

Order of Worship for July 11, 2021

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 697 Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Refrain

Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

1 I am weak but thou art strong:
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. Refrain

2 Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. Refrain

3 When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. 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

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, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being**

defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

3Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. 5He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. 7In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace 8that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight 9he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, 10as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 11In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, 12so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. 13In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; 14this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13

8I will listen to what the Lord God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

**9Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

10Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**11Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

12The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

**13Righteousness shall go before the Lord
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

PSALM SONG: “Heaven and Earth (Psalm 85)” by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

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 6:14-29

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist’s martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

The holy Gospel according to St Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

14King Herod heard of [the disciples’ preaching,] for Jesus’ name had become known. Some were saying, “John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.” 15But others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” 16But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.”

17For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because Herod had married her. 18For John had been telling Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” 19And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, 20for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. 21But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. 22When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.” 23And he solemnly swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.” 24She went out and said to her mother, “What should I ask for?” She replied, “The head of John the baptizer.” 25Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” 26The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her.

27Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, 28brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. 29When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 513 Listen, God is Calling
Refrain

(Listen,)

**listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.**

(Listen,)

**listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.**

**1 (Jesus gave his mandate:)
share the good news
(that he came to save us)
and set us free. Refrain**

**2 (Let none be forgotten)
throughout the world.
(In the triune name of God)
go and baptize. Refrain**

**3 (Help us to be faithful,)
standing steadfast,
(walking in your precepts,)
led by your Word. Refrain**

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

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

Holy parent, you welcome your people into one family and gather all things to yourself. Bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Awesome Creator, you steadfastly tend to the smallest of seeds and the mightiest of sycamore trees. Spring up green growth from the earth, nourish the growth of fruit, grain, and other crops, and bless the work of farmers and laborers. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of the oppressed, turn the ears of those who are in power to the voices of prophets in our own day. Protect those who speak difficult truths when it is risky to do so. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of strength, you are near to those who endure difficulty. Comfort all who are survivors of violence, guard the refugee and the immigrant, and protect all those who are victims of prejudice and discrimination. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of love, we pray for this holy house and all those who worship here. We pray especially for those whose efforts behind the scenes often go unnoticed; for the custodian(s) and maintenance workers, for our office staff, and for all of our volunteers. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We thank you, God, for the saints, martyrs, and prophets who have died in the faith. We remember those in this community who have recently died. United with them as God's children, assure us that we are yours forever. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

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 an individual package of bread and wine. 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 771 God, who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

**1 God, who stretched the spangled heavens
infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance
through the silent fields of space:
we, your children in your likeness,
share inventive pow'rs with you;
great Creator, still creating,
show us what we yet may do.**

- 2 We have ventured worlds undreamed of
since the childhood of our race;
known the ecstasy of winging
through untraveled realms of space;
probed the secrets of the atom,
yielding unimagined pow'r,
facing us with life's destruction
or our most triumphant hour.**
- 3 As each far horizon beckons,
may it challenge us anew:
children of creative purpose,
serving others, hon'ring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise;
each endeavor well begun;
great Creator, give us guidance
till our goals and yours are one.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the Lord.o-.

Thanks be to God!

And have fun doing it.

We will! Amen!

Postlude by Shirley Bergman

From sundaysandseasons.com.

Attendance 7/4//21: 15

Check Register Balance 7/2/21

Current: \$8,911.54

Bank Loan: \$0.00 Balance :)

Offering:7/4/21

Current: \$1,645

Benevolence: \$267

Improvement: \$125

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.

****Pastoral Care:** Pastor Kristen is available for pastoral care by phone at 563-212-1366.

Custodian Position: Kristi Clayton, our custodian, has decided to retire from her position at our church. She has offered to stay on until we find a replacement. If anyone knows of someone who would be interested in becoming our custodian, please contact a member of the church council or Pastor.

We are also 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 either position please let us know.

Thank you,

Church Council

Summer Food Program: ALC is collecting instant oatmeal, as well as varieties of cereal. ALC and Jubilee will pack the Summer Food Distribution boxes on Wednesday, July 21, at 4:30-6pm at St. A's school cafeteria. Contact Pastor Kristen if you have any questions. Donations can be left at Shirley Bergman's (Across the street from the church) during the week.

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 or with Shirley Bergman during the week.

6 pkgs stickers: nature, flowers, birds

5 boxes of 5pk modeling clay

lots of small twigs

pkg of 100 pipe cleaners

1 pkg of 100 brown paper lunch bag

Vacation Bible School: Jesup Community Wide VBS will take place Aug 15-17, 5:45pm-8pm, at the Land-O-Corn Park, with a program on Aug 18 at 7pm. VBS is for 4 year olds through those entering 5th grade. 3 year olds are welcome if they have a responsible adult accompanying them. Those entering 6th grade and up can be volunteers. Those wishing to register and/or volunteer can go to the Jesup Community Wide VBS Facebook Page at

<https://www.facebook.com/Jesup-Community-Wide-VBS-582888165057768>, or contact Pastor Kristen.

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 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.



*Sunday, July 11th at 2pm
Park Pavilion, Jesup, Iowa*

*Featuring **Bill Chrastil**
Bill has been honored with numerous awards in
Branson, MO
including **Best Gospel CD of the year.**
All are invited to join in the fun and fellowship!
See you there!!*