

ORDER OF WORSHIP- Setting Ten
AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH – October 31st, 2021
REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER-NOVEMBER WORSHIP 10AM

Prelude by Shirley Bergman

OPENING LITANY

Please Stand if you are able

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

Blessed be God who sustains and protects his Holy Church.

**And blessed be God
who guides and confirms us in our Faith.
Amen. Alleluia!**

Processional Hymn ELW 504, A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Sermon

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

As the children of Israel enter the promised land, Moses instructs them to love the Lord and to teach God's law to future generations. Verses 4-5 are called the Shema (Hebrew for "hear"), which is still used in Jewish daily prayer and which forms the basis for the "greatest commandment" in today's gospel reading.

A Reading from Deuteronomy.

[Moses said to the people,] 1Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, 2so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. 3Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

4Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. 5You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. 6Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. 7Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. 8Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, 9and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 119:1-8

1 Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who follow the teaching of the Lord!

**2 Happy are they who observe your decrees
and seek you with all their hearts,**

3 who never do any wrong,
but always walk in your ways.

**4 You laid down your commandments,
that we should fully keep them.**

5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes!

**6 Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard all your commandments.**

7 I will thank you with a true heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

**8 I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-14

In ancient systems of worship, temporary forgiveness and purity came through rituals utilizing the blood of sacrificial animals. Now, however, our forgiveness and purity come eternally through the death of Jesus.

A Reading from Hebrews.

11 When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), 12 he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, 14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

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 12:28-34

When a scribe asks Jesus which commandment is first of all, Jesus answers that love of God and love of neighbor are interconnected and define the heart of the kingdom of God.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

28One of the scribes came near and heard [Jesus and the Sadducees] disputing with one another, and seeing that [Jesus] answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" 29Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; 30you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' 31The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." 32Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; 33and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." 34When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

The Assembly is seated

SERMON

Hymn of the Day ELW 779 Amazing Grace

Rite of Confirmation (Affirmation of Baptism)

Pastor: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.*

Each Confirmand is presented by a family member or baptismal sponsor.

I present name/s, who desires to make public affirmation of his/her baptism.

Pastor: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

Let us pray.

All: Merciful God, **we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you**

have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: To those who are affirming their baptisms here this morning, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Confirmand Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmand Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmand Response:

I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the Confirmands and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

AFFIRMATION

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Each Confirmand kneels, and their families and baptismal sponsors are invited to come forward and lay hands on them while the presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in name gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Gifts from the congregation are given to the Confirmands. The Confirmands may then be seated.

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.

Strengthen the church to rediscover paths of love throughout the world and raise up teachers and leaders to guide communities of faith into joyful ways of welcoming, worshiping, healing, praying, singing, feeding, teaching, loving, and living. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Embolden movements of people to care for the world around us. Reveal to us creation's beauty and teach us to care for your fields, valleys, mountains, streams, oceans, and deserts, so that future generations will continue to be awed by them. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Grant courage to all world leaders who hear your call for peace. Protect all who live in lands affected by violence. Strengthen the United Nations and all worldwide peace efforts that help us to live in harmony as neighbors who share a common planet. Grant wisdom to all who are in any position of leadership, that they might make decisions for the good of all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Provide refuge and help for all who lack adequate food, housing, or health care. Strengthen organizations that provide neighborly care to all who struggle. Heal and be present with all who are sick or suffering in any way, especially Stephanie Winklepleck, Dennis Bushkofsky, and Betsy Norland. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out your wisdom upon all voters who will go to polling places on election day and uplift candidates and campaign workers locally and nationwide, that your vision of neighborly love and justice would infuse every community. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks today for those who have made affirmation of their baptism and are now confirmed in the faith. Watch over Kaylie Bergman, Hannah Borland, Jaymn Loyd, Katelyn Zelle, and Karsten Nuehring as they seek to live out their baptismal promises. Give them guidance, wisdom, and endurance, that they might always follow in your footsteps. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for the witness of the saints, especially reformers throughout generations who worked to rediscover the proclamation of the gospel. Guide us in their way of living until we all gather together at 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.

Please stand 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

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
You suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now we pray.
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
You set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now we pray.
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
Eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

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

Lord of life,

**in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Blessing

People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, † one God,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recessional Hymn ELW 654 The Church's One Foundation

Dismissal by Children

Postlude by Shirley Bergman

Opening litany written by the Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel, 2011

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*All are invited downstairs for a reception to celebrate the
Confirmands.*

Congratulations to our Confirmands!

Kaylie Bergman is the daughter of John and Heather Bergman. Her baptism sponsors are Mitch & Hilary Thompson and Derek & Sarah Maeder. Her Confirmation verse is Joshua 1:9, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Hannah Borland is the daughter of Jeff and Sara Borland. Her baptism sponsors are Kari Vossel and Chris Lensing. Her Confirmation verse is Proverbs 31:25, "She is clothed with strength and dignity."

Jaymn Loyd is the daughter of Angie Loyd and Michael Loyd. Her baptism sponsors are Jack Loyd, Amanda Rodgers, Rusty Loyd, Anna Blackway, Haley Weber. Her Confirmation verse is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

Katelyn Zelle is the daughter of Brandon Zelle and Beth Stanek. Her baptism sponsors are Jason and Mandy Zelle. Her Confirmation verse is Jeremiah 29:13, "When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart."

Karsten Nuehring is the son of Keith and Cyndi Nuehring. His baptism sponsors are Carrie Callan and Jason Sallow. His Confirmation verse is Philippians 4:13, "I can endure all these things through the power of the one who gives me strength."

First Communion

Congratulations to Kohl Nuehring, who recently completed 5th grade Communion class and is receiving his First Communion today! **Rod** also completed 5th grade Communion class and is worshipping online today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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 by **Noon on Friday November 5th**, to Jessica at secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org, or Pastor Kristen at pastor@americanlutheranjesup.org.

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 November 8th, 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](#).

Advent resources from ELCA World Hunger: The season of Advent begins on November 28. Advent calendars and study guides from ELCA World Hunger are available on the table by the front door to the church.

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.

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!**

ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:

Pastor: Pastor Kristen Rod

Music: Shirley Bergman

Usher: Merritt and Connie Jones Acolytes: Karsten Nuehring,
Hannah Borland

Readers: Kaylie Bergman, Katelyn Zelle, Jaymn Loyd

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 10/24/21: 27

10/28/21

Current: \$11,606.66

Bank Loan: \$0.00 Balance :)

Offering: 10/24/21

Current: \$1,745

Benevolence: \$207

Improvement: \$85