



**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Holy Communion
October 10, 2021
(In Person-Sanctuary & Facebook Live)**

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 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

◆ **Acolyte Training** - On October 24th at 11:30 am, we will be hosting a training for 4th & 5th grade youth, to learn how to acolyte. We look forward to having acolytes in worship again, beginning in Advent!

◆ **Blessing of the Quilts** - Today in worship, we will have our annual Blessing of the Quilts, before they are sent out to families in need. Thank you to everyone who worked diligently to create these beautiful quilts, which will be a blessing to so many!

Occasions to Live, Love, and Serve

Today: 9:30 am - Worship (In Person - Sanctuary & FB Live)
10:45 am - Sunday School

Wednesday: 4:30 pm - The Closet
6:30 pm - Confirmation

Thursday: 1:00 pm - WELCA
5:00 pm - Kids' Cupboard

Saturday: 9:00 am - The Closet

Sunday: 9:30 am - Worship (In Person - Sanctuary & FB Live)
10:45 am - Sunday School

Serving in Worship Today

Clergy..... Pastor Steve
Pianist..... Andrew Loges
Communion..... Schefdore Family
Counters..... Chris Schefdore & Jason Gerdes
Lector.....
Projection..... Melissa Kasuske
Greeters..... Schefdore Family



Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

God our comforter: **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in ☩ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

Gathering Song....."Build Your Kingdom Here".....Rend Collective

Verse One

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us

Chorus

Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray

Verse Two

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this earth

Verse Three

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth **Chorus x2**

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.**

Canticle of Praise "Now the Feast and Celebration" ELW 167

Refrain

Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!

Verse One

Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God. **Refrain**

Verse Two

Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever. **Refrain**

Verse Three

For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us people of God;
to make all things new. **Refrain**

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Second Reading Hebrews 4:12-16

Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia!" ELW p. 142

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading Mark 10:17-31

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

Children's Message

Message Pastor Steve

Song of the Day "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" ELW 597

Verse One

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

Verse Two

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil. **Refrain**

Verse Three

His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay. **Refrain**

Verse Four

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne! **Refrain**

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt
Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868.

Blessing of the Quilts

L: Let us pray, O Lord our God, maker of all things, you have blessed us with so many gifts, which enable us to be a blessing to others, through your Holy Spirit.

A: Thank you for the gift of your Spirit.

L: We give you thanks, Lord, for the time, workmanship, and prayers that have gone into each one of these quilts. We thank you for the faithfulness of each of your servants who worked on them.

A: Thank you for the gift of your servants.

L: We ask, now, for your blessing on these quilts. By your Spirit, may those who receive them know your mercy and grace, as they are wrapped in your love.

A: Thank you for the gift of your amazing love! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

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

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

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

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

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.

Communion Song....."Lamb of God".....ELW p.146

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.

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

Sending Song....."WayMaker".....Michael W. Smith

Verse One

You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You

Chorus

Waymaker, miracle worker
Promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are **x2**

Verse Two

You are here, touching every heart
I worship You, hold my hands, I worship You
You are here, turning lives around
I worship You, I worship You **Chorus**

Tag

That is who You are (that is who You are) **x4**

Bridge

Bridge

Even when I don't see it, You're working
Even when I can't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
You never stop, You never stop working
(repeats) Chorus

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Sending

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

First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” ²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

We Lift In Prayer

- ***Craig** – (The gentleman for whom we collect cans) – *Prayers for healing*
- ***Holly Anderson** – *Prayers for healing*
- ***Brad Bishop** - (Friend of the McCoy Family) - *Prayers for dealing with FTD disease*
- ***Greg Brown** - (Friend of Doug Washburn) - *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Beau Chase** – *Prayers for healing*
- ***Rollie Curren** – *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Lee Doyon** - (Nephew of Jamie Wilson) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Leroy Drews** - *Prayers for strength and healing*
- ***Ike Dupee** - (Father of Koren Lindley) - *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*
- ***Donna Haberstich** - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Mary Haberstich** - (Daughter of Dennis Haberstich) – *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Lenora Hanna** - (Friend of Doug & Barb Washburn) – *Prayers for health issues*
- ***Gary Hansel** - *Prayers for comfort 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*
- ***Elisa Jensen and Jason Cramer** - (Sister of Chris Schefdore) - *Prayers for strength*
- ***Earlyne Kuhns** – (Grandmother-in-law of Beau Chase) – *Prayers for healing*
- ***Peter Krom** – (from Cindy Krom) – *Prayers for healing*
- ***Conor Kupfer** – (from Connie Freyer) *Prayers for thanksgiving for successful heart surgery*
- ***Keryl Meduna** – (Sister of David Nygren) – *Prayers for healing*
- ***Nancy MacNeil** - (Friend of Deb Pike) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Family & Friends of Joe Nissen** - *Prayers for comfort and strength*
- ***Dick Pike** - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Matt Reisen** – *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Jennett Robinson** – *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Danny Snyder** - (Grandson-in-law of the Starns') - *Prayers for continued recovery*
- ***Grace Starns** – *Prayers for healing and renewed strength*
- ***Caleb Stubbendick** – (Great-nephew of Sue Palmer) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Edie Watson** - (Friend of Teri Miller) - *Prayers for Tests and successful treatment*
- ***Sandra White** – *Prayers for comfort and peace*
- ***Bev Ziegenbein** – *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.