



**20th Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Holy Communion
October 18, 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

◆ **Blessed to Bless** - 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.

◆ **Confirmation Sunday** - On 10/25, our 2019-20 confirmands will lead us in worship, share their faith statements, and publicly affirm their faith. Come celebrate with them!

ALC Blessed to Bless

10/11-10/17	Go for a Walk with Someone
10/18-10/24	Share a Positive News Story
10/25-10/31	Wave to Others while Driving
11/1-11/7	"Pay it Forward" at a Drive-thru
11/8-11/14	Make Eye-contact and Greet 5 People

Opportunities to Serve, Witness, and Worship

Today:	9:30 am - Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary & Facebook Live)
Thursday:	5:00 pm - Kids' Cupboard
Sunday:	9:30 am - Confirmation Sunday Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary & Facebook Live)

Serving in Worship Today

Clergy.....	Pastor Steve
Communion.....	
Counters.....	Linda Adams & Jean Whiteaker
Lector.....	Melissa Kasuske
Projection.....	
Ushers.....	
Song Leaders.....	



Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✝, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Gathering Song*Get Your Hopes Up* Josh Baldwin

Greeting

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

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.

First Reading Isaiah 45:1-7

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Gospel Reading Matthew 22:15-22

Response: The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message

MessagePastor Steve

Song of the Day*Trust in You*.....Lauren Daigle

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****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**

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

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

¹Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed: ²I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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*
- ***Family & Friends of John Crosley** - (Father of Jennifer Kelley) – *Prayers for comfort and peace*
- ***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*
- ***Rich Styskal** - *Prayers for healing and recovery*
- ***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.