

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH – October 24th, 2021
PENTECOST
OCTOBER-NOVEMBER WORSHIP 10AM
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 SONG ELW 673 God, Whose Almighty Word

1 god, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day

sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

2 christ, who once came to bring,
on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight;
health to the troubled mind,
sight where illusions blind;
oh, now to humankind
let there be light.

3 spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

4 holy and blessed three,
glorious trinity,
wisdom, love, might:
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth, far and wide,
let there be light.

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. Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: 31:7-9

This passage speaks not only of the southern kingdom, Judah, and its homecoming from exile in Babylon, but also of the northern kingdom ("Israel" or "Ephraim") and its restoration. The northern tribes of Israel had been lost in exile to Assyria more than a century before Jeremiah prophesied.

A Reading from Jeremiah

7Thus says the:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

8See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

9With weeping they shall come,

and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM:126

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.(Ps.:5) ¹When
theLORDthe fortunes of Zion,
then were we likewho dream.

**²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue withof joy.
Then they said among the nations, "TheLORDDone greatI for them."**

³TheLORDDone greatfor us,
and we areindeed.

**⁴Restore our fortunes, OLORD,
like the watercoursesof the Negeb.**

⁵Those whowith tears
will reap withof joy.

**⁶Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulderng their sheaves.**

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 7:23-28

Human priests of old offered sacrifice for their own sins and served only until their death. In contrast, Jesus is God's Son, the holy, sinless, resurrected high priest. Death did not terminate his priestly service, but through his death he has interceded for our sins. .

A Reading from Hebrews

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office;but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself.For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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 10:46-52

Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again.

Recognizing Jesus' identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark.

The holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

46As[Jesus]his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

The Assembly is seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 722 O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

**O Christ, your heart, compassionate,
bore ev'ry human pain.**

Its beating was the pulse of God;

its breadth, God's vast domain.

**The heart of God, the heart of Christ
combined in perfect rhyme**

**to write God's love in human deeds,
eternity in time.**

2 As once you welcomed those cast down
and healed the sick, the blind,
so may all bruised and broken lives
through us your help still find.
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep
that none may weep alone,
and help us bear another's pain
as though it were our own.

3 O Christ, create new hearts in us
that beat in time with yours,
that, joined by faith with your great heart,
become love's open doors.
We are your body, risen Christ;
our hearts, our hands we yield
that through our life and ministry
your love may be revealed.

4 O Love that made the distant stars,
yet marks the sparrow's fall,
whose arms stretched wide upon a cross
embrace and bear us all:
come, make your church a servant church
that walks your servant ways,
whose deeds of love rise up to you,
a sacrifice of praise!

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.

Risen One, we give you thanks for congregations and ministries throughout the world that serve as centers of prayer and action. Empower missionaries, teachers, healers, evangelists, and all who are sent to share your song of joy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy One, we give you thanks for generous land that produces abundant harvests. Strengthen and protect all soils, from rooftop gardens to prairie farmlands, to patio planters to fertile valleys, and bless all who lovingly tend them. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Ruling One, we give you thanks for leaders of nations who work to build up the common good. Strengthen efforts of reconciliation among all nations, that peace extends in every direction. Grant wisdom to all those who govern, that they might make decisions that work for the good of all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Healing One, we give you thanks for all who labor for the health of others. Comfort and strengthen all who struggle with chronic pain. Send healing and relief to all who are sick, especially Stephanie Winklepleck, Dennis Bushkofsky, Betsy Norland, and all those we name in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Providing One, we give you thanks for all who provide for others. Inspire generosity in your people, so that we carry out the work of making disciples of all nations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Living One, we give you thanks for the saints who have increased our faith. Give us courage to follow in hope until you gather us all around your table of abundance. 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 551 The Spirit sends us Forth to Serve

- 1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.**

- 2 We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.**

- 3 We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.**

- 4 Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.**

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

Rite of Confirmation: The Rite of Confirmation for our current 9th graders will happen at our worship service on Reformation Sunday, October 31, 10 AM. Please join us in celebration with our 9th graders as they affirm their baptismal promises! A Confirmation reception will be held in the basement following the service.

All Saints Day: November 7, we will light candles in remembrance of loved ones who have passed away but who remain in our hearts. Please submit names to the church office, to Jessica at secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org, or Pastor Kristen at pastor@americanlutheranjesup.org.

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!

Fall Fun and Fellowship Intergenerational Sunday School: Please join us in the basement after worship for a time of fellowship and learning for all ages! 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.

The Youth Group Outing planned for Sunday, Oct. 24 has been canceled. Watch for more information regarding a November outing.

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.

Save the Date! St. A's Bazaar & Broasted Chicken Dinner will be on Sun, Nov. 7. Mass will be at 10:30am. Bazaar in the 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

Community Thanksgiving Service: The Jesup Ministerial Community Thanksgiving Service will take place on Sunday, November 21 at 4:30pm at United Methodist Church in Jesup. All are invited! A potluck meal will follow the service. For our offering for the evening, we are collecting waterproof gloves and mittens in kids' and adults' sizes. These mittens will go to Jay's Closet at Jesup School. We are also collecting financial donations for the Jesup Ministerial Fund, which provides assistance with rent, utilities, gas, and other needs for folks in the Jesup area. The service will also be livestreamed on the Facebook page [Jesup First, a United Methodist Community](#).

Bishop Kevin coming: The new bishop of the Northeastern Iowa Synod, Bp.

Kevin Jones, will be joining us for worship on Sunday, Dec 5. He will provide the sermon that morning. Please join us and welcome him!

Thanksgiving offering designation: Any offering given to ALC in the Thanksgiving offering envelopes, or otherwise designated for Thanksgiving, will go towards Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI).

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.

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 in addition to Food Bank resources every other weekend. For the month of October, ALC is collecting peanut butter to go into these backpacks. Please place your supplies in the shopping cart in the narthex and thank you!

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: Sue Hoey

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 10/17/21: 26
10/22/21
Current: \$12,641.22
Bank Loan: \$0.00 Balance :)

Offering: 10/17/21
Current: \$5,690
Benevolence: \$102
Improvement: \$55
Jubilee Travel: \$32.03