

WELCOME

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH – Sunday, November 6, 2022

All Saints 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

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest." In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today's gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

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 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!**

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.

**Please be seated.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.

A reading from Daniel

¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream:²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea,³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me.¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter:¹⁷"As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth.¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 149

Sing the *Lord's* praise in the assembly of the faithful. *(Ps.:1)*

¹Hallelujah! Sing to the *LORD* new song,
God's praise in the assembly the faithful.

²**Let Israel rejoice their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful their ruler.**

³Let them praise their maker's with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.

⁴**For the LORD pleasure the people
and adorns the poor with victory.**

⁵Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;
let them sing for joy their beds.

⁶**Let the praises of God be their throat
and a two-edged sword their hand,**

⁷to wreak vengeance the nations
and punishment the peoples,

⁸**to bind their in chains
and their nobles with iron,**

⁹to inflict on them the judgment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful ones.!

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ .

A reading from Ephesians.

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him,¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.²²And he has put all things under his feet

and has made him the head over all things for the church,²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 6:20-31

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

The holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Then [Jesus] up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again.³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**Please be seated.*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 423 Shall we Gather at the River

**1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?**

Refrain

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.**

**2 On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. *Refrain***

**3 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain***

**4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. *Refrain***

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.

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Warren Erpelding
Jim Kleiner
Jeff Lansing
Jerry Saunders
Connie Soppe
Sheri Waring*

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.

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

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.

Holy One, your church rests on the faithful who came before us. Give bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders the will to carry the church forward and discern your will for the future. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy One, the earth is yours and all that dwells within it. Care for places ravaged by natural disasters (*especially*). Quell raging fires and halt destruction caused by flooding. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy One, you raise up leaders to guide your people. Kindle in them a passion to care for others, a desire to seek the common good, and the courage to love their enemies. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy One, you bless those who are poor, hungry, and reviled. Provide food, housing, and security to all who are vulnerable or in crisis. May those who have more than enough give generously. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy One, hold us in community with one another. Nurture a spirit of abundant hospitality and intentional inclusion among us, welcoming the gifts of adults and children. Inspire creative visions for our life together. 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. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy One, we remember in thanksgiving all those who have died. (*Here the names of those who have died in the previous year may be read.*) Wipe away our tears and comfort us with the promise of everlasting life in you. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Console those who are burdened by illness or grief including the Mostek family, Dennis Bushkofsky, Renee McAtee, Neva Erpelding, and Danny Koplín. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

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: Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

Oh, when the saints go marchin' in,
Oh, when the saints go marchin' in,
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marchin' in.

And when the revelation comes,
And when the revelation comes,,
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number
When the revelation comes,.

And when they crown Him King of Kings

And when they crown Him King of Kings
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number
And when they crown Him King of Kings

Oh, when the saints go marchin' in,
Oh, when the saints go marchin' in,
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marchin' in.

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

SAINTS

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Jim Kleiner

Jeff Lansing

Jerry Saunders

Connie Soppe
Sheri Waring

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please keep in your prayers: Dennis Bushkofsky (cancer), Renee McAtee, Neva Erpelding, the Mostek family, 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) or Jessica (secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org) to get added to the chain.

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 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 Nov. 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 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.

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: Rev Kyle Barton & Mike Knipp
Music: Shirley Bergman
Usher: Tom and Sue Hoey
Reader: Maureen Even

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday Nov. 6th: (All Saints Sunday) 8:30am Worship and Communion with fellowship to follow

Monday Nov. 7th:
1pm LWR Quilting

Wednesday Nov. 9th:
6pm Confirmation

Sunday Nov. 13th: 8:30am Worship and Communion. Fellowship following the service.

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance **10/30/22- 23**

Current **10/17/22**

: \$20,968.47

Savings: \$12,048.12

Offering: **10/23/22**

Current: \$1,380
Benevolence: \$347
Improvement: \$135
LDR NS Ben: \$100

PASTORS COMING TO ALC:

Oct 30 Rev Phil Borleske
Nov 6 Rev Kyle Barton & Mike Knipp
Nov 13 Rev Phil Borleski
Nov 20 Rev. Dan Mixdorf

We are still working on other Sundays.