

Worship in the time of COVID-19

An order of worship for Oct 18, 2020

The Season After Pentecost

Welcome by Pastor Kristen

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

1Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

2Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

3Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

4For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.

5As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.

6Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

7Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

8Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord.

9Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

tremble before the Lord, all the earth.

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is king!

The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O Lord, for you come to judge the earth.

13 You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

Psalm Video: "Sing a New Song" (Psalm 96) By Richard Bruxvoort-Colligan, copyright 2010

Refrain:

Sing a new song for God, all the earth

Sing a new song! Sing a new song!

Verse 1:

Declare God's glory and bless God's name

Tell the story day after day: God is coming!

Verse 2:

Let the sky and earth be glad, creatures of the earth and land

Come and make a joyful noise, everything that has a voice

Let the sky and earth be glad, creatures of the sea and land

Verse 3:

And the fields are celebrating

In their joy the crops are waving

And the forests sing in rhythm,

Every tree can hold the vision

Children's Sermon

Scripture: Galatians 3:21-29

21Is the law then opposed to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could make alive, then righteousness would indeed come through the law. 22But the scripture has imprisoned all things under the power of sin, so that what was promised through faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

23Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. 24Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. 25But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, 26for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. 27As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. 29And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Sermon

Song: Reflection by Lost & Found

Let my life be a reflection of the love that you have shown
Let your love be my direction and my heart be your home

Until the trumpet sounds and the heavens part
Till the moon is red and the sky is dark
Till the heavens shake and the mountains quake
And the stones cry out your name
Until the hills are sweet and filled with cream
Until the young ones see and the old ones dream
The angels fly, the sleeping rise, and the mysteries are plain

Alleluia

Prayers of Intercession

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We give thanks for the witness of your servant Luke, the evangelist, whom the church commemorates today. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. During this time of pandemic, grant wisdom to leaders at every level of government, that they might make decisions that work for the good of all people. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt. We pray especially for those who are suffering from Covid-19, those who are dealing with long-term effects of Covid-19, those who are mourning the loss of loved ones who have died from Covid-19, and those who are suffering from the economic effects of the pandemic. In the midst of all of our frustration, grief, and pain, gather our voices in a new song, assuring us that you call us each by name, and you will never leave us or forsake us. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of healing, we pray for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. Guard and protect all doctors, nurses, and other medical personnel who care for those who are sick. Guide the work of researchers and scientists who are seeking treatments, cures, and vaccinations for Covid-19. Grant endurance to all of us while we deal with the precautions we must take during this pandemic. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of life, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you. We give thanks for their witness, confident of your rescuing welcome for all. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.**

Hymn: I Love to Tell the Story

- 1 I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story:
how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

3 I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story
that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

Blessing

May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
The blessing of God,
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

And have fun doing it.

We will! Amen!

BY THE NUMBERS

Check Register Balance 10/16/2020

\$11,230.15

Operating Bank Loan: \$4,912.27

PPP Loan Balance:\$16,984

Offering:10/11/2020

Current: \$1,275

Benevolence: \$62

Improvement: \$85

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT!: Worship will be held ONLY ONLINE this weekend. As explained in our reopening plans, we are monitoring three key metrics every Friday to ensure the utmost safety of our church family (please review the blog post on our website for full details). Unfortunately this week our school metric has jumped beyond our threshold, giving us an indication of possible community spread. Out of an abundance of caution we will move back to online this week and re-evaluate the metrics again next Friday in the hopes we can return in person. (Note: this closure also applies to any groups or committee meetings for the week.)

Please spread the word to other members and friends who may not be online. A link to the online worship will be shared Saturday night/Sunday morning as has been done in the past.

Thank you for your patience and prayers for our council and reopening committee as they keep a watchful eye on our safety during these unprecedented times, and we pray for health and healing to any affected by or recovering from Covid-19.

Homebound members: Mary Jo Sullivan is at Grand View in Oelwein

Military members: Jordan Leach is in the Air Force and is currently stationed in Sheppard AFB in TX 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.

All Saints Sunday: During the worship service for All Saints Sunday, we light candles in memory of our loved ones who have died. If you have a name you would like to include, please let Pastor Kristen or Jessica know by Wednesday, October 28. Pastor Kristen can be reached at pastor@americanlutheranjesup.org or 563-212- 1366. Jessica can be reached at secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org. You can also leave a message at the church, 827- 6626.

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

EWALU Fall Work Day Oct. 24

Volunteers are invited to Camp EWALU to help with a variety of outdoor service projects. Days start at 9:00 a.m. Sack lunch provided. Please RSVP to camp@ewalu.org or call 563-933-4700.