

# AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 28, 2024

## PRELUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

## INVOCATION

*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Congregation: Amen*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (pg. 56 LBW)

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Congregation: Amen.**

*P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,*

**ALL: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Congregation: Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

LBW #385 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

## GREETING (pg. 57 LBW)

*P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.*

## KYRIE (pgs. 57-58 LBW)

*P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: 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. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C: Amen*

## HYMN OF PRAISE (pgs. 60-61 LBW)

**Refrain: 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. Refrain.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. Refrain. 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. Refrain. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Refrain.**

SALUTATION (pg. 62 LBW)

*P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you. P: Let us pray.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**C: O God, your ears are open always to the prayers of your servants. Open our hearts and minds to you, that we may live in harmony with your will and receive the gifts of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 9:8-17

Pew Bible pg. 8

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 136:1-9

*L: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.*

**C: Give thanks to the God of gods, for his mercy endures forever.**

*L: Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his mercy endures forever;*

**C: who only does great wonders for his mercy endures forever;**

*L: who by wisdom made the heavens, for his mercy endures forever;*

**C: who spread out the earth upon the waters, for his mercy endures forever;**

*L: who created great lights, for his mercy endures forever;*

**C: the sun to rule the day, for his mercy endures forever;**

*L: the moon and the stars to govern the night, for his mercy endures forever;*

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 3:14-21

Pew Bible pg.1226

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (pg. 62 LBW)

**Congregation Sings: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 6:45-56

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter. Congregation sings: Glory to you, O Lord.*

*P: The Gospel of the Lord. Congregation sings: Praise to you, O Christ. (Please be seated)*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

“Take Heart! He’s Always Near”

Pastor Carl Rasmussen

HYMN OF THE DAY

WOV #710 “One Bread, One Body”  
(Please rise as you are able)

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 THE PEOPLE

*L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.*

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.*

## OFFERING

OFFERTORY (pg. 66 LBW) (Please rise) **Congregation Sings: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER (pg. 67 LBW) *P: Merciful Father, C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING (pgs. 68-69 LBW)

*P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.*

*P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.*

*P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*P: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

**C: 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 & THE LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD (pg. 72 LBW) **Congregation Sings: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING, CANTICLE & PRAYER (pgs. 73 LBW) (Please rise as you are able) **Congregation sings: Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

## BENEDICTION

## CLOSING HYMN

LBW #333 "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

## DISMISSAL

*P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.*

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

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*“Spirit of life, draw each of us into your love, that we may welcome it for ourselves  
and eagerly share it with others. Amen.”*

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**NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Family of Mildred Flessner      Family of Mary Ann Heiser

**CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Rich Friemel	Steen Bjerre	Debbi Dietz	Carla Adkins
Maddy & Leah Graves	Kim Wyre	Jessica Hawn	Loretta Overholt
Jennifer Birkey	Earl Smith	Cindy Williams	Gabbi Reynolds
Ben Moser	Denny Doyle	William Benton	Steve Ritchie
Marla Osterbur	Sharon Lohen	Mary Mallicoat	Nick Shepherd
Bob & Jenny Hobby	Michael Markarian	Joyce Keith	Bob Selby
Merrill Wattjes	Joan Percival	Joyce Williamson	

**NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:**

Keith Dohleman	Rita Buenting	Shorty Baugher	Ruth Lutz
Ilene Ackerman	Genet Dixon	Janet Withers	Joan Mathis

**MILITARY (Bolded names are known to be in an area of higher danger):**

Jon Stiebner	Alex Short	Brandon Elrod	Kasey Fenimore
Brian Griswold	Levi Loschen	Ryan Falletti	Riley Falletti

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<b>TABLE GUILD</b>	Terri Kirby, Emily Deal
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Carson McClain, Daphnie Albers
<b>BULLETIN GREETERS</b>	Emily Deal, Lindalou Hauersperger
<b>GREETERS</b>	Bill Schlueter, Lois Madden
<b>LECTOR</b>	Aubrie Albers
<b>PRAYER LEADER</b>	Joyce Holland
<b>WORSHIP STEWARD</b>	Lloyd Schluter
<b>USHERS</b>	Emily Deal, John Lux, Deanne Rosenbeck

**WELCOME!** On one day Jesus fed a crowd with a few loaves and fish, then calmed both a storm and his disciples. He is also with you always — whatever your needs and cares.

**FLOWERS TODAY** are provided for *Marlys Morris* in celebration of her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday on August 3<sup>rd</sup> by her family.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE** for the call of a pastor continues to be held in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday evening. A time of fellowship with a light meal begins at 5:45 p.m. prior to the prayer service. All are invited and welcome to attend!

**LEMONADE STAND** The last ALC Summer Camp lemonade stand will be held this Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Proceeds are going to the Humane Society.

**OFFICE CLOSED** The church office will be closed this Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held immediately following the Worship Service next Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, concerning the replacement of the youth hall floor and connecting hallways. Please plan to attend.

**HELP NEEDED** The preschool will be having their floors refinished on Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be clearing out the rooms after summer camp on Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, starting at 4:30 p.m. Please let the office know if you would be available to help. Thank you! Any help would be much appreciated!

**BACK TO SCHOOL DAYS** will be held next Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Bethany Park Church Clothing Center. Volunteers are needed to help assemble school supplies for children K - 8<sup>th</sup> grade this Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers are also needed for next Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. for the actual giveaway day. If you are able to help at set-up or giveaway day, please call Shirley Friemel at 217-766-4111. We need lots of help making this event happen. This is a great way to help the children have a great start to the new school year and you will be blessed seeing all the happy faces.

**CHRIST LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL'S KNIGHT FOR CHRIST BENEFIT AUCTION** will be held on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Ford County Fairgrounds in Melvin. Silent Auction begins at 4:00 p.m. Reservations are \$50.00 per person. RSVP required by August 9<sup>th</sup>. Please call the CLHS office at 217-394-2547 for more information.

**BISHOP DAN SELBO** addressed congregations last week regarding the response we should have to the violence and unrest in our nation. He has issued a call to prayer, encouraged us to embody the love of Christ for all people, hold steadfast to our hope in Christ, and encouraged us to be peacemakers acting in unity and peace toward those we encounter. We have several copies of the entire letter available at the worship steward's desk. If you would like a copy and none are remaining, please contact the office and one will be printed for you.

**CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION** If you are a baptized believer, trusting that the life giving and sustaining power and presence of Christ is truly present in bread and wine, we welcome you to the Lord's table. Children who commune in their home congregations are welcome to commune; those who are not currently communing at the Lord's table are invited to come forward for a blessing keeping their hands to their sides. The center of each tray holds light colored, non-alcoholic juice for those with special circumstances. \*\*\*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request for those with allergies.

**ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK:**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 96

**UPCOMING PULPIT SCHEDULE:**

August 4<sup>th</sup> – Terry Doyle

August 11<sup>th</sup> – Pr. Jay Johnson (Communion)

August 18<sup>th</sup> – Pr. Carl Rasmussen (Communion)

**BROADCAST/FLOWER CHART** If you would like to sponsor the weekly radio broadcast on WPXN, the cost is \$50. To provide flowers for Sunday, the cost is \$25. Please sign up on the appropriate chart outside the Narthex then notify the church office the details to print in the bulletin prior to that date.

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 145:10-21; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:22-35

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**THIS WEEK****Sunday, July 28**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

**Monday, July 29**

12:30 p.m. NO Quilting

**Tuesday, July 30**

6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

**Wednesday, July 31**

5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. Prayer Service

**Thursday, August 1**

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

**Friday, August 2 OFFICE CLOSED**

2:00 p.m. ALC Summer Camp Lemonade Stand

**Sunday, August 4**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting

Following

Cong. Mtg.: Adult Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

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**Radio Broadcast Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m. on WPXN 104.9FM**

**Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
*July 28, 2024 – August 3, 2024*

*Prayer: Lord God, Heavenly Father, your ears are open always to the prayers of your servants. Open our hearts and minds to you, that we may live in harmony with your will and receive the gifts of your Spirit; through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*

**Daily Lessons:**

Sunday	1 Samuel 20:1-42	Psalm 68	John 4:16-54
Monday	1 Samuel 21:1-22:23	Psalm 69	John 5:1-18
Tuesday	1 Samuel 23:1-29	Psalm 70	John 5:19-29
Wednesday	1 Samuel 24:1-22	Psalm 71	John 5:30-47
Thursday	1 Samuel 25:1-43	Psalm 72	John 6:1-15
Friday	1 Samuel 26:1-25	Psalm 73	John 6:16-21
Saturday	1 Samuel 27:1-28:25	Psalm 74	John 6:22-24

**Morning Prayer** We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen

**Mid-Day Prayer** Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour you bore our sins in your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, your servants, with all others who devoutly remember your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and, through your grace, eternal glory in the life to come; where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever. Amen

**Evening Prayer** We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen