

# WELCOME

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH – Sunday, October 30, 2022  
21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/REFORMATION SUNDAY  
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

"God loves us all, both big and small," a child's verse declares. The sins of the world are covered. We are able to stand tall before God our righteous judge because in the person of Jesus "salvation has come to this house"—to our house today. In Christ Jesus God seeks us out to save us.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PRELUDE BY SHIRLEY BERGMAN

## 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: ELW 504 A Mighty Fortress

**1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
and wins salvation glorious.**

**The old satanic foe  
has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might  
he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.**

**2 No strength of ours can match his might!**

We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.

3 Though hordes of devils fill the land  
all threat'ning to devour us,  
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
they cannot overpow'r us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage;  
in battle we'll engage!  
His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.

4 God's Word forever shall abide,  
no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
for God himself fights by our side  
with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
though life be wrenched away,  
they cannot win the day.  
The kingdom's ours forever!

## **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**

**Merciful God, gracious and benevolent, through your Son you invite all the world to a meal of mercy. Grant that we may eagerly follow his call, and bring us with all your saints into your life of justice and joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

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

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

#### **First Reading: Isaiah 1:10-18**

*Isaiah announces God's displeasure with the offerings and sacrifices of a people who are without compassion. He urges them instead to do justice and defend the oppressed. Indeed, if they repent, God promises that they will be made as clean as new-fallen snow.*

#### **A reading from Isaiah**

<sup>0</sup>Hear the word of the LORD,  
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,  
you people of Gomorrah!

<sup>11</sup>What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?  
says the LORD;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams  
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,  
or of lambs, or of goats.

<sup>12</sup>When you come to appear before me,  
who asked this from your hand?  
Trample my courts no more;  
<sup>13</sup>bringing offerings is futile;  
incense is an abomination to me.  
New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation—  
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.  
<sup>14</sup>Your new moons and your appointed festivals  
my soul hates;  
they have become a burden to me,  
I am weary of bearing them.  
<sup>15</sup>When you stretch out your hands,  
I will hide my eyes from you;  
even though you make many prayers,  
I will not listen;  
your hands are full of blood.  
<sup>16</sup>Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;  
remove the evil of your doings  
from before my eyes;  
cease to do evil,  
<sup>17</sup>learn to do good;  
seek justice,  
rescue the oppressed,  
defend the orphan,  
plead for the widow.

<sup>18</sup>Come now, let us argue it out,  
says the LORD:  
though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be like snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 32:1-7**

All the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble.(Ps.:6)

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions forgiven,  
and whose sin is away!

**<sup>2</sup>Happy are they to whom the LORD no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there no guile!**

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning day long.

**<sup>4</sup>For your hand was heavy upon me and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the  
guilt my sin.

**<sup>6</sup>Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

### **Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12**

*This letter attributed to Paul begins with a typical salutation, blessing, and words of praise for what God is accomplishing among the recipients. By remaining faithful and growing spiritually during hardship, the Thessalonian Christians have become witnesses to the glory of God.*

#### **A reading from 2 Thessalonians**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.<sup>4</sup>Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

<sup>11</sup>To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith,<sup>12</sup>so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 19:1-10**

*Jesus encounters Zacchaeus, a rich man who is also a lost sinner. Moved by Jesus' acceptance of him, Zacchaeus becomes a model of discipleship. In immediate response to being restored to God's people, Zacchaeus ministers to the poor and seeks reconciliation with those whom he has wronged.*

The holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] Jericho and was passing through it.<sup>2</sup>A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich.<sup>3</sup>He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature.<sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way.<sup>5</sup>When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today."<sup>6</sup>So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him.<sup>7</sup>All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner."<sup>8</sup>Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much."<sup>9</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham."<sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*\*Please be seated.*

### **HYMN: ELW 654 The Church's One Foundation**

**1 The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.**

- 2** Elect from ev'ry nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with ev'ry grace endued.
- 3** Though with a scornful wonder  
this world sees her oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping;  
their cry goes up: "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.
- 4** Through toil and tribulation  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.
- 5** Yet she on earth has union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by your grace,  
that we, like saints before us,  
may see you face to face.

**SERMON-** Pastor Phil Borleske

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 517 Lord, Keep us Steadfast in Your Word**

- 1** Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;  
curb those who by deceit or sword



would wrest the kingdom from your Son  
and bring to naught all he has done.

**2** Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,  
for you are Lord of lords alone;  
defend your holy church, that we  
may sing your praise eternally.

**3** O Comforter of priceless worth,  
send peace and unity on earth;  
support us in our final strife  
and lead us out of death to life.

### **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.*

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

*A brief silence.*

Keep your church steadfast in your word, reforming God. Deepen our faith and increase our love in Jesus' name. Further ecumenical dialogue and

partnerships and equip us for unified witness and service in the world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Come to the aid of the poor, especially those suffering food and water shortages or loss of homes due to natural disasters. Halt the exploitation of the earth's resources and lead us to seek justice and rescue the oppressed. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Guide leaders of all nations, almighty God. Heal divisions, build trust, and remove barriers that prevent collaboration and cooperation. Bring neighborhoods, cities, and countries together to work for the common good. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Save from trouble those who struggle with hunger, homelessness, or addiction. Strengthen the overworked and give hope to those who do not have enough work. Console those who are burdened by illness or grief Barb Mostek and the family of Jim Kleiner, Dennis Bushkofsky, Renee McAtee, Neva Erpelding, and Danny Koplín. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Reveal yourself to all who seek you. Empower the hospitality ministries of this congregation to welcome others to your feast of love. Foster generosity in our stewardship ministries to both our congregation and community. 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.**

Gather the faithful at the table of your eternal banquet. We give thanks for those who have witnessed to your gracious presence, especially Martin Luther and all who strive to reform and renew the church. 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 729 The Church of Christ, in Every Age**

- 1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age  
beset by change, but Spirit-led,  
must claim and test its heritage  
and keep on rising from the dead.**
  
- 2 Across the world, across the street,  
the victims of injustice cry  
for shelter and for bread to eat,  
and never live before they die.**

- 3 Then let the servant church arise,  
a caring church that longs to be  
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,  
and clothed in Christ's humanity.
- 4 For he alone, whose blood was shed,  
can cure the fever in our blood,  
and teach us how to share our bread  
and feed the starving multitude.
- 5 We have no mission but to serve  
in full obedience to our Lord;  
to care for all, without reserve,  
and spread his liberating word.

#### **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**

**With Sympathy:** Please pray for the Mosteks and the entire family of Jim Kleiner whose funeral was Saturday here at ALC.

**Please keep in your prayers:** Dennis Bushkofsky (cancer), Renee McAtee, Neva Erpelding, and Danny Koplin.

**Prayer Chain:** ALC would like to start (or restart) a prayer chain within the congregation. Participants would receive a call from one member on the chain and be responsible for contacting the next person on the chain. Kaye Jones will be the contact to initiate the chain. Please contact Kaye (tomjones@indytel.com) or Jessica (secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org) to get added to the chain.

**Call for Saints:** Please contact Jessica Saunders (secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org) to add any loved ones to the

remembrances for All Saints Sunday no later than Friday November 4th.

**Call Committee Survey:** The Call committee has emailed the confirmed membership (18+) a survey. If you have not received it please contact the [callcommitteeforALC@gmail.com](mailto:callcommitteeforALC@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 November 6th.**

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

**Contemplative Outreach of Northeast Iowa:** presents an Advent Retreat, "Mary: Awareness and Anticipation." Save the Date: December 2-4, 2022, In Person Retreat. To Register or for More Information Email [CONElowa@gmail.com](mailto:CONElowa@gmail.com) or Visit "Contemplative Outreach of Northeast Iowa" on Facebook. The event will be hosted at New Melleray Guest House, Peosta, Iowa.

**Christmas Program:** Those interested in participating in the ALC Christmas program, we will be practicing and rehearsing for the program the month of November and beginning of December using our Worship Wednesday Schedule.

November 2 from 6:15-7

November 16 from 6:15-7

November 30 from 6:15-7

December 7 from 6:15-7

December 14 from 6:15-7

Friday, December 16th-TBD

Church Christmas Program-Sunday December 18th.

**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: Pastor Phil Borleske

Music: Shirley Bergman

Decon: Sue Hoey

Usher: Lysne Family

Reader: Keaton Lysne

**THIS WEEK AT ALC**

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

**Wednesday Nov. 2nd:**

6pm Confirmation

6:15 Worship Wednesday

**Thursday Nov. 3rd:**

9:30am Women's Bible Study

**Sunday Nov. 6th:** 8:30am Worship and Communion with fellowship to follow

**BY THE NUMBERS**

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

Current **10/17/22**

: \$20,968.47

Savings: \$12,048.12

Offering: **10/23/22**

Current: \$2,025

Benevolence: \$322

Improvement: \$460

LDR NS Ben: \$100

**PASTORS COMING TO ALC:**

Oct 30 Rev Phil Borleske

Nov 6 Rev Kyle Barton & Mike Knpp

Nov 13 Rev Phil Borleski

Nov 20 Rev. Dan Mixdorf