



American Lutheran Church

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025

***Thank you for being the Body of Christ
gathered here this morning.***

We have committed as a church to pray for all those in our community who are living in the darkness of addiction. We have lit a candle in the front of the sanctuary as we pray for the light of Christ to break into their lives. Before worship begins, you are invited to light a candle for a friend or family member for whom you are praying.

Welcome/Announcements

Come Celebrate:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, breathing life into all creatures:

Come into us Holy Spirit.

In the beginning God created the people of the earth, naming humanity the embodiment of the divine presence.

Come into us Holy Spirit.

In the beginning God guided the darkness over the earth, leading it into light, forming a communion from the chaos.

Come into us Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be -

God gives us life!

***In the name of God, the Creator, in the name of Christ, the Redeemer, in the name of the Guiding Spirit,
Alleluia, Amen. (Leader first time through, Women second time, all third time)***

Come let us worship God - ***Come let us worship God! (2x)***

Refrain: Welcome ev'ry one - Welcome ev'ry one

To the love of God - ***to the love of God.***

Rest for the weary...

Food for the hungry...

Hope for the children...

Prayer of St. Francis

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Gracious God, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith, where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

Response: Jesus Christ, the life of the world and of all creation, forgive our separation. Grant us peace and unity.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. **Response**

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Response**

How good it is to sing praises to our God.

Refrain: ***How good it is to sing praises: Sing praises to our God!***

How good it is to sing praises: Sing praises, hallelujah!

Glory to Jesus Christ, the dove who was slain, his flight to freedom in our gain. Refrain.

God heals the brokenhearted, mends and makes whole, binding the wound within our soul. Refrain.

God counts the stars above and calls them by name, loving all people just the same. Refrain.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Special Music - Christian Britton

Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20

Reader: Hedy Mitchell

This book contains the messages about Judah and Jerusalem which God revealed to Isaiah son of Amoz during the time when Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah were kings of Judah.

Jerusalem, your rulers and your people are like those of Sodom and Gomorrah. Listen to what the Lord is saying to you. Pay attention to what our God is teaching you. He says, "Do you think I want all these sacrifices you keep offering to me? I have had more than enough of the sheep you burn as sacrifices and of the fat of your fine animals. I am tired of the blood of bulls and sheep and goats. Who asked you to bring me all this when you come to worship me? Who asked you to do all this tramping around in my Temple? It's useless to bring your offerings. I am disgusted with the smell of the incense you burn. I cannot stand your New Moon Festivals, your Sabbaths, and your religious gatherings; they are all corrupted by your sins. I hate your New Moon Festivals and holy days; they are a burden that I am tired of bearing.

"When you lift your hands in prayer, I will not look at you. No matter how much you pray, I will not listen, for your hands are covered with blood. Wash yourselves clean. Stop all this evil that I see you doing. Yes, stop doing evil and learn to do right. See that justice is done—help those who are oppressed, give orphans their rights, and defend widows."

The Lord says, "Now, let's settle the matter. You are stained red with sin, but I will wash you as clean as snow. Although your stains are deep red, you will be as white as wool. If you will only obey me, you will eat the good things the land produces. But if you defy me, you are doomed to die. I, the Lord, have spoken."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

Second Reading: Psalm 50: 1-8, 22-23

The Almighty God, the Lord, speaks; he calls to the whole earth from east to west. God shines from Zion, the city perfect in its beauty. Our God is coming, but not in silence; a raging fire is in front of him, a furious storm around him. He calls heaven and earth as witnesses to see him judge his people. He says, "Gather my faithful people to me, those who made a covenant with me by offering a sacrifice." The heavens proclaim that God is righteous, that he himself is judge. "Listen, my people, and I will speak; I will testify against you, Israel. I am God, your God. I do not reprimand you because of your sacrifices and the burnt offerings you always bring me. "Listen to this, you that ignore me, or I will destroy you, and there will be no one to save you.

Giving thanks is the sacrifice that honors me, and I will surely save all who obey me.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Luke 12: 32-40

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom. Sell all your belongings and give the money to the poor. Provide for yourselves purses that don't wear out, and save your riches in heaven, where they will never decrease, because no thief can get to them, and no moth can destroy them. For your heart will always be where your riches are.

“Be ready for whatever comes, dressed for action and with your lamps lit, like servants who are waiting for their master to come back from a wedding feast. When he comes and knocks, they will open the door for him at once. How happy are those servants whose master finds them awake and ready when he returns! I tell you, he will take off his coat, have them sit down, and will wait on them. How happy they are if he finds them ready, even if he should come at midnight or even later! And you can be sure that if the owner of a house knew the time when the thief would come, he would not let the thief break into his house. And you, too, must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you are not expecting him.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“Morning Has Broken”

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1) **Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.**

**Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

2) **Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.**

**Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**

3) **Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!**

**Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!**

Affirmation of Faith

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We believe in God, the Giver of Life, who created the earth and all that exists.

We believe in God, the Redeemer of Life, who was revealed to Noah and Abraham, to Rachel and Naomi in their search for safety and a home; who was revealed to the people of Israel in their journey from oppression to freedom; who was revealed in Jesus, the Christ, in his birth and death, his pain and resurrection, and with whom we identify in our own joys and sorrows.

We believe in God, the Sustainer of Life, who heals us in our pain, who gives us new life in our dying, and through whom we are made whole in our resurrection. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Each petition will end with “Lord, in your mercy.”
The congregation responds with **“Hear our prayer.”**

Offering

You may put your offerings in the basket on the table in the back of the sanctuary or you are invited to make your offerings online on our website – americanlutheranchurch.net - or mail them to American Lutheran Church at PO Box 653- Newport, WA 99156

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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The God of Life be with you always. And with you, too.
Lift up your hearts, Lift up your minds. We lift them joyfully unto God.
Let us thank our gracious God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.
The God of Life be with you always. And with you too.
Holy, holy, holy God, source of power, source of love, Heav'n and earth are full of you.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one, the one who comes in the name of our gracious God.
Blessed be Jesus Christ.
Holy, holy, holy God, source of power, source of love,
Heav'n and earth are full of you. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

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Living God, Risen Christ, you make yourself known to us in the breaking of bread,
and the pouring of wine.
Refresh us once again with these symbols of your healing presence in all the world.
We break bread today and remember the brokenness throughout all the world.
We pour wine today and remember the blood being shed throughout all the world.
Living God, Risen Christ, through the eating of this bread and the drinking of this wine, may our
eyes and our hands be opened to the needs of others, and our hearts to the sharing of your gifts
in all the world.
Amen.

Words of Institution

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

**Gracious God in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as
in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the
power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

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**Christ have mercy on us all. Hold us steadfast e'er we fall...
Break the bread. Pour the wine. Come and dine.
God be with us at the feast, Grant us wisdom, give us peace...
Break the bread. Pour the wine. Come and dine.**

Holy Spirit, breathe again, light the darkness, be our friend...

Break the bread. Pour the wine. Come and dine.

Bake a great loaf, give it time.

Choose the best grapes from the vine.

Break the bread. Pour the wine. Come and dine.

Jesus welcomes ALL to his table to receive his love and forgiveness -- his life given for you.

Grape juice and gluten/soy/corn free wafers are available.

Distribution Songs: #26 - 30 (on white pages in back)

Post communion Canticle

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Now the Body broken, now the Blood is shed,

now the eyes are open to the Living Bread:

Bread of Life, Bread of Hope, Bread of Peace

Now with wills united, now with open hands,

now with hearts delighted, hear our God's command:

Share the Life, Share the Hope (3x) ... Share the Peace.

Prayer

Benediction

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**God of Life: God the creator - God of Hope: Christ the Redeemer - God of Peace: Holy Spirit -
Bless you now and always.**

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Bless you now and always.***

Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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A gentle reminder: Please show care for one another and wear a mask if you are feeling under the weather at all.

This Week

Monday	10 am	Bible Study
	Noon	Al-anon
Tuesday	10 am	Anna Circle
Sunday	10 am	Worship

Remember in Prayer: Cyndy Akre, Grady, Marjorie Lou Alliger, Becky Anderson (former Pastor of UCC), Scone Bender, Barbara Campbell, Justin Carnie, Colleen (friend of Dawn Morey), Shae Courtney (son-in-law of the Lewis'), Eirie, Angel, Angelito (at the request of the Schellers), Susan Fox, Dorothy Funden, Gladys Gerow, Larry Gerow (Gladys Gerow's son), Linda Hall (at the request of Terry Zakar), Gary Heckathorn, Annika Hughes, Kapple family, Sandy Loskill, Kadence (Dawn Morey's granddaughter), Dewey Moore (Cindy Robertson's dad), Bryce Reynolds, Joel Robertson, Robin (at the request of Cheryl

Graff), Carol Rock, Sandy Rock (Joy Peralta's sister-in-law) Nakia Salazar; daughter Gabriella, Judy Schoesler, Merle Simons (at the request of the Graffs), Nancy Thome, Lindsay Uhl (Barbara Campbell's sister-in-law), Chris Vullo (at the request of Judy Bell), Paul Zakar (Terry Zakar's brother-in-law).

Announcements:

Giving Update: June Actual Giving - \$14,257.68. June Budget - \$17,083.33. June Variance - (\$2,825.65). YTD Variance to giving budget as of June 30, 2025 is (\$6,792.52)

Thank you for your faithful and generous gifts.

Church Office Schedule: Due to Pastor Bob's sabbatical and Laretta's summer schedule, summer hours will be quite unpredictable. Laretta Heaney (Administrative Assistant) can be reached at: 509-447-3440 or through the office email: alc.churchoffice@gmail.com.

Pastor Bob Albing will be away from June 23 - August 10. If it is an emergency please contact Pastor Chris Hill: pastorchrishill@yahoo.com 320-279-2374

Also, Annie Frederick is available to answer any questions you may have about the transition: 509-270-0496 and afrederick2018@outlook.com

We would like to thank the Synod Share Grant Fund for the monies that have enabled Pastor Bob to take this time off.

If you would like to be on our church email list for announcements and prayer concerns, please send your email address to alc.churchoffice@gmail.com.

VBS: We are not hosting VBS this summer. I encourage you to check out VBS at other churches in the area.