



**26th Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Holy Communion
November 21, 2021**

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

◆ **Advent** - The Advent season begins November 28. Advent calendars are available to pick up in the fellowship hall. If you would like to order a copy of the Advent devotional, please let Kellie know in the office.

◆ **Advent Prayer Practice Series** - Each Sunday morning in Advent at 10:45 am, we will devote some time to learning a new prayer practice together and engaging in that practice. These sessions are designed for our adults and older youth. Each of these will be a stand alone session, so you are welcome to join us for as many, or few, as you would like.

◆ **Wednesday Evening Worship** - Our first Wednesday evening Advent worship will be December 1 at 6:30 pm. We will gather in person and on Facebook Live for these services. Come, worship with us!

◆ **Hanging of the Greens** - Immediately following worship on December 1, we will stick around to decorate the tree in the sanctuary, put out the nativity in the narthex, and more, to prepare our space for the season. Join your church family for this festive time together!

◆ **Poinsettia Orders** - We will again be using Poinsettias to Decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve Worship. If you would like to order a Poinsettia through the church we ask that you please have the order form and payment in to the office no later than **December 5th**. Poinsettias can be ordered online at the following link: <https://forms.gle/FuAFAJ894EyTphns9>

Occasions to Live, Love, and Serve

Today: 9:30 am - Worship (In Person & FB Live)

10:45 am - Sunday School

Thur: 5:00 pm - Kids' Cupboard

Sun: 9:30 am - Worship (In Person & FB Live)

10:45 am - Sunday School & Prayer Practice Series

Serving in Worship Today

Worship Leader.....Jen Wilson

Pianist.....Andrew Loges

Communion.....

Counters.....Rick Collura & Jack Eager

Lector.....

Projection.....Nicole Chudomelka

Greeters.....



Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.

God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for ☩ Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God. **Amen.**

Gathering Song....."I Know That My Redeemer Lives".....ELW 619 (v1-4)

Verse One

I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head!

Verse Two

He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love.

Verse Three

He lives to grant me rich supply;
he lives to guide me with his eye;
he lives to comfort me when faint;
he lives to hear my soul's complaint.

Verse Four

He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart.

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

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 God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First ReadingDeuteronomy 8:7-18

Second Reading1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

Gospel Acclamation”Alleluia!”ELW p. 142

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

Gospel Reading Luke 17:11-19

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

Message

Song of the Day”How Can it Be”.....Lauren Daigle

Verse One

I am guilty
Ashamed of what I've done what I've become
These hands are dirty
I dare not lift them up
To the Holy One

Chorus

You plead my cause
You right my wrongs
You break my chains You overcome
You gave Your life
To give me mine
You say that I am free (yeah)
How can it be yeah
(How can it be) (oh)

Verse Two

I've been hiding
Afraid I've let You down
Inside I doubt
That You still love me
But in Your eyes
There's only grace now

Bridge

Though I fall You can make me new
From this death I will rise with You
Oh the grace reaching out for me
How can it be
How can it be

Chorus x2

Prayers of Intercession

“...Lord, in your mercy.”

Congregational Response: “Hear our prayer.”

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

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....."I Love to Tell the Story".....ELW 661

Verse One

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

Verse Two

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**

Refrain

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

Verse Three

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**

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

Sending

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

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First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. ¹¹Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. ¹²When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, ¹³and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." ¹⁸But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

¹²But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; ¹³esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. ¹⁵See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. ¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²²abstain from every form of evil. ²³May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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 Haberstick** - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Mary Haberstick** - (Daughter of Dennis Haberstick) – *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*
- ***Sierra Kirchhoff** - (Niece of Chris Schefdore) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***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*
- ***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*
- ***Eddie 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.