

# Order of Worship for August 8th, 2021

## Template for 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,  $\mp$  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 400 God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind**

1 God of tempest, God of whirlwind,  
as on Pentecost descend!  
Drive us out from sheltered comfort;  
past these walls your people send!  
Sweep us into costly service,  
there with Christ to bear the cross,  
there with Christ to bear the cross!

2 God of blazing, God of burning,  
all that blocks your purpose, purge!  
Through your church, Christ's living Body,  
let your flaming Spirit surge!  
Where deceit conceals injustice,  
kindle us to speak your truth,  
kindle us to speak your truth!

3 God of earthquake, God of thunder,  
shake us loose from lethargy!  
Break the chains of sin asunder,  
for earth's healing set us free!  
Crumble walls that still divide us;  
make us one in Christ our Lord,  
make us one in Christ our Lord!

4 God of passion, God unsleeping,  
stir in us love's restlessness!  
Where the people cry in anguish,  
may we share your heart's distress.  
Rouse us from content with evil;  
claim us for your kingdom's work,  
claim us for your kingdom's work!

## **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: 1 Kings 19:4-8**

*In a contest with the prophets of Baal, Elijah proves that the Lord is God. Afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.*

A reading from Kings

4[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."<sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."<sup>6</sup> He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup>The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."<sup>8</sup> He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:** Psalm 34:1-8

A song by King David composed after his escape from the king when he pretended to be insane.

34 Lord! I'm bursting with joy over what you've done for me!

My lips are full of perpetual praise.

**2 I'm boasting of you and all your works,  
so let all who are discouraged take heart.**

3 Join me, everyone! Let's praise the Lord together.

Let's make him famous! Let's make his name glorious to all.

**4 Listen to my testimony: I cried to God in my distress  
and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears!**

5 Gaze upon him, join your life with his, and joy will come.

Your faces will glisten with glory.

You'll never wear that shame-face again.

**6 When I had nothing, desperate and defeated,  
I cried out to the Lord and he heard me,  
bringing his miracle-deliverance when I needed it most.[a]**

7 The angel of Yahweh stooped down to listen as I prayed,  
encircling me, empowering me, and showing me how to escape.

He will do this for everyone who fears God.

**8 Drink deeply, taste and see, the pleasures of this God.  
Experience for yourself the joyous mercies he gives  
to all who turn to hide themselves in him.**

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:21--5:2**

*Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.*

## A Reading from Ephesians

4 <sup>21</sup> If you have really experienced the Anointed One, and heard his truth, *it will be seen in your life*; for we know that the ultimate reality<sup>[a]</sup> is embodied in Jesus!  
<sup>22</sup> And he has taught you to let go of the lifestyle of the ancient man,<sup>[b]</sup> the old self-life, which was corrupted by sinful and deceitful desires that spring from delusions. <sup>23</sup> Now it's time to be made new by every revelation that's been given to you.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>24</sup> And to be transformed as you embrace the glorious Christ-within as your new life and live in union with him! For God has re-created you all over again in his perfect righteousness, and you now belong to him in the realm of true holiness. <sup>25</sup> So discard every form of dishonesty and lying so *that you will be known as one* who always speaks the truth, for we all belong to one another. <sup>26</sup> But don't let the passion of your emotions<sup>[d]</sup> lead you to sin! Don't let anger control you *or be fuel for revenge*, not for even a day. <sup>27</sup> Don't give the slanderous accuser, the Devil, an opportunity to manipulate you! <sup>28</sup> If any one of you has stolen from someone else, never do it again. Instead, be industrious, earning an honest living, and then you'll have enough to bless those in need. <sup>29</sup> And never let ugly or hateful words come from your mouth, but instead let your words become beautiful gifts<sup>[e]</sup> that encourage others; do this by speaking words of grace to help them. <sup>30</sup> The Holy Spirit of God has sealed you in Jesus Christ until you experience your full salvation. So never grieve the Spirit of God or take for granted his holy influence in your life.<sup>[f]</sup> <sup>31</sup> Lay aside bitter words, temper tantrums, revenge, profanity, and insults. <sup>32</sup> But instead be kind<sup>[g]</sup> and affectionate toward one another. Has God graciously forgiven you? Then graciously forgive one another in the depths of Christ's love.

5 Be imitators of God in everything you do,<sup>[h]</sup> for then you will represent your Father as his beloved sons and daughters. <sup>2</sup> And continue to walk surrendered to the extravagant love of Christ, for he surrendered his life as a sacrifice for us. His great love for us was pleasing to God, like an aroma of adoration—a sweet healing fragrance.<sup>[i]</sup>

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: John 6:35, 41-51**

The holy Gospel according to John the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.*

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the living God, the Bread of Life. <sup>[a]</sup> Come every day to me and you will never be hungry. Believe in me and you will never be thirsty.

<sup>41</sup> When the Jews who were hostile to Jesus heard him say, “I am the Bread that came down from heaven,” they immediately began to complain, <sup>42</sup> “How can he say these things about himself? We know him, and we know his parents. How dare he say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’ ”

<sup>43</sup> Jesus responded, “Stop your grumbling! <sup>44</sup> The only way people come to me is by the Father who sent me—he pulls <sup>[a]</sup> on their hearts to embrace me. And those who are drawn to me, I will certainly raise them up in the last day.” <sup>45</sup> Jesus continued, “It has been written by the prophets, ‘They will all be taught by God himself.’ <sup>[b]</sup> If you are really listening to the Father and learning directly from him, you will come to me. <sup>46</sup> For I am the only One who has come from the Father’s side, and I have seen the Father!



<sup>47</sup> "I speak to you living truth: Unite your heart to me and believe—and you will experience eternal life! <sup>48</sup> I am the living God, the true Bread of Life. <sup>49</sup> Your ancestors ate manna in the desert and died. <sup>50</sup> But standing here before you is the true Bread that comes out of heaven, and when you eat this Bread you will never die. <sup>51</sup> I alone am this living Bread that has come to you from heaven. Eat this Bread and you will live forever. The living Bread I give you is my body, which I will offer as a sacrifice so that all may live."

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

*The Assembly is seated*

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 488 Soul, Adorn yourself with Gladness**

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,  
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
come into the daylight's splendor,  
there with joy your praises render.  
Bless the one whose grace unbounded  
this amazing banquet founded;  
Christ, though heav'nly, high, and holy,  
deigns to dwell with you most lowly.**
  
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet him,  
eagerly and gladly greet him.  
There he stands already knocking;  
quickly, now, your gate unlocking,  
open wide the fast-closed portal,  
saying to the Lord immortal:  
"Come, and leave your loved one never;  
dwell within my heart forever."**

**3** Now in faith I humbly ponder  
over this surpassing wonder  
that the bread of life is boundless  
though the souls it feeds are countless;  
with the choicest wine of heaven  
Christ's own blood to us is given.  
Oh, most glorious consolation,  
pledge and seal of my salvation.

**4** Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,  
truest friend, and dearest treasure,  
peace beyond all understanding,  
joy into all life expanding:  
humbly now, I bow before you,  
love incarnate, I adore you;  
worthily let me receive you,  
and, so favored, never leave you.

### ***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**

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

For the church of Christ in all its diverse forms. For mission developers, new mission starts, and all communities of faith exploring new models of ministry for the sake of the gospel. For congregations facing difficult decisions about their future. For the Jesup Ministerial Association, and all the leaders and volunteers who are preparing to lead our Community Wide Vacation Bible School. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For the health and well-being of creation. For shade trees that provide refuge from the hot summer sun. For lakes, rivers, and oceans contaminated by pollution and all who lack clean water. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For those called to positions of authority in our legal system, we pray. For judges, lawyers, law clerks, and court employees who ensure the fair administration of justice. For corrections officers and prison chaplains, that they would deal mercifully with those who are incarcerated. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For all who cry out to you in their affliction. For exiles, refugees, and others who face long and difficult journeys, uncertain about the future. For all who mourn the death of a loved one. For all who are sick, especially Stephanie Winklepleck, Dennis Bushkofsky, and all who we name in our hearts. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For this assembly gathered around your table, we pray. For those among us who bake bread and prepare the vessels for our communion celebration. For those who bring the food from this table to those who are homebound or hospitalized. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For those who have been raised to eternal life, we give thanks. With all the saints we praise you for the bread of life that keeps us in your love forever. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

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**

*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**

*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**

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 535 Hallelujah! We sing your Praises**

#### **Refrain**

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,  
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,  
all our hearts are filled with gladness. Repeat**

**1 Christ the Lord to us said:  
I am wine, I am bread,  
I am wine, I am bread,  
give to all who thirst and hunger. Refrain**

**2 Now he sends us all out,  
strong in faith, free of doubt,  
strong in faith, free of doubt.  
Tell to all the joyful gospel. 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 8/1/21:14**

**8/1/21**

**Current: \$9,616.76**

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

**Offering:8/1/21**

**Current: \$1,895**

**Benevolence: \$287**

**Improvement: \$155**

**Jubilee: \$2,817**



## ALC 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 (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](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. 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.

### **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>

**Prayer Shawl:** extending an invitation for anyone who would like to join the Prayer Shawl ministry that meets on Tuesdays, 10-12 PM at American Lutheran Church. 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.

**Lunch in the Park:** Will be held on Thursday August 12th from 11-1pm by the ALC Youth Group. Proceeds go towards their trip to the 2022 Youth Convention in Minneapolis Menu: Pork burgers, baked beans, chips, rice krispie treats