



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Holy Communion

October 2, 2022

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

◆ **Pastor Suzanne How** - We would like to take a few moments to Welcome Pastor Suzanne How! She is here to learn about our congregation and help guide us through this Transitional Journey. Be sure to say "Hi" and introduce yourself and show her the beautiful hospitality of our Ashland Community.

◆ **Confirmation** - Confirmation will be starting back up again on October 5th for 7th & 8th grade youth. Confirmation will be at 6pm every Wednesday evening.

◆ **Blessing of the Quilts** - In worship on October 16, 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 & FB Live)
	10:30 am - Fellowship
	10:45 am - Sunday School
Thursday:	5:00 pm - Kids' Cupboard
Sunday:	9:30 am - Worship (In Person & FB Live)
	10:30 am - Fellowship
	10:45 am - Sunday School

Serving in Worship Today

Clergy.....	Pastor Suzanne How
Pianist.....	Andrew Loges
Acolytes.....	Connor & Jaxon Nootz
Communion.....	Brittany Barnes
Counters.....	Melissa Kasuske & Andrew Loges
Fellowship.....	Bill & Sue Palmer & Gerdes Family
Flowers.....	Dee Barney
Greeters.....	Barnes Family
Lector.....	Brittany Barnes
Projection.....	Brad Jacobsen



Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness, **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven ✚ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Song....."Take My Life, That I May Be".....ELW 583

Refrain

Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Verse One

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee. **Refrain**

Verse Two

Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. **Refrain**

Verse Three

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee. **Refrain**

Verse Four

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne. **Refrain**

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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

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading.....Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Second Reading.....2 Timothy 1:1-14

Gospel Acclamation“Alleluia”.....ELW p. 142

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

Gospel ReadingLuke 17:5-10

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

Children’s Message

Message.....Pastor Suzanne How

Song of the Day”Just a Closer Walk with Thee”.....ELW 697

Refrain

Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Verse One

I am weak but thou art strong:
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. **Refrain**

Verse Two

Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

Verse Three

When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. **Refrain**

Refrain

Prayers of Intercession

“...God of grace.”

Congregational Response: “Hear our prayer.”

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Amen.**

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.

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 **around the rail**. White grape juice is available in the center of each tray and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Come forward from front to back, beginning with middle sections. Please indicate you would like to commune with open hands.*

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.

Communion

Communion Song....."Come to the Table".....Sidewalk Prophet

Verse One

We all start on the outside
The outside looking in
This is where grace begins
We were hungry we were thirsty
With nothing left to give
Oh the shape that we were in
And Just when all hope seemed lost
Love opened the door for us

Verse Two

Come meet this motley crew of misfits
These liars and these thieves
There's no one unwelcome here
That sin and shame
that you brought with you
You can leave it at the door
Let mercy draw you near

Chorus

Final Chorus

Come to the table
Come join the sinners who have been
redeemed
Take your place beside the Savior
Sit down and be set free

Ending

Woah sit down and be set free
Come to the table
Come to the table
Sit down and be set free
Come to the table

Chorus

(He said) come to the table
Come join the sinners who have been
redeemed
Take your place beside the Savior
Sit down and be set free
Come to the table
(Come to the table)

Bridge

To the thief and to the doubter
To the hero and the coward
To the prisoner and the soldier
To the young and to the older
All who hunger all who thirst
All the last and all the first
All the paupers and the princes
All who fail you've been forgiven
All who dream and all who suffer
All who've loved and lost another
All the chained and all the free
All who follow all who lead
Anyone who's been let down
All the lost you have been found
All who've been labeled right or wrong
To ev'ryone who hears this song

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Communion Song....."Just As I As, Without One Plea".....ELW 592

Verse One

Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Verse Three

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,

Verse Two

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Verse Four

Just as I am; thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

Sending Song....."Rise Up, O Saints of God!".....ELW 669

Verse One

Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.

Verse Three

Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom's task
embrace; redress sin's cruel consequence;
give justice larger place.

Verse Five

Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ
has trod; and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,
rise up, O saints of God!

Verse Two

Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs
earth's frame; as heirs of God's baptismal
grace, the word of hope proclaim.

Verse Four

Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in
pain; stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain.

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Sending

Go in peace, with Christ beside you. **Thanks be to God!**

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrong doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous— therefore judgment comes forth perverted. ^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ²Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. ⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. ⁷“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

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*
- ***Beau Chase** – *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*
- ***Deloris (Dee) Gade** – (Friend of Jamie Wilson)– *Prayers for healing and recovery*
- ***Dianna Howland** – (Sister of John Reid) – *Prayers for comfort and peace*
- ***Hardy Jenkins** – (Grandson of Marty and Shelly Martin) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Sierra Kirchoff** – (Niece of Chris Schefdore) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Kirchoff Family** – (Sister of Chris Schefdore Family) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Earlyne Kuhns** – (Grandmother-in-law of Beau Chase) – *Prayers for healing*
- ***Kevin Kuhns** – (Son of Earlyne Kuhns) – *Prayers for healing*
- ***Peter Krom** – (from Cindy Krom) – *Prayers for healing*
- ***Nancy MacNeil** – (Friend of Deb Pike) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Dick Pike** - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Matt Reisen** – *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Ron Riensche** – (Brother of Barb Washburn) - *Prayers for strength and healing*
- ***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*
- ***Dave Stock** – (Friend of Bill & Sue Palmer) – *Prayers for strength and healing during cancer treatment*
- ***Jeanine Washburn** – (Aunt to Washburns) - *Prayers for strength and healing during cancer testing*
- ***Edie Watson** –(Friend of Teri Miller) - *Prayers of thanks for successful treatment*
- ***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.