

Order of Worship for August 1st, 2021

Template for Season of Pentecost

Prelude by Shirley Bergman

Welcome

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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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.

OPENING HYMN: ELW 656 Blest be the Tie that Binds

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.

- 2 Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

- 3 We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

- 4 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

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, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.***

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

A Reading from Exodus

A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

2The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. **3**The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

4Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.”

9Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’ ” **10**And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. **11**The Lord spoke to Moses and said, **12**“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’ ”

13In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. **14**When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. **15**When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 78:23-29

God rained down manna from heaven; so mortals ate the bread of angels. (Ps. 78:24, 25)

23 So God commanded the clouds above
and opened the doors of heaven,

24raining down manna upon them to eat
and giving them grain from heaven. R

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels;
God provided for them food enough.

26The Lord caused the east wind to blow in the heavens
and powerfully led out the south wind,

27raining down flesh upon them like dust
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

28letting them fall in the midst of the camp
and round about the dwellings.

29So the people ate and were well filled,
for God gave them what they craved.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16

A Reading from Ephesians

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

1I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, **2**with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, **3**making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **4**There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, **5**one Lord, one faith, one baptism, **6**one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

7But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. **8**Therefore it is said,

“When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;

he gave gifts to his people.”

9(When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) 11The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, 12to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. 14We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. 15But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation from ELW Setting 3 (Alleluia)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 6:24-35

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

The holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

24When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

25When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” **26**Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. **27**Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” **28**Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” **29**Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” **30**So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? **31**Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” **32**Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. **33**For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” **34**They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

35Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 618 Guide me Ever, Great Redeemer

1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow'ful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.

Apostles' 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You call your church to be the body of Christ. Awaken all the baptized to the gifts you provide for carrying out the work of ministry. Where the church is divided, knit us together and restore the unity of the faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You command the clouds above and cause the wind to blow in the heavens. Watch over deserts and wilderness places. Regenerate rainforests, defend species at risk of extinction, and strengthen the work of conservation organizations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You summon leaders to respond to the needs of your people. Instill those who govern with patience when confronted with grievances and perseverance in seeking what promotes the well-being of the community. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You draw near to those who cry out for help. Feed those who are hungry, reassure those who are despairing, and accompany those who are imprisoned. Rain down the true bread from heaven that gives life to the world. Comfort all who mourn the loss of loved ones, and bring healing to all who are sick,

especially Stephanie Winklepleck, Dennis Bushkofsky, Reed Havlik, and all who we name in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You receive all who come seeking a sign of grace. Make this congregation a place of hospitality for those accustomed to rejection. To those who have felt excluded here or elsewhere, prepare us to welcome them in the name of Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You provide food that endures for eternal life. Sustain us each day with the bread of life until we are gathered with all the saints and feast together at your heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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 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.

SENDING HYMN: ELW 655 Son of God, Eternal Savior

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,
source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race,
you our head, who, throned in glory,
for your own will ever plead:
fill us with your love and pity,
heal our wrong, and help our need.**

- 2 As you, Lord, have lived for others,
so may we for others live.**

Freely have your gifts been granted;
freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver,
yours the wealth of land and sea;
we but stewards of your bounty
held in solemn trust will be.

3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of peace;
hush the storm of strife and passion,
bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling,
by your silent hours of pain,
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
stem our selfish greed of gain.

4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race:
by your praying, by your willing
that your people should be one,
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:
here on earth your will be done.

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.

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 7/25/21: 21

7/28/21

Current: \$9,911.12

Bank Loan: \$0.00 Balance :)

Offering:7/25/21

Current: \$1,555

Benevolence: \$37

Improvement: \$95

EWALU: \$279

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) or (827-6626). We'd like to remember them in our prayers.

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. Adult members are also welcome to participate and plan events. We love all ideas and participation!

Ushers Needed: We are looking for individuals and families to add to our usher pool. We currently have Sundays in August we need to fill, but throughout the year do have other openings. 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 Wayne Schneider, head usher 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. Beginning in September, Intergenerational Sunday School will begin with the Sunday School children interacting with the older adults of the congregation. One of the first projects will be making the backpacks for the School Kits. A Thrivent Action Team grant has been received to purchase the fabric for the backpacks. Sunday, September 19th will begin the construction phase of the backpacks. Please see the bulletin and Lamp for more information regarding this new concept.

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 will be 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.

- 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"

VBS decorations: The VBS program would like to BORROW the following items to use for decorations at VBS this summer. All items should be labeled with the owner's name and church so we can return them. We are looking for-- 5 gallon water coolers, nature themed yard stakes/yard decor, potted plants, and fake fruits & vegetables. Items can be brought to the church on or before August 15th.

Treasurer Position: We are still looking for a council treasurer as well. We have had contact with the synod to help alleviate some of the responsibilities. If anyone is interested in the position please let us know. Thank you, Church Council

Food Pantry: The independence food pantry will be having a non-food drive on Aug 7, 9-1. If you are interested in helping, please call the pantry at 319-334-2451.

Special Memorial Service – Saturday, August 21st at 2:00 PM

The COVID-19 pandemic has been hard on everyone, but especially on those whose loved ones passed away during this time. Traditional funeral services were not able to be held during the height of the pandemic. The congregation of American Lutheran Church would like to hold a memorial service to celebrate and honor our members who died during this most difficult of times.

We invite all members to this service which will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2021 at 2:00 PM. We will include a time of remembering those who died from March 2020 to the present. The service will be Livestreamed on our Facebook page, American Lutheran Church of Jesup for those unable to attend in person. Access to this page is available without a Facebook account. We will be remembering the following: Doris LeBahn, Ron Bushkofsky, Wilbur (Bud) Marsh, Mary Jo Sullivan, Marilyn Schultz, Mike Peters, Lavon Lux, Mary Ann Shatzer Staples, Darlene Bronner, and Julie Truog.

A reception will be held following the service in the ALC Fellowship Hall.

Vacation Bible School: Jesup Community-Wide VBS is coming up, on the evenings of Aug 15-18! VBS is a fun-filled and faith-filled time for participants age 4 (age 3 w/ an adult) through those entering 5th grade. Older youth & adults can volunteer. Find out

more by "liking" the Jesup Community-Wide VBS Facebook page, or register using the Google doc at the following link: <https://forms.gle/aQR2ivZfaU8dAVKw7>