

ORDER OF WORSHIP- Setting Ten
AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH – November 7th, 2021
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
OCTOBER-NOVEMBER WORSHIP 10AM

Prelude by Shirley Bergman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand if you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Have mercy on us, O God.

**We confess that we have sinned against you
and against our neighbor.**

**We have built walls instead of tables
and have turned away the stranger.**

**We have sought glory for ourselves
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.**

**Help us to love as you love,
to welcome those you send,
and to treasure mercy and justice.**

**Turn us from our ways to your ways,
and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

God, who makes all things new,
forgives your sins for ✠ Jesus' sake
and remembers them no more.

Lift up your heads and your hearts.

Yours is the kingdom of God.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN: ELW 873 Rejoice, ye Pure in Heart!

**1 rejoice, ye pure in heart!
rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of christ your king.**

Refrain

**rejoice! Rejoice!
rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

**2 with voice as full and strong
as ocean's surging praise,
send forth the sturdy hymns of old,
the psalms of ancient days. Refrain**

**3 with all the angel choirs,
with all the saints on earth
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
true rapture, noblest mirth. Refrain**

**4 still lift your standard high,
still march in firm array,
as pilgrims through the darkness wend
till dawns the golden day. Refrain**

**5 at last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last,
jerusalem the blest. Refrain**

**6 praise god who reigns on high,
the lord whom we adore:
the father, son, and spirit blest,
one god forevermore. Refrain**

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.

Litany for All Saints Day

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest,
let us give thanks to the Lord.

Alleluia.

For public servants, the government
and those who protect us, that they may be
upheld and strengthened in every good deed,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who work to bring peace,
justice, healing, and protection
in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all servants of the church, for this assembly,
and for all people who await from the Lord
great and abundant mercy,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For renewers of the church,
whose prophetic voices call us together
around the gospel of salvation,
let us give thanks to the Lord.

Alleluia.

For this assembly, for all who have shared
their lives and faith among us,
for all who have done good works in this congregation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who teach and those who learn,
for those who serve and share the gospel,
for those who are still to come,
that faithfulness and service may abound,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance in the time of affliction,
wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the communion of all the saints,
let us commend ourselves, one another,
and our whole life to Christ our Lord.

To you, O Lord.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the

mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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: Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

A Reading from Isaiah

6On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

7And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

8he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

9It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 24

1The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

**2For the Lord has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**

3Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord,
and who may stand in God's holy place?

**4Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**

5They shall receive blessing from the Lord

and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

**6Such is the generation of those who seek you, O Lord,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

7Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

8Who is this King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

9Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

10Who is this King of glory?

Truly, the Lord of hosts is the King of glory.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

A Reading from Revelation

1I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

4he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

5And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6aThen he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

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: John 11:32-44

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

The Holy Gospel according to John.

32When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 33When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." 35Jesus began to weep. 36So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" 37But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

38Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." 40Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" 41So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." 43When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

The Assembly is seated

SERMON

Hymn of the Day: ELW 427 For all your Saints, O Lord

- 1 For all your saints, O Lord,
who strove in you to live,
who followed you, obeyed, adored,
our grateful hymn receive.**

- 2 For all your saints, O Lord,
who strove in you to die,
who counted you their great reward,
accept our thankful cry.**

**3 They all in life and death,
with you, their Lord, in view,
learned from your Holy Spirit's breath
to suffer and to do.**

**4 For this, your name we bless
and humbly pray anew
that we like them in holiness
may live and die in you.**

**5 To God, the Father, Son,
and Spirit, ever blest,
the One in Three, the Three in One,
be endless praise addressed.**

REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS.

Let us remember all the saints before God.

O God of the pilgrim's way, we give thanks for those in generations past who have been examples for us of God's love at work in the world. As we pray, we know that we are surrounded by this great, rejoicing cloud of witnesses. Yet even as we name these holy ancestors, we thank God for others whose names we never knew or have forgotten, who showed us the meaning of life in Christ.

Names of those remembered are read, and candles are lit in their memory. If a family member or close friend of the deceased is present, they are invited to come forward to light the candle for their loved one.

Let us pray. **Holy God, we honor these, our ancestors in faith
and members of our family.**

We, too, seek to do your will: guide us.

We, too, desire to be your servants: strengthen us.

We, too, long to know you clearly: teach us.

And in time, bring us to our eternal home of peace and joy. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

A brief silence.

Merciful God, we give thanks for all missionaries who have brought your message of hope to new communities and wiped tears away. Continue to raise up courageous missionaries to share your gospel of hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, we praise you for abundant harvests and the goodness of creation.

Create communities of care for your earth so that all land, water, and soil will be celebrated and cherished by future generations of saints. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of peace, we give you thanks for nations of peace that serve as a refuge for all whose homelands are afflicted with violence. Strengthen those who continue to work for peace and support all veterans who carry the scars of war. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of healing, we give you thanks for health care workers who labor around the clock to answer cries for help. Bring wholeness to all who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, addiction, and all who long for healing in any way, especially Stephanie Winklepleck, Dennis Bushkofsky, Betsy Norland, and all those we name in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of justice, we praise you for the feeding ministries and for all meals that bring people together for nourishment and fellowship. Bless chefs, bakers, servers, dishwashers, communion assistants, and meal ministry coordinators. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the ages, we give you thanks for the saints of this congregation who have inspired, challenged, loved, and taught us. Wipe away our tears and lead us by their example until we feast together on your holy mountain. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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, your 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

Blessed Jesus,

at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.

Now send us forth to extend our tables

and to share your gifts

until that day when all feast together

at your heavenly banquet.

Amen.

FINAL READING AND BLESSING

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Looking to Jesus

and surrounded by the cloud of witnesses,

may we live forgiven,

running the race God has set before us

both now and to eternity,

in the name of the Father, and of † the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: ELW 422 For all the Saints

- 1** For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2** Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3** Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4** And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5** The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6** But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7** From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dismissal

Postlude by Shirley Bergman

SAINTS

Warren Erpelding	Harry McAtee
Beverly Bakken- Sister in Law of Sharon McAtee	Lavon Lux
Bob Winblade	Marilyn Schulz
Bryan Harken- uncle of Jessica Saunders	Mary Ann Shatzer Staples
Connie Soppe	Mary Jo Sullivan
Darlene Bronner	Mike Peters
Doris LeBahn	Ray & Bertha Zummack
Frieda Bramblett- Mother of Sheila Collins	Roger Collins
Julie Truog	Ron Bushkofsky
	Wilbur (Bud) Marsh

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jesup Community Thanksgiving Service: Sunday, November 21 at 4:30 pm at the United Methodist Church. Come worship with us! A potluck meal will follow. The service will also be livestreamed on the Facebook page, **Jesup First, A United Methodist Community**. Financial offerings will go to the Jesup Ministerial Fund which provides assistance with rent, utilities, and gas for Jesup area residents. Offerings of **kids' and adults' waterproof gloves and mittens** will support Jay's Closet at Jesup School. You may hang your gifts on the Christmas tree in the narthex or place them in the nearby basket.

Christmas gifts for Bremwood Residential Treatment Center: The staff and residents at Waverly appreciate ALC's continued support. Bremwood counselors will again do the shopping this year using our donations of **Walmart gift cards. Donated board games and PG rated DVDs (teen level)** are also welcome gifts, as they provide needed entertainment during the winter months. Donations may be placed by the small Christmas tree in the narthex until December 12. (Money donations through the church designated for Bremwood will be used to buy gift cards.) Call Mary Adams at 827-3365 or (319) 269-3478 with questions. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Chimes will play for the **Community Thanksgiving Service**. Anabeth Voigts will hold practice on Wednesday, November 17, 6:15, at American Lutheran. Interested ringers welcome! Set up and practice will be at 3:20 on Sunday at the Methodist Church.

Today St. A's Bazaar & Broasted Chicken Dinner. In the gym 10-1pm: **Bazaar** -

bake sale, silent auction, raffles. **Dinner** served from 10:30-1:30 pm. Adult/\$10; 6-12yrs/\$5; 5 & under/free.

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 in the narthex.

ALC Thanksgiving offering designation: All ALC Thanksgiving envelopes and offerings will go towards Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI).

New Member Sunday: will be November 21. We welcome Barb & Bill Schneider and Suanne and Todd Westphahl, who joined ALC when we were worshiping solely online due to the pandemic.

ALC Youth Team will decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas after worship on November 21 at 11:15.

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 at 9:30 on December 2 for our final study of Anna, Mary, and Elizabeth in [The Women of Christmas](#), by Liz Curtis Higgs. Please come with ideas to discuss after the new year.

Welcome to Bishop Kevin: Our newly installed bishop of the NE Iowa Synod will preach on Sunday, Dec 5. Please join us!

Advent Retreat: "The Patience of Mary - Letting go of what is, To welcome what is to come", December 10-12, 2021, at the Shalom Spirituality Center in Dubuque. You are invited to this opportunity sponsored by Contemplative Outreach Northeast Iowa. For further information contact CONEIowa@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.**

Military members: Jordan and Justin are at the 185th Air Refueling Wing in Sioux City, IA. 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 Kristen Rod

Music: Shirley Bergman

Ushers: Jim and Cindy Gosse Reader: Sheila Collins

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 10/31/21: 95

10/28/21

Current: \$11,606.66

Bank Loan: \$0.00 Balance :)

Offering: 10/31/21

Current: \$2,053

Benevolence: \$257

Improvement: \$85

Jubilee: \$2,786.27