

ORDER OF WORSHIP- Setting Ten
AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH – November 21st, 2021
PENTECOST- NEW MEMBER SUNDAY
OCTOBER-NOVEMBER WORSHIP 10AM

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 SONGELW 408 Come, thou Almighty King

1 come, thou almighty king,

help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise;
father all-glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
ancient of days.

2 come, thou incarnate word,
merciful, mighty lord;
our prayer attend.
come and thy people bless,
and give thy word success,
and let thy righteousness
on us descend.

3 come, holy comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour!
thou who almighty art,
rule now in ev'ry heart,
never from us depart,
spirit of pow'r.

4 to thee, great one in three,
eternal praises be
hence evermore!
thy sov'reign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.

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:

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

A reading from Daniel

9As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.
10A stream of fire issued

and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.
13As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.
14To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.
Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM:93

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established.(Ps.:2)

¹TheLORDking, robed in majesty; theLORDis robed in majesty and^lwith strength.
TheLORDmade the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

**²Ever since the world began, your throne has established;
you are from.**

³The waters have lifted up, OLORD, the waters have liftedtheir voice;
the waters have lifted up theirwaves.

**⁴Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers the sea,
mightier is theLORDon high.**

⁵Your testimonies are sure,
and holiness befits your house, OLORD, forever and for-^l.

SECOND READING: REVELATION 1:4B-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

A Reading from Revelation

¹¹Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins.But when Christ had offered for all

time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet."¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

¹⁶ "This is the covenant that I will make with them

after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,

and I will write them on their minds,"

¹⁷ he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

The holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

33Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" 35Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

The Assembly is seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 430 Rejoice, for Christ is King!

**1 Rejoice, for Christ is king!
Your Lord and king adore;
rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore:**

Refrain

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**2 Our Savior Jesus reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above: Refrain**

**3 His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n: Refrain**

**4 He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit
and bow to his command
and fall beneath his feet: Refrain**

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO THE CONGREGATION

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

Suzanne and Todd Westphal and Barb and Bill Schneider have recently joined our congregation.

APOSTLE'S CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called 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.

Sisters and brothers in Christ,
do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism
among God's people in this place?

Those being welcomed respond: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God,
do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

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

WELCOME

Those being welcomed face the assembly.

Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

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.**

The new members return to their places within the assembly.

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.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all.

God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community. Renew them in their work. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering, especially Stephanie Winklepleck, Dennis Bushkofsky, and Betsy Norland. Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God, you send your people into the world to serve you and to care for one another. We give you thanks for our new members Suanne, Todd, Barb, and Bill, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others. God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace. Empower us to join their witness. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

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

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

**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

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**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever **Amen.**

The Assembly is seated

CLOSING Hymn: ELW 439 Soon and Very Soon

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

Worship time change: December 5-February 27 worship will be at **8:30 AM**.

Jesup Community Thanksgiving Service: Sunday, November 21 at 4:30 pm at the United Methodist Church. Come worship with us! 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. Another drop-off site is 1115 6th, Shirley's porch.

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.

New Member Sunday: is today, November 21! We welcome Barb & Bill Schneider and Suzanne & 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.

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).

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 22, 1:00 PM. We welcome all eager helpers!

Quilting Materials needed: Quilters are in need of sheets or large pieces of material for quilt backs. Please put them on the back pew and we will take care of them. We have a good start on quilts to be sent in the spring but need your help. Thanks in advance.

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!

Noisy Offering for ELCA World Hunger: Start saving up your change! We will be doing a Noisy Offering for ELCA World Hunger on Sunday, Dec 5, when Bishop Kevin joins us for worship!

The 7th Annual Community Christmas: will be hosted by the Dunkerton Community Hall Board Members on Sunday, December 5th. Soup & Santa from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Fun activities will be provided for the children. At 6:00 join us for the Christmas Tree Lighting and caroling at the Gazebo. A free will donation will be taken. We will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items, as well a toilet paper and laundry soap, for the local Dunkerton Food Bank at the Baptist Church.

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.

Advent services at Jubilee: Zion Jubilee Lutheran Church will be holding Wednesday evening Advent services at 5:30pm on Dec 1, 8, 15, and 22. Folks from ALC are invited to attend.

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

Usher: Merritt and Connie Jones

Reader: Keaton Lysne

Communion: Sue Hoey

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday November 21st:

10am Worship and communion with Fellowship to follow

11:15 Youth Christmas decorating

4:30pm Community Thanksgiving Service at UMC

Tuesday November 23rd:

10am -12pm Prayer Shawl

Sunday November 28th:

10am Worship and communion with Intergenerational Sunday School and Fellowship to follow

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 11/14/21: 29

11/17/21

Current: \$8,785.24

Bank Loan: \$0.00 Balance :)

Offering: 11/14/21

Current: \$1,325

Benevolence: \$107

Improvement: \$485