

# Order of Worship for August 29th, 2021

## Season of Pentecost

**Prelude by Shirley Bergman**

**Welcome**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Please stand if you are able*

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**God, our provider,**

**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.  
Amen.**

Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.  
Through Jesus, † the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

#### **OPENING HYMN: ELW 532 Gather Us In**

- 1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**
  
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,  
we are the old who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.**

- 3** Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
- 4** Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away—  
here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## **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**

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 this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you,  
we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. **O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9**

*The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.*

A Reading from Deuteronomy

1So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. 2You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

6You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" 7For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? 8And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

9But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 15**

***Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? (Ps. 15:1)***

1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**2 Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
who speak the truth from their heart;**

3 they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**4 In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the  
Lord.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

5 They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes  
against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

**SECOND READING: James 1:17-27**

*The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.*

*A Reading from James*

17 Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18 In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

19You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. 21Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

22But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. 23For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; 24for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. 25But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

26If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. 27Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel*

**Gospel Acclamation from ELW Setting 3 (Alleluia)**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

*Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.*

The holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

1Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], 2they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. 3(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; 4and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) 5So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” 6He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
7in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

8You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

14Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: 15there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

21For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, 22adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. 23All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

*The Assembly is seated*

**SERMON**



**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 512 Lord, let my heart be good soil**

Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow and peace is understood.  
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.  
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.  
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

***Apostles' Creed***

*Please stand if you are able*

**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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

We pray for the church, that it is a safe haven for all who seek your presence. Fill it with pastors, deacons, and leaders who echo your expansive and generous welcome. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the whole of creation, that plants and animals have the habitat and resources to thrive and flourish. Inspire us to protect threatened habitats and ensure a sustainable future for generations to come. We pray especially for places that are dealing with damage from storms, earthquakes, wildfires, and other natural disasters. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for individuals in positions of authority. Raise up wise and discerning leaders in federal, state, and local governments and guide them to seek the benefit of every person. We pray for people around the world who are suffering or displaced, and we pray for immigrants, refugees, and exiles. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in need. Support and encourage those who are unemployed, underemployed, or experiencing poverty. Bring food, shelter, clothes, and stability for daily life. Comfort all who mourn the loss of loved ones, and heal all who are sick, especially Stephanie Winklepleck, Dennis Bushkofsky, and Marilyn Reil. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation, especially those beginning a new school year during this stressful time of pandemic. Empower teachers and school

administrators. Guide students in their learning and development. Accompany parents, foster parents, and caregivers who provide encouragement and love. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for a world that continues to struggle with the Covid-19 pandemic. Bring healing to all who are sick, strength and endurance to all medical personnel, and vaccines to all those who are desperate to have them. Help us to support each other during this stressful time. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the faithful departed who showed us how to honor God with our heart. Inspire us by their example and renew our faith, trusting that we will be united with them in glory. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Please stand if you are able*

## **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 from ELW Setting 3**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of pow'r and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**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.

## **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.

*All are invited to come forward and receive the bread and wine. Individual packages are also available. Do not open your individual package of bread and wine until you return to your seat. Baggies for disposal are on the end of the pews. If you do not feel comfortable coming forward to receive communion, Pastor will bring it to your seat.*

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. **Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.  
Amen.**

## **Blessing**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The Assembly is seated*

## **SENDING HYMN: ELW 879 For the Beauty of the Earth**

**1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:**

## **Refrain**

**Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.**

**2 For the wonder of each hour**

of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
sun and moon and stars of light: Refrain

3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: Refrain

4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above;  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: Refrain

5 For each perfect gift of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine,  
to our world so freely giv'n: Refrain

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

And have fun doing it.

**We will! Amen!**

**Postlude by Shirley Bergman**

From [sundaysandseasons.com](http://sundaysandseasons.com).

**Attendance 8/22/21: 20**

**8/26/21**

**Current: 8,859.35**

**Bank Loan: \$0.00 Balance :)**

**Offering:8/22/21**

**Current: \$1,605**

**Benevolence: \$177**

**Improvement: \$85**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Military members:** Jordan Leach is home from Sheppard AFB TX. Both he and Justin are at the 185th Air Refueling Wing in Sioux City, IA. If you know of anyone else serving in the armed forces, please contact the church office [secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org](mailto:secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org) or call 319 827-6626. We'd like to remember them in our prayers.

**Service Time Change:** Starting September 5th, ALC worship service will move to 10 AM.

**Ushers Needed:** We are looking for individuals and families to add to our usher pool. You will be trained or paired with a mentor. If it happens that you cannot usher for the date you signed, please contact a substitute or head usher, Wayne Schneider.

[2waynester@gmail.com](mailto:2waynester@gmail.com)

**Lutheran World Relief School Kits:** For many years, American Lutheran has prepared backpack school kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief which we would like to continue again this year. Supplies are needed to fill the backpacks. Back to School sales have begun with parents beginning to shop for the supplies needed for their children. We are requesting that, as you shop, you also include purchasing some of the supplies needed to fill our backpacks. Our goal is to make and fill 30 backpacks. Please see the bulletin board in the Upper Narthex to take a colored slip of paper or two of items that are needed to place in the backpacks. A table has been set up in the Upper Narthex to place your donations. Or you may leave them at the home of Shirley Bergman at 1115 6th Street. We are asking that supplies be brought by Sunday, September 26th. Thank you for your continued support of this mission support program. The school kits will be blessed in worship service prior to packing them for delivery to the Fall Ingathering at New Hampton on October 16th, which is much earlier than past years.

- 70 sheet 8x10 ½ notebooks, wide or college rule



- black or blue ballpoint pens – **no gel ink**
- 30 cm ruler, or ruler with cm and inches
- **unsharpened** #2 pencils with eraser
- box of 16 or 24 crayons
- blunt scissors
- pencil sharpeners
- erasers 2 ½"

**Treasurer Position:** Please consider serving as treasurer on the church council. We have delegated some duties to a Synod resource to help alleviate some of the responsibilities. If interested, contact a council member or the office.

**Council Minutes:** Council minutes are posted on the ALC website upon approval at each council meeting. They are also published in the monthly Lamps.

**Prayer Shawl:** Come join the Prayer Shawl ministry that meets on Tuesdays, 10 AM -noon. New members who enjoy fellowship while knitting and crocheting are welcome. The shawls and blankets will be shared with those who are ill, grieving, and in need of comfort.

**Youth Group:** All youth ages 5th grade through senior in high school are invited to join ALC's Youth Group. This year's theme is "Glow: Let your Light Shine" and we'll be planning monthly fun events to build community within the youth at ALC. Contact Sara Borland (319-230-8223) or Beth Stanek (319-427-4453) if you'd like to get involved.

Our next youth group event will be **Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 6 PM** in the Fellowship Hall at ALC. We'll be having a "**unique**" **supper, minute-to-win-it games, and hear about the National Youth Gathering from the Hoey family.** This youth event will take the place of regular confirmation class that evening. Please let Sara or Beth know if you're planning to attend so we know how much food to plan.

## **Confirmation Class**

Confirmation class for this year's 7th & 8th graders will begin on Wednesday, Sept 8 at 6pm. Class will meet on Wednesday evenings, and will meet at 6pm for the month of September, and 7pm after that.

## **Bishop Installation**

The new Bishop of the Northeastern Iowa Synod, Rev. Kevin Jones, will be installed at a special worship service at 2pm on Saturday, September 25. The service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mason City, and will also be livestreamed on the Synod Facebook and YouTube pages.

**Rally Sunday:** Will be Sunday September 12th. There will be a blessing of the backpacks in service with fun activities to follow the service.

## **Camp EWALU Quilt Auction**

This year's quilt auction at Camp EWALU will be held both online Sept 13-17 and in person on Sept 18. For more information go to <http://ewalu.org/event/2021-fall-festival-quilt-auction/>.

**God's Work, Our Hands**-- This year our congregation's project for God's Work, Our Hands, will be to help the Independence Food Pantry when they get new flooring the last week of September. Helpers are needed on the following days/times, for the following tasks:

Friday Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 3pm to 7pm ish, Food and furniture removal and packing

Sat Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 10 am to ???, Painting

Sun Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, Finish Painting if needed

Wed Sep 29<sup>th</sup> 9am to ???, move furniture

Saturday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 am to ???, moving furniture back in place , unpacking to get ready to reopen.

You may sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F48A5AB2DA1F94-food>

Or after worship.

## **Women's Bible Study**

Women's Bible Study will resume on Thursday, September 2nd at 9:30 AM in the Fireside Room. Once again we will be using the studies found in the Gather magazine. The study for September is "*The gift of the Spirit: A divine wild goose chase - Spirit of God, revealer and resource*". October's study is a continuation - "*The gift of the Spirit: A divine wild goose chase - Breath of God, reviver and reformer*". Please join us for discussion and fellowship.

There is a copy of the *Gather* magazine on the table next to the Secretary's office. We are also very happy to share a copy with you.

### **Quilting for Lutheran World Relief**

The ladies of the ALC will once again be involved in making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We will begin in October at a date and time to be determined. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please talk to Sharon McAtee, Kaye Jones or Mary Adams. We welcome all eager helpers!

**Meal Train** opportunity for Stephanie Witt Winkelpleck and family

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/9w35r6>. Steph has been diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia and is being treated in Iowa City.

**ALC Mass email list** has recently been revised. Please contact the office [secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org](mailto:secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org) for corrections to this list.