



**15th Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Holy Communion
September 13, 2020**

American Lutheran Church
1941 Silver Street • Ashland, Nebraska 68003

Faithfully Living, Loving, and Serving in God's Grace

Welcome! It is a joy to gather with you, in-person or virtually, in prayer and praise on this day the Lord has made. May you rejoice in the promise of new life in Christ and keep with you the good news that Jesus is alive, surprising you with his grace-filled welcome every day of your life.

Additional information about our mission can be found at www.alcashland.org. Be sure to "Like" our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/alcashland and follow us on Instagram: [alcashland](https://www.instagram.com/alcashland).

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Announcements

◆ Today – Blessed to Bless -

This morning, we kick off our movement to be a community of faith who blesses those around us. Each Sunday during worship, we will give you a blessing to focus on for the week. All ALC mission partners, young and old, are invited to participate.

ALC Blessed to Bless

9/13–9/19

Yard Work

9/20–9/26

Send Bible Verse

9/27–10/3

Create a Window Sign

10/4–10/10

Thank you to Essential Worker

◆ **Tonight** – Our September men's ministry gathering is today at 6:00 pm. All men are welcome to join us on Zoom for a time of check-in and conversation. To join us click on this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4016341821?pwd=cnpCZ0w3bVY5TCs4MXluNjd0UFBPQT09>
Hope to see you there!

Opportunities to Serve, Witness, and Worship

Today: 9:30 am - Service of Holy Communion (Parking Lot & Facebook Live)

6:00 pm - Men's Ministry Gathering (Zoom)

Thursday: 5:00 pm - Kids' Cupboard

Sunday: 9:30 am - Worship TBA



Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God,
we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through ☩ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Gathering Song *Our God* Chris Tomlin

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.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading Genesis 12:1-9

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:13-16

Children's Message

Message Pastor Steve

Song of the Day *The Light in Me* Brandon Heath

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Offering

All that we are and all that we have, comes from God. We worship God now, in releasing what God has first entrusted us: our time, our possessions, and ourselves. May this time of giving and prayer open a way of life, grounded in gratitude and praise for all God has done for you.

Offering Prayer

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome to this meal. We believe that Christ is fully present in this sacrament, forgiving our sin and nourishing our lives. Communion will be served with the words "Body of Christ given for you. Blood of Christ shed for you."

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Table Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

Blessing Moment

Sending Song.....*You Are So Good to Me*.....Third Day

Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God!

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

¹The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. ²"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." ⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. ⁵He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. ⁶Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord. ⁹Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

⁶Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." ¹⁰Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. ¹²This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ¹⁴And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

¹³"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

We Lift In Prayer

- ***Craig** – (The gentleman for whom we collect cans) – *Prayers for healing*
- ***Laura Allmon** – (Friend of the Washburn Family) – *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Brad Bishop** - (Friend of the McCoy Family) - *Prayers for dealing with FTD disease*
- ***Mike Brown** - (Son-in-law of Connie Freyer) - *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Beau Chase** – *Prayers for healing*
- ***Rollie Curren** – Prayers for healing and strength
- ***Dean Curtis** - *Prayers for strength and healing*
- ***Lee Doyon** - (Nephew of Jamie Wilson) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Leroy Drews** - *Prayers for strength and healing*
- ***Kaitlyn Elliott** – (Wife of Brody Elliott) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Mike & Deb Foote** - (*Friends of Teri Miller*) - *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Kim Forney** – (*Friend of The Closet*) – *Prayers for improved health*
- ***Mary Haberstich** – (Daughter of Dennis Haberstich) – *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Dianne Hasch** - (Friend of the Lindley Family) - *Prayers for strength and healing*
- ***Dianna Howland** – (Sister of John Reid) – *prayers for comfort and peace*
- ***Hardy Jenkins**- (Grandson of Marty and Shelly Martin) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Lois Johnson** – (Friend of the Washburns) – *Prayers for healing*
- ***Earlyne Kuhns** – (Grandmother-in-law of Beau Chase) – *Prayers for healing*
- ***Joellen Kratky** – (Aunt of Shirley Niemeyer) – *Prayers for healing*
- ***Peter Krom** – (from Cindy Krom) – *Prayers for healing*
- ***Pastor Lance & Karen Lindgren** – (Previous pastor & wife at ALC) - *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Keryl Meduna** – (Sister of David Nygren) – *Prayers for healing*
- ***Leland Nygren** - (Father of David Nygren) - *Prayers for strength and healing*
- ***Nancy MacNeil** - (Friend of Deb Pike) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Marlene McDonald** – (Sister of Shirley Niemeyer) – *Prayers for healing during treatments*
- ***Ray & Judy Mumenthaler** – (Friends of Doug Washburn) – *Prayers for serious health issues*
- ***Dick Pike** - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Matt Reisen** – *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Michaela Schwarten** - (Barb Washburn's Niece) - *Prayers for strength and good health for surgery*
- ***Danny Snyder** - (Grandson-in-law of the Starns') - *Prayers for continued recovery*
- ***Don Spilker** - (Dean Spilker's Father) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Grace Starns** – *Prayers for healing and renewed strength*
- ***P.J. Vest** – *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Todd Vogt** – (Friend of the Washburns) - *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Doug Washburn** – *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Sandra White** – *Prayers for comfort and peace*
- ***Bev Ziegenbein** - *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Adam Zierott** – (Friend of Doug Washburn) – *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***All men and women serving in the Armed Forces**

Each week we light the white candle on the altar for the safety of the American Troops and hope for world peace.

Contact the church office for updates to the prayer list. Thank You.