

Order of Worship for September 19th, 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,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.
Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in ☩ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN: ELW 641 All Are Welcome

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: Refrain

3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: Refrain

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: Refrain

5 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: Refrain

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

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

A Reading from Jeremiah

18It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

19But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

20But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 54

God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life. (Ps. 54:4)

1Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.

2Hear my prayer, O God;

give ear to the words of my mouth.

3For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.

4Behold, God is my helper;

it is the Lord who sustains my life.

5Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

6I will offer you a free will sacrifice

and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

7For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

SECOND READING: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

A Reading from James

13Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. 14But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. 15Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. 16For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. 17But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. 18And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.4:

1Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? 2You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You

do not have, because you do not ask. 3You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. 7Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8aDraw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

The holy Gospel according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

30[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;31for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." 32But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

33Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" 34But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. 35He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." 36Then he took a little child and put it among

them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 37“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

The Assembly is seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 781 Children of the Heavenly Father

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.**

- 2 God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.**

- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

- 4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.**

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.

A brief silence.

God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our
love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work
together for your sake. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and all its creatures, and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal our environment. We pray especially for all who have been impacted by recent natural disasters--hurricanes, floods, wildfires, and droughts. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict, especially Afghanistan. Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak. Comfort all who mourn the loss of loved ones. Watch over all who are sick with Covid-19, grant patience and endurance to all medical workers, and inspire us all to make decisions based on how we might love our neighbors, especially the most vulnerable. Grant healing to all who are in any kind of need, especially Stephanie Winklepleck, Dennis Bushkofsky, and all who we name in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of consolation, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died and pray for all who grieve today. We pray especially for Iva Ruehs and her family, as they mourn the death of her uncle, Donald Fuller. Shine your grace on all your saints. 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. 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

Lord of life,
**in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Blessing

People of God,

you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, † one God,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

The Assembly is seated

SENDING HYMN ELW 537 On Our Way Rejoicing

**1 On our way rejoicing
gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered;
vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety;
Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful,
can our hope destroy?**

Refrain

**On our way rejoicing;
as we forward move,
hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!**

**2 Unto God the Father
joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior
thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit
bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing**

now and evermore. 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 9/12/21: 38

9/12/21

Current: 7,741.31

Bank Loan: \$0.00 Balance :)

Offering:9/12/21

Current: \$1,909

Benevolence: \$57

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 call 319 827-6626. We'd like to remember them in our prayers.

Service Time Change: Worship is at 10:00 AM through November.

September birthdays will be celebrated today during Intergenerational fellowship. If you have a September birthday we are celebrating **you!**

Fall Fun and Fellowship The Parish Ed Committee, along with the church council, has initiated a unique idea to revitalize our **Sunday School and fellowship** with the goal to involve more members, lessen the strain on Parish Ed, and have more meaningful time together as a church family. This **Intergenerational** concept is an opportunity for all ages to share stories, talents, and wisdom through lessons, mixers, and tasks while being tied to a lesson, Bible story, or values that we hope to instill in our youth. With all the changes that have occurred this past year, we hope that you will come with an open heart ready to find new ways to serve and encourage our church family.

Lutheran World Relief School Kits: Because of your generous donations, we have supplies for 40 school backpacks for our mission project. Thank you for your support! We will be working on finishing, filling, and sending the backpacks in the next few Sundays in our fellowship following worship. The school kits will be blessed in worship October 3, boxed, and then delivered October 16 to the Fall Ingathering at New Hampton.

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.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATED meeting info! Due to recent surges in Covid, we're changing plans for our next Youth Group outing and will be spreading love throughout Jesup by creating sidewalk chalk messages of encouragement and playing 4-square for a little fun. *Dinner will NOT be included as originally planned.* All youth, ages 5th grade and up - please join us Wednesday, Sept. 22 from 6-7 pm. Weather permitting.

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.

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!

ALC Bible study has decided to switch up our study this fall. The Women of Christmas, by Liz Curtis Higgs, will be a timely preparatory Christmas study of Anna, Mary, and Elizabeth. We will be reading the book along with the accompanying study guide starting in October. As we would love to increase our study circle members to include those who may work, both men and women, we would consider meeting at a time more convenient to others. Let us know of your interest and we can work out a time to meet.

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 for the following:

Friday Sept. 24th 3pm to 7pm ish, Food and furniture removal and packing
Sat Sept 25th 10 am to ???, Painting
Sun Sept 26th. Finish Painting if needed
Wed Sep 29th 9am to ???, move furniture
Saturday Oct 2nd 9 am to ???, moving furniture back in place , unpacking

There is a sign up sheet on the usher podium or you may sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F48A5AB2DA1F94-food>

Caring Bridge posts for Stephanie Witt Winkelpleck can be accessed from this link <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/stephaniewittwinkelpleck>. Steph has been diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Thanks for your continued prayers and support.

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.

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