

# WELCOME

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH – Sunday, November 13, 2022  
23RD 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

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

## 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 765 Lord of all Hopefulness

**1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

- 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

### **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**

**○ God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong,  
nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and  
guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal,**

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*\*Please be seated.*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

#### **First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a**

*Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that "the day is coming." On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who honor God.*

A reading from Malachi

<sup>1</sup>See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.<sup>2a</sup>But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm: Psalm 98**

In righteousness will the Lord judge the world. (Ps.:9)

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have | the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**OLORD, you have made | your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | our God.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, | you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the of song.

<sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound the horn  
shout with joy before the, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and that fills it,  
the world and those who therein.

<sup>8</sup>**Let the rivers their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD judge the with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

## **Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

A reading from 2 Thessalonians.

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us.<sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you,<sup>8</sup>and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you.<sup>9</sup>This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate.<sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat.<sup>11</sup>For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work.<sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.<sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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 21:5-19**

*As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.*

The holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with

beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God,[Jesus],<sup>6</sup>“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>7</sup>They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?”<sup>8</sup>And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup>“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.”<sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom;<sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name.<sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify.<sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance;<sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict.<sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death.<sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name.<sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish.<sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*\*Please be seated.*

**SERMON- Rev Phil Borleske**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 769 If you but Trust in God to Guide You**

**1 If you but trust in God to guide you  
with gentle hand through all your ways,  
you'll find that God is there beside you  
when crosses come, in trying days.  
Trust then in God's unchanging love;  
build on the rock that will not move.**

**2 What gain is there in anxious weeping,  
in helpless anger and distress?  
If you are in your Savior's keeping,  
in sorrow will he love you less?  
For Christ who took for you a cross**

will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.

- 3 The Lord our restless hearts is holding,  
in peace and quietness content.  
We rest in God's good will unfolding,  
what wisdom from on high has sent.  
God, who has chosen us by grace,  
knows very well the fears we face.
- 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving,  
offer your service faithfully.  
Trust heaven's word; though undeserving,  
you'll find this promise true to be.  
This is our confidence indeed:  
God never fails in time of need.

#### **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.

#### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*(PLEASE GREET EACH OTHER WITH A WAVE)*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

*A brief silence.*

Reviving God, keep your church active in its mission and ministry. Encourage bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders to risk boldly in their proclamation and fill them with wisdom and endurance for challenging times. Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, as the northern hemisphere prepares for winter, make us mindful of the ordered beauty of your creation. Teach us to treasure cycles of rest and new life. Help us care for what you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Loving God, accompany all who make sacrifices for the sake of others.

Safeguard first responders and active duty military personnel. Grant peace to veterans and heal any wounds in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Healing God, your people cry out to you. Sustain doctors, nurses, and hospital personnel in their tireless work. Uphold mental health professionals and those in their care. May the sun of righteousness rise on all who are sick (*especially* Dennis Bushkofsky, Renee McAtee, and Danny Kopplin). Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Uniting God, unite this assembly in its shared mission and ministry for the sake of the gospel (*specific ministries or initiatives may be named*). Highlight ways we can better work together and give us patience to work through disagreement.

Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

For the pastor being called to our congregation to find the Spirit of the Lord Guiding them to us. Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Consoling God, abide with all who grieve for loved ones who have died *especially the Mostek family*. Comfort us with the promise of resurrection and new life with you. Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; 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**

We give you thanks, **most gracious God,**  
**that you have fed us with the bread of heaven**  
**and given us a foretaste of Paradise.**  
**Enliven us to be your body in the world**  
**and to serve those who are in need;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**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 796 How firm a Foundation**

**1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

- 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."
- 3 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.  
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."
- 4 "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove  
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

#### **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**

**Please join us to decorate the church for Christmas!** We'll be continuing the annual tradition of the Youth Group & congregation decorating the sanctuary and other areas of the church for Christmas on Sunday, Nov. 20 immediately following worship (around 9:30 am). Please join us as many hands make light work & it's always a great way to get into the Christmas spirit. Prepare ye the way!

**Thank you:** Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) is blessed to have been able to share our mission at American Lutheran Church, Jesup, on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your hospitality. We hope our message gave you a better understanding of the role LSI plays in bringing critical human services to Iowa's children, families and individuals, done in partnership with you, your church and the three Iowa Synods of the ELCA. If you would like more detail about LSI and

the services it offers, please contact LSI's Director of Church Relations, Deb Whitford at 563-676-2065 or [deborah.whitford@lsiowa.org](mailto:deborah.whitford@lsiowa.org).

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

**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](mailto:tomjones@indytel.com)) or Jessica ([secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org](mailto:secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org)) to get added to the chain.

**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.

**Congratulations:** to Piper Zelle who was confirmed on Sunday October 30th.

### **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. We do need a few adults interested in singing Christmas Carols to join in.

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.

**REMINDER: We switch to 10am service in December!**

**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 Phil Borleske  
Music: Shirley Bergman  
Usher: Jim and Cindy Gosse  
Reader: Sheila Collins

### **THIS WEEK AT ALC**

**Sunday Nov. 13th:** 8:30am Worship and Communion.

**Monday Nov. 14th:** 6:30pm Council meeting

### **Wednesday Nov. 9th:**

6pm Confirmation  
6:15pm Worship Wednesdays

**Sunday Nov. 20th:** 8:30am Worship and Communion. Decorate the church after the service.

### **BY THE NUMBERS**

Attendance **11/06/22** **34**  
Current **10/17/22**  
: \$20,968.47  
Savings: \$12,048.12  
Offering: **11/6/22**  
Current: \$1,515  
Benevolence: \$592  
Improvement: \$310  
Jubilee: \$456.89

### PASTORS COMING TO ALC:

Nov 13 Rev Phil Borleske  
Nov 20 Rev. Dan Mixdorf

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