name of Christ.  
Send us with your promises  
and lead your people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **DISMISSAL BY CHILDREN**

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

And have fun doing it.

**We will! Amen!**

### **POSTLUDE by Cassie Gorman**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**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.

**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 2022 Dunkerton Fall Market event, we will highlight vendors leading up to the show. Can't wait to see you on October 29th!

**Call Committee Survey:** The Call committee has emailed the confirmed membership (18+) a survey. If you have not received it please contact the [ALLCallCommittee@gmail.com](mailto:ALLCallCommittee@gmail.com) or call 563-920-0857 (Chris Waring). There are also a few copies on the table at the back of the church for those who do not

have email.

Please respond by October 31st.

Thank you, Amanda Phillips, Merritt Jones, Bill Schneider, Hannah Borland, and Chris Waring.

**School Kits:** On October 8<sup>th</sup>, **American Lutheran delivered 39 school kits** to the Fall In-Gathering held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Independence. Many other types of items were delivered that day that were loaded on the semi-trailer to head to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Minneapolis. **The total items delivered for our district were: 1,328 quilts, 317 personal care kits, 75 baby kits, 54 fabric kits, 11 blankets, and 1,303 school kits. A total of 455 boxes were loaded onto the trailer!**

Thanks to everyone at ALC that donated supplies or money to put together the school kits. Thanks also goes to the Confirmation students who put the kits together. A special thank you to the ladies who made the back packs for the kits, boxed them up and made sure they were delivered to Immanuel.

Looking ahead to next Spring, we will once again be putting together **personal care kits**. You may want to keep the supplies needed for the kits in mind as you shop the next few months. **Items that make up the kits are: bath size towels, bath size bars of soap, adult size toothbrushes, sturdy combs, and metal nail clippers.** The Spring In-Gathering will be held in April next year

Thanks again for your generosity to these mission projects.

**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:**

Pastor: Rev Gary Johnson

Music: Cassie Gorman

Deacon: Sue Hoey

Usher: Lysne Family

Reader: Keaton Lysne

**THIS WEEK AT ALC**

**Sunday October 23rdth:** 8:30am Worship and Communion  
Fellowship following the service

**Tuesday October 25th:** 10am-12pm Prayer Shawl

**Wednesday October 26th:**  
**6pm Confirmation**

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

**BY THE NUMBERS**

Attendance **10/16/22- 23**

Current **10/17/22**

: \$20,968.47

Savings: \$12,048.12

Offering: **10/16/22**

Current: \$1,250

Benevolence: \$87

Improvement: \$175

Lutheran Disaster Response: \$300

PASTORS COMING TO ALC:

Oct 23 Rev Gary Johnson

Oct 30 Rev Phil Borleske

Nov 6 Rev Kyle Barton & Mike Knpp

Nov 13 Rev Phil Borleski

Nov 20 Rev. Dan Mixdorf

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