

Order of Worship for July 25th, 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 533 Open Now the Gates of Beauty

- Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace!**
- 2 Gracious God, I come before thee;
come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee,
there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou,
let it be thy temple now!**
- 3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted,
here thy seed is duly sown;
let my soul, where it is planted,
bring forth precious sheaves alone,
so that all I hear may be
fruitful unto life in me.**
- 4 Thou my faith increase and quicken,
let me keep thy gift divine;
howsoe'er temptations thicken,
may thy word still o'er me shine
as my guiding star through life,
as my comfort in all strife.**
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,
let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee
while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
here is balm for all our woes.**

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.

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

A Reading from the book of Kings

42A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." **43**But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" **44**He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 145:10-18

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)

10All your works shall praise you, O Lord,

and your faithful ones shall bless you.

11They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,

12that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures
throughout all ages.

You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works. R

14The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

15The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

16You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

17You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.

18You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully. R

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

A reading from the book of Ephesians

14For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. 16I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, 17and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. 18I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

20Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, 21to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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 6:1-21

The holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

1Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. **2**A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. **3**Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. **4**Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. **5**When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" **6**He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. **7**Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." **8**One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, **9**"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" **10**Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. **11**Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. **12**When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." **13**So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. **14**When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

15When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

16When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, **17**got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. **18**The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. **19**When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. **20**But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” **21**Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 729 The Church of Christ, in Every Age

**The church of Christ, in ev'ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.**

**2 Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die.**

**3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.**

**4 For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.**

**5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.**

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.

We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations and of the Jesup Ministerial Association. Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat. Nurture wheat and barley crops grown for the nourishment of your people and conserve aquatic habitats and fish populations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility. Inspire them with a vision

of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing, especially Stephanie Winklepleck, Dennis Bushkofsky, and all those we name in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for this assembly. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for those who have died. As you sustained them through all their days, so dwell in our hearts, that we may have the power to comprehend, with (*the apostle James, name/s, and*) all the saints, the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. 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 674 Let us Talents and Tongues Employ

**1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

Refrain

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**2 Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. Refrain**

**3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! 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.

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 7/18/21: 15

Check Register Balance 7/23/21

Current: \$8,354.49

Bank Loan: \$0.00 Balance :)

Offering:7/18/21

Current: \$2,015

Benevolence: \$77

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) 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.

Thank you: Thank you to everyone in the congregation who signed my Birthday card. It was very special and meant so much to me. —Gene Waring

Thank you: Thanks for the multi-signed Birthday Card. It made my heart happy, reading those names from the past “church days”. Be well! Stay cool! Dar Thompson

VBS Donations: American Lutheran is responsible for providing the following items for VBS. If you can donate any of these items you may leave them at the back of the church: 5 boxes of 5pk modeling clay

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 possibly 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, 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>